

# West Hyattsville Connection

Newsletter of West Hyattsville Baptist Church

Emmett L. Dunn, Pastor

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## A Message from Your Pastor



Friends,

It is always a delight to re-view our ministry activities and see how much God has blessed our church family.

The year 2019, like those before, was impactful. This edition of our annual newsletter will list some of the highlights, but we did a lot more in our effort to "REACH UP, REACH IN,

REACH OUT."

None of this would have been possible had it not been for your support and involvement. Thanks

for all you did to further the cause of the Kingdom of God through the various ministries here at WHBC.

As we enter a new year, I encourage each of you to remain steadfast and diligent in your commitment to our church and community. Remember, God is faithful.

Please join me in congratulating Sisters Emma Bumbry, Shirley Gaddy and Connie David for producing the WHBC Newsletter.

Pastor Dunn



## First Responders Day



On May 18, West Hyattsville Baptist Church hosted its first "Thank you First Responders" day. We were joined by the men and women of the West Hyattsville and Prince George's County Fire and Police departments. Our Pastor, Emmett L. Dunn and the WHBC members, welcomed all first responders with smiles, open arms and a delicious mouthwatering breakfast.

Sis. Patricia Kirk gave heart-felt remarks expressing how much we love them and appreciate the brave work they do on a daily basis to protect our community. As a token of our appreciation, each first responder received a royal blue mug with gold inscription that read, "You are our champions".

Submitted by Patricia Kirk

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## Vacation Bible School



West Hyattsville Baptist Church 2019 Vacation Bible School (VBS) was a big success! VBS Theme: "In the Wild". VBS Motto: Zoom In... Focus on Jesus. A close relationship with God is needed in all of our lives.



We can always rest assured that God will always be with us and we can always depend on God through all of our circumstances.

We celebrated the Word of God and enjoyed fun,

games, and excitement!



*"But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." John 20:31 NIV*

## Students Recognition Day



On Sunday, July 7, all students were recognized with certificates of achievements and the graduates received a financial contribution.

Congratulations to all!

## Clothing Drive



Free clothes for all! Each year WHBC holds a clothing drive for its members and the community.

In addition to the spring/summer drive, we held our fall/winter drive in October. Clothes were distributed to men, women and children. It was a big success!



## Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry, chaired by Rev. Linnet Wright, had a very productive and exciting year.

Three outreach projects were planned and accomplished:

- Cadia Nursing Home – some members of the women's ministry conducted a worship service for the residents
- D.C. Homeless – approximately 60 necessity bags were distributed to the homeless in Wash. DC.
- Gospel Extravaganza– On June 2, church choirs from Second New St. Paul Baptist, Greater Tried Stone Baptist and New Commandment Baptist rendered spirit-filled music for the afternoon. Our own Allissa Brice performed a liturgical dance.

Thanks to everyone for a fun filled afternoon.

The Women's Conference, held October 18-19 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Hunt Valley, MD, was well attended, exciting and inspirational.



The speaker, Rev. Patricia Hailes-Fears, as well as the panelists, communicated uplifting and encouraging messages.

On October 20, we celebrated our annual Women's Day, adorned in Kente printed scarves and accessories.

The speaker, Rev. Gwendolyn Young of Silas

First Baptist Church, Severna Park, MD, culminated our women's weekend with an electrifying sermon enjoyed by all.

We prayerfully look forward to our theme, **"Women Serving in Purpose"**, in the New Year 2020.

## Men's Ministry



Special thanks to David Kemah for accepting the role of Chairperson for the Men's ministry.

During 2019 the men met to discuss issues in our Christian environment that influence every day life experiences and challenges. Listed are some of their major accomplishments:

- ♦ Monitored the church parking lot and provided security for the church during worship service, Vacation Bible School, and other events
- ♦ Played an active role in grilling, setting up and breaking down during the annual church picnic
- ♦ Partnered with DC Baptist Convention for leadership training opportunities and other joint programs;
- ♦ Donated 15 Christmas necessity bags to the Prince George's Homeless Shelter.

Pastor Dunn sponsored a breakfast for the men on June 15 as an appreciation for all the work they do.

## Media Ministry

Special thanks to the Media Ministry for streaming our worship service each Sunday and keeping the church website up-to-date.

## Senior Ministry Fashion Show

On May 4, the Senior Ministry, chaired by Rev. Linnet Wright, held its third fashion show at WHBC.

It was an afternoon of fashion, entertainment, good food and fellowship.

This event was enjoyed by all.



## Church Picnic/Community Day



WHBC held its Annual Picnic/Community Day event on September 14 as a great opportunity to fellowship with our congregation, family, friends and the community.

The weather, fellowship, food, games and music made for a fun filled day for everyone.

We look forward to next year for another great day of fun and fellowship.

## Prince Georges Day Center for the Homeless



The University of Maryland provides food for the PG Day Center when the school is in session. When the school closes for the Christmas Holiday and the summer, the Day Center relies on churches in the area to provide the food.

On August 15th and 22nd, WHBC provided the food for the Day Center. During these two days, we fed over 95 people. In addition to the food we donated 42 "Necessity Bags" which included soap, wash cloth, deodorant, tooth brush, and tooth paste.

Many thanks to Dorothy Blount, Annie Darius and Georgia Harkless for cooking the food, Pastor Dunn, Truhan and Diane McCray for helping to serve, and to everyone who provided Necessity Bags.

Effective January 2020, WHBC has committed to serve at the shelter the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Submitted by Connie David



## Ordination Service

On October 5, Min. Faye Bostic and Min. Linnet Wright were called to the ordained ministry to continue in preaching, teaching and serving in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was a momentous, very spiritual occasion witnessed by many family and friends. Hands were laid on these two women of God by all ordained ministers present, with a fervent, powerful prayer of ordination by Rev. Thomas Rainsbury, Jr.

After serving under the mentorship of Rev. George E. Mensah in preparation to sit before the Ordination Council, which comprised of: Rev. George E. Mensah, Jr., Rev. Thomas Rainsbury, Jr., Rev. Starlette Thomas and Rev. Marla Hawkins, they were recommended to the Council. In going before the Council, Min. Linnet Wright and Min. Faye Bostic successfully and satisfactorily completed every inquiry re-



garding Baptist doctrine and real life scenarios whereby they were recommended to Pastor Emmett L. Dunn for

ordination into the Gospel Ministry. Sister Stevenette Sayeh was also ordained into the Deacon Ministry during this occasion.

“We have a charge to keep, and a God to Glorify.”

Congratulations to Rev. Faye Bostic, Rev. Linnet Wright and Deacon Stevenette Sayeh.

## Pictures with Santa

“A picture is worth a thousand words”. On December 14, West Hyattsville Baptist Church sponsored “Pictures with Santa” as part of our “Reach in, Reach up, and Reach out” church theme.

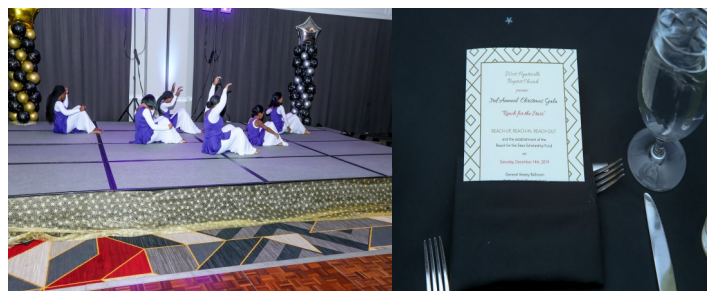


The WHBC children, in addition to the children in our community,

had a joyous-fun time taking pictures with Santa and his elf.

The fellowship was one that will be “etched” in the minds of our young people for many years to come. May God continue to bless them in the New Year.

## Christmas Gala



Our 3rd annual Christmas Gala “Reach for the Stars,” was held December 14 at the College Park Marriott and Conference Center.

During the gala, WHBC launched the Reach for the Stars Scholarship Fund. We have set a goal of \$20,000.00 to invest in the lives of America’s future. If you would like to invest in the future of our children, contributions towards the scholarship fund (tax deductible) can be made by check, payable to West Hyattsville Baptist Church.



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**Sundays**

Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

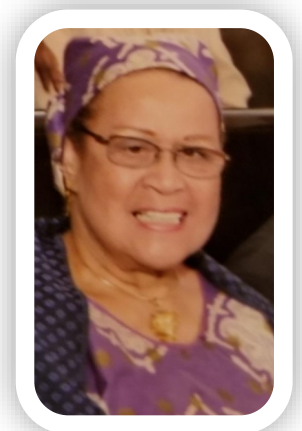
Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.

Teens & Children's Church: 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesdays**

Prayer Service: 6:30 pm

Bible Study: 7:00 pm (To participate by phone,  
dial 1.302.202.1118, passcode 902825)



Ruth Hooper Phillips  
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