

West Hyattsville Connection

Newsletter of West Hyattsville Baptist Church

Emmett L. Dunn, Pastor

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A Message from Your Pastor



Let me begin by expressing, on behalf of my entire family, our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of your acts of kindness bestowed on us in celebration of five years of working together as pastor and people. It seems as if it was just yesterday that I was first called to serve this wonderful community.

What a blessing it has been. Five years, and not one contentious church meeting, not one bad encounter, not one disagreement. Blessings indeed.

Because of your corporation, commitment, and

concern, we were able to accomplish a lot, amidst some challenges. While we still have lots more to do, we offer thanks and praises to God who has been faithful to us.

As we celebrate the past, let us, with bold confidence embrace the future, knowing that the same God who brought us thus far is ABLE to bring to completion all that He has assigned to our hands. I believe God has called West Hyattsville Baptist Church to be an extension of His love and compassion here in Hyattsville and to the world.

Again, thanks for the privilege of serving as your pastor.

Pastor's 5th Anniversary Celebration

The West Hyattsville church family and friends celebrated our Pastor, Reverend Emmett L. Dunn, for his 5 years of ministry to us and the community.

During his 5 years as our Pastor, Reverend Dunn has challenged the congregation to get more involved in the many programs and activities not only within the church but also in the community.

During the month of April, we celebrated and honored Pastor Dunn for his dedication, loyalty, love, and compassion for serving us at WHBC.



On April 6, we began the celebration with a Brunch in the ELD Fellowship Hall. On Sunday, April 7, Rev. Thomas J. Rainsbury was our guest preacher and after the Worship Service, the committee, ministers, and deacons treated Pastor Dunn, First Lady and guest to a luncheon at Maggiano's Restaurant.

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Pastor's 5th Anniversary Celebration—Cont'd



On April 12, a Social was held in the ELD Fellowship Hall with games and excellent fellowship, food, and entertainment.



On April 17, Pastor Dunn was surprised with a video presentation and congratulatory remarks from members of the congregation.

On April 28, we concluded Pastor Dunn's 5th Anniversary celebration with a message from Reverend George Mensah, other special presentations and a luncheon which was held in the Fellowship Hall.

We look forward to having Pastor Dunn as our Pastor for many years to come. We pray God's blessing on Pastor Dunn with good health and prosperity and more powerful preaching.

God has been good to us and we give Him all the honor, praise and glory.



Clothing Drive

On April 13, as part of our outreach mission, we held a spring/summer clothing drive for members of our church and the community.

We had a surprise visit from Mayor Candace Hollingsworth who was in the neighborhood and decided to stop by. The clothing drive was successful and everyone was grateful for the items they received.



Dance Ministry



Our pastor, being led by the Holy Spirit,

has integrated praise dance in our worship.

The purpose of this unique ministry is to minister the gospel through various forms of visual interpretation including step and mime.

The ministry is led and choreographed by Allissa Jones. The talent and dedication of the dancers are seen and felt each time we are blessed with a performance.

Food Distribution



West Hyattsville Baptist Church partners with Traders Joe's for a food distribution. The food is available to members, friends and neighbors bi-weekly on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The distribution generally consists of fresh produce, breads, and often non-food items as well, however, the items vary depending on what's available that week. Volunteers typically help from around 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 p.m., sorting food and cleaning up afterward.

Youth Ministry

The WHBC youth ministry caters to teens between the ages of 13-18. The ministry meets three times a month, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday. We approach the study of God's word via a topical method. These topics are very relevant to our teens for example "Relationships: with friends, with the opposite sex and other Christians, Social media use, drug use, etc.

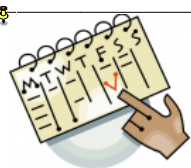
We have discussions, debates, watch relevant videos, pray and also play games that teach them the word of God.

We plan to start a monthly fellowship on Sundays after service. Some of these fellowships will take place at church and others will be a group outing.

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Upcoming Events

June

- 1—Women's Quarterly Meeting
- 2—Gospel Extravaganza
- 8—Church Business Meeting
- 17-21—Vacation Bible School
- 22—Young Adults-Chat and Chew

In Memoriam...

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Join Us...

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
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