

# Welcome to the Fisk Memorial Chapel

*The Future is Bright!*

*"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee."*

*Isaiah 60:1*



The Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Cosby '95, President Kevin D. Rome Sr, and Dean Jason Curry

## Years In Review

# 2016-2018



### **Mission**

*Fisk University produces graduates from diverse backgrounds with the integrity and intellect required for substantive contributions to society. Our curriculum is grounded in the liberal arts. Our faculty and administrators emphasize the discovery and advancement of knowledge through research in the natural and social sciences, business and the humanities. We are committed to the success of scholars and leaders with a global perspective.*

### **Vision**

*To be among the best small liberal arts institutions in America.*

### **Motto**

*Her sons and daughters ever on the altar.*

### **Religious Life Statement**

*The Fisk Memorial Chapel is an ecumenical, non-denominational, interdenominational and interfaith arena for learning, worship and public service which overtly seeks to bring hope and healing to the lives of individuals and families throughout our global community.*

### **Vision for the Church within the Chapel**

*To be a beacon light for Jesus Christ in order that people may experience the love of God and serve a hopeful humanity.*

### **A Prayer by W.E.B. Dubois, Class of 1888**

*"God bless all schools and forward the great work of education for which we stand. Arouse within us and within our land a deep realization of the seriousness of our problem of training children. On them rests the future work and thought and sentiment and goodness of the world. If here and elsewhere we train the lazy and shallow, the self-indulgent and the frivolous-- if we destroy reason and religion and do not rebuild, help us, O God, to realize how heavy is our responsibility and how great the cost. The school of today is the world of tomorrow and today and tomorrow are Thine, O God. Amen." Prayers for Dark People, W. E. B. Dubois, Edited by Herbert Aptheker (Amherst: The University of Massachusetts Press, 1980), 53.*

### **Dedication of the Fisk Memorial Chapel, July, 1893**

*"At last Fisk may pride herself upon possessing an audience room suitable for the accommodations of her guests...In the possession of this beautiful memorial chapel for our Sunday worship and for concerts and anniversary occasions, we are greatly rejoicing and today we say with deeper meaning than ever before, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."*  
*The Fisk Herald.*





Dear Friends,

Above the entrance of the Fisk Memorial Chapel, one may read the scripture stated by the prophet Jeremiah thousands of years ago: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee (Jeremiah 60:1)." To immerse yourself in the bountiful life of the Fisk Family, in general, and to become a witness of God's miraculous activity in the Chapel, in particular, is to feel God's light shining upon you. Throughout the past two years, our University community has borne witness to the purposeful and providential presence of God in a host of ministries, cultural endeavors, academic enterprises and administrative initiatives which seek to further the mission of our beloved institution. We are indeed fortunate have to the opportunity to improve both the spiritual and existential condition of our human lot through the abundant resources that God has so graciously bestowed upon our University community. As the Dean of the Fisk Memorial Chapel, I would like to express my gratitude to you for taking the time to peruse our Years-In-Review for 2016-2018. Thank you for partnering with us as we seek to inspire and improve the lives of those in our local, national and global community.

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# Welcoming our President at the

Kevin D. Rome Sr., Ph.D.

The Sixteenth President of Fisk University



The Fisk Family believes in the power of prayer. For over on hundred years, the motto of the University declares that “Her sons and daughter are ever on the altar.” On July 6, 2017, the Religious Leaders for Fisk welcomed Dr. Kevin D. Rome Sr., the 16th President of Fisk University, as well as his family to the campus community by hosting an ecumenical Prayer Breakfast. We thank God for President Rome, Mrs. Stephanie Rome and the twins, Kevin and Kendel Rome. May God continue to bless them and keep them in the many months and years to come.



# Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast



The entire Fisk University community was blessed to hear prayers concerning a variety of different subjects. Dean Curry delivered the “The Invocation and Prayer for President Rome and Family.” The Reverend Pamela G. Kellar delivered the “Prayer for the Fisk Family: Faculty, Staff and Students.” The Reverend Stacy Rector delivered the “Prayer for Nashville, America and the Global Community.” Minister Xuam Lawson delivered the “Prayer on Behalf of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated.” The Benediction was delivered by the Reverend Barton E. Harris. We are indeed grateful for God’s intervention in the life of our University community.

Right: The Reverend Dr. Kelly Miller Smith Jr. is pictured with Mr. Terrance Hurd.







From the

# **Souls of Black Folk**

To

# **Black Lives Matter**

February 21, 2018



From left to right, top row: Dr. Jens Frederiksen, Mr. Justin Jones, President Kevin D. Rome Sr., Reverend Sekou, Mr. Tef Poe and Mark A. Thompson. From left to right, bottom row: Ms. Caroline Randall Williams, Ambassador Suzan Johnson-Cook and Student Government Association President, Tanya Torres.

The killing of unarmed African-American men throughout the nation by law enforcement has sparked outrage among many sectors of our democracy. In many instances, community demands for justice and accountability have been ignored by those who have the power and authority to effectuate positive change in our nation. As the alma mater of W. E. B. DuBois, Fisk University created a think tank in order to address this national crisis. On February 1, 2018, prominent activists, scholars and administrators in the area of higher education participated in a panel discussion in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. The topics of the discussion concerned a variety of issues which have positively and negatively impacted black lives as they exist in America and throughout the world. Fisk University intends to continue this important discussion regarding solutions to this national crisis throughout the next academic year.



Reverend Sekou addresses a question for the audience.



# Baccalaureate Services for 2017 and 2018



From left to Right: Mr. Joseph Watkins, Chief of Staff at Fisk University; Dean Curry; Dr. Kevin D. Rome Sr., President of Fisk University; The Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, Member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University and Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, TX and Mr. Willie Jude, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Fisk University.

On April 30, 2017, the Reverend Dr. Ambassador Suzan Johnson-Cook delivered the Baccalaureate sermon for the class of 2017. A successful strategist, international influencer, Diplomat and anointed faith leader, the Honorable Suzan Johnson-Cook was the first female and African-American to hold the position of U. S. Ambassador for International Religious Freedom. On May 6, 2018, the Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Cosby delivered the Baccalaureate sermon for the class of 2018. Dr. Cosby is a member of the Board of Trustees at his beloved alma mater, Fisk University and Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church in Houston, TX. The membership of Wheeler Avenue exceeds 15,000 people. The Fisk Family was fortunate to hear two outstanding and nationally renowned speakers for both Baccalaureate services.



Bishop Jeffrey N. Leath, Presiding Prelate of the Thirteenth Episcopal District, the Reverend Dr. Suzan Johnson-Cook and Dean Curry.



# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 50<sup>th</sup> MLK

## Anniversary of the Assassination Commemorative Convocation



On April 4, 2018, Fisk University recognized the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting a panel discussion concerning race, justice and equality in America. From left to right: President Forrest Harris of American Baptist College, Dr. Peter Millet of Meharry Medical College, President Kevin D. Rome Sr. of Fisk University, Student Government Association President Tonya Torres of Fisk University and Vice President Lesia Crumpton-Young of Tennessee State University.



# Jubilee Day, October 6, 2016

## Dr. Diane Nash



On October 6, 2016, the entire Fisk University community was fortunate to hear a challenging and inspirational message by Dr. Diane Nash. Dr. Nash is an alumna of Fisk University and an icon of the Civil Rights Movement. Throughout the course of her message, Dr. Nash discussed her specific and influential role in helping African-Americans embrace the rights that were granted to them by the Supreme Court of the United States, but denied to them by various states throughout the nation. She also spoke passionately about the need to continue the struggle for justice for all people throughout the nation. Picture above from left to right, Ms. Tina Watson, Dr. Quentin "Ted" Smith, Dr. Diane Nash, Mr. King Holland, and Dean Curry. Below, Dr. Nash is interviewed by Nashville Public Radio.







# PRESIDENT'S INTERFAITH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMPUS CHALLENGE



On September 23, 2016 and September 24, 2016, members of the Fisk University community were selected to participate in the Sixth Annual President's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge on the campus of Gallaudet University. The purpose of the campus challenge was to promote interfaith dialogue and programming among campuses throughout America. Picture above: Members of campus communities participating in the challenge. Pictured below: Dean Curry, Ms. Shania Norvell '18, the Reverend Brenda Girton-Mitchell, Dr. David Popkin and Ms. Tina Watson '17.







# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

21 September 2016

THE RIGHT  
OF PEOPLES  
TO PEACE



Diversity, as a Core Value of Fisk University, is expressed throughout the religious life program of Fisk University. On September 21, 2016, in observance of the United Nations' International Peace Day, the Religious Leaders for Fisk and the Leaders of the Interfaith Fellowship Team at Fisk University hosted an interfaith, worship service in front of the Fisk Memorial Chapel. At the conclusion of the service, the interfaith group dedicated a Peace Pole, which is a symbol of Fisk University's commitment to peace, on the campus. We thank God for all of the participants in this inaugural, interfaith ceremony. May peace among people of different faiths continue to be expressed throughout our campus community.



Ms. Shania Norvell '18 and Dean Curry at the Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony.



# Loving Thy Neighbor:



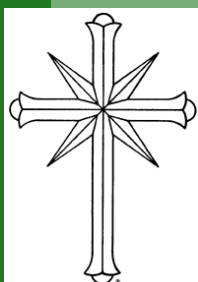
## Forum for Theological Exploration

The Fisk Memorial Chapel was awarded a Vocational Resource grant for \$4,500 by the FTE in order to prepare students for ministry and the academy.



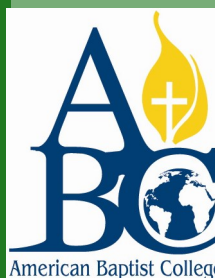
## Vanderbilt Divinity School

On November 4, 2018, Dean Curry and chaplains throughout the region lectured at the Pathways to Chaplaincy Conference.



## Nashville Church of Scientology

On September 21, 2017, Dean Curry, the Rev. Dr. Robert E. Keese, Pastor Enoch Fuzz, the Rev. Brian Fessler and others participated in an interfaith panel discussion regarding Religious Freedom.



## American Baptist College

Dean Curry and the Chapel Assistants participated in the Chapel service at American Baptist College.



# The Value Of Community Partners



## Discussion on Religion and Spirituality

Ms. Aliyah Collins '20 (center) organized an outstanding discussion with Reverend Shantell Hinton, Pastor John Faison, First Lady Stephanie Rome and Dean Curry



## Second Harvest Food Bank

In the spring of 2017, the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants volunteered to work in the warehouse of the Second Harvest Food Bank.



## Soles4Souls and Clothes4Souls

In April of 2017, the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants from various classes collected unwanted clothes and shoes from the residence halls and donated them to Soles4Souls and Clothes4Souls.



## Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

In the fall of 2016, the Fisk Family was blessed to hear a sermon by the Rev. Stacy Rector (center, right), Executive Director of TADP.





National Lobby Day, June 12, 2018

And

Bread for the World Sunday, February 11, 2018



Bread for the World is a collective, Christian voice which urges members of Congress to end poverty and hunger in America and throughout the world. The Fisk Memorial Chapel has partnered with this non-partisan organization throughout the course of several years. On February 11, 2018, the Chapel hosted Bread for the Word Sunday. Minister David Street (above center), the Interim Co-Director of Grassroots Organizing delivered an outstanding sermon. The congregation also heard an outstanding musical performance by Mr. Khrys Hatch who is pictured with his guitar. Minister Street and Mr. Hatch are pictured with Mr. Fabain Ogwu, Minister Andrea Jones and Ms. Kaylina Crawley. On June 11, 2018, Dean Curry attended National Lobby Day on Capitol Hill. He is pictured with Congressman Bobby Rush and Mr. Devin Crawford.







On June 13, 2017, Ms. Jasmine Roberson '20, Mr. Sergio Velasquez '19 and Mr. Justin Jones '17 of Fisk University represented the Tennessee Delegation of Bread for the World and lobbied members of Congress on behalf of poor and hungry people. The delegation advocated for continued funding for programs which help the poor and the most vulnerable people of our society. Dean Curry is also pictured with delegate, Dr. Augustin Bocco of Tennessee Wesleyan University.



# Scholars, Activists and Ministers:



Minister Darria "DJ" Hudson '10 (right, center) is speaking to the media regarding the African-American community's demand for justice for Mr. Jockes Clemmons (pictured in red shirt) who was killed by law enforcement on 2/10/18.



Aliyah Collins  
2 hrs · 🌐

Harvard flew me up to their campus for a few days to participate in the Diversity and Explorations Program. The program was totally FREE! Harvard paid for everything from my plane ticket to my hotel! I am so grateful for this opportunity. I am extremely grateful for Fisk Chapel for guiding and encouraging me during this time. Without you, this wouldn't be possible. Thank you Harvard, and thank you GOD! Who said small town country girls can't go to Harvard!?? 🙏



≡ SHOW TRANSCRIPT

Ms. Aliyah Collins '20 was selected to participate in the Diversity and Exploration program at Harvard Divinity School. The Rev. D. Corrie Shull '08 leads a discussion on WLKY in Louisville, KY about the education of African-American youth.



Mr. Randy and Mrs. Kaylina Crawley '10 were united in holy matrimony on September 2, 2017. The Reverend Brandon and Mrs. Sarah Perkins pose for a picture on July 14, 2018 with Dean Curry and Pastor Philippe Andal.



# Fisk University Clergy on the Move!



On October 22, 2017, the Reverend Winterbourne Harrison-Jones '10 (left) was installed as the Pastor of Witherspoon Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Illinois. On April 28, 2018, the Reverend Philippe Andal '13 was installed as the Pastor of Community Baptist Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Congratulations to Pastor Harrison-Jones and Pastor Andal.



On April 4, 2018, the Reverend Dr. Jason Lawrence Turner '03 spoke to a national audience on CSPAN at an event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin L. King Jr. On June 8, 2017, the Reverend Dr. Vincent E. Stokes II and Mrs. Fannie Stokes became the proud parents of Mr. Vincent E. Stokes III.



Beloved Chapel Assistant Morgan Daniels Gordon '07 (left) and Mr. Moses Gordon welcomed Miss Madison Kelly Gordon on May 13, 2018. The Rev. Dr. Robin Harris '92 (middle, left) wrote a new book titled "Be Encouraged: 100 Messages of Hope and Healing." The Rev. Dr. Angela Roberts Jones '83 wrote a book titled "Moving Forward: Finding Purpose in Your Pain."











# Reclaiming Hope Through Remembering



On June 7, 2017, the Fisk Memorial Chapel, the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee Task Force on Anti-racism and the Christian Scholars' Conference at Lipscomb University hosted an ecumenical service to 1) remember three African-American men (Ephraim Grizzard, his brother Henry Grizzard and Samuel Smith) who were lynched in Nashville over 100 years ago, and 2) to atone for the sins of the people who committed this horrific act of violence. Following the ecumenical service, the clergy led the congregation to St. Anselm Episcopal Church in order to dedicate a memorial marker in honor of the lynched, African-American men.

Dean Curry is pictured with the Reverend Nontonbi Naomi Tutu who was featured as the keynote speaker for the service.



## A Baptism in the Chapel



Dean Curry is a licensed and ordained, Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. On May 20, 2018, Dean Curry baptized Ms. Willow Jude in the Fisk Memorial Chapel. Ms. Jude is the infant daughter of Mr. Willie Jude and Mrs. Joi Jude. Mr. Jude is the Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at Fisk University. We welcome the Jude family as the newest members of our Fisk Family. May God continue to bless them and keep them in the years to come.

## A Baptism in the Church



On September 11, 2016, Dean Curry baptized Ms. Monay Jordan at St. Matthews African Methodist Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee where the Reverend Reginal Brock serves as Pastor. Ms. Jordan is a student at Fisk University. Ms. Jordan wanted to received baptism by immersion and Dean Curry is grateful to Pastor Brock for allowing him to use the facilities of St. Matthews AMEC. May God continue to bless and keep Ms. Jordan in the years to come.





In an effort to support survivors of breast cancer, bring awareness to breast cancer and to support those currently battling the disease, the Fisk Memorial Chapel hosted Pink Sunday on October 23, 2016. The speaker for the special Sunday was Minister Margaret Smith. Minister Smith is an Associate Minister at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee as well as the sister of beloved, Fisk University professor Mr. Patricia McCarroll. Minister's Smith's message was both powerful and inspirational. Pictured from left to right: Minister Tina Watson, Professor Patricia McCarroll, Ms. Jasmine Roberson, Minister Margaret Smith, an unidentified guest, Mrs. Angela Curry and Dean Curry.



# *susan g.* **Komen** FOR THE *cure*



From left to right, standing: Ms. Jasmine Roberson, Minister Tina Watson, Mr. DeAngelo Webb, an unidentified, Race for the Cure supporter, Ms. Zhane Reese, Ms. Aliyah Collins and Dean Curry. From left to right, kneeling: Ms. Sha'la Carter, Mr. Sergio Valesquez and Minister Stephanie Morris.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Fisk Memorial Chapel Assistants participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. The Race occurred on October 22, 2016 in Brentwood, Tennessee. As registered participants, the Chapel Assistants raised thousands of dollars for the Race for the Cure.



# **The Black Women of Christ Panel Discussion**

## **THE POWER OF BLACK WOMEN**

**The Fisk Memorial Chapel at Fisk University**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 8:00p.m.**



On March 27, 2018, prominent, Christian African-American women participated in a panel discussion concerning subjects pertaining to women. The messages of hope and healing, survival and prosperity inspired all those who were in attendance. From left to right: Mrs. Angela Curry, Esq, General Counsel and Vice President of Legal Services and Human Resources at the Daymar College Group; Dr. Sheila Peters, Licensed clinical psychologist as well as Chair of the Department of Psychology at Fisk University; Mrs. Stefanie Rome, the First Lady of Fisk University and Ph.D. candidate; Ms. C. J. Colas, A self-described “uterine cancer warrior” and founder of the Team C. J. Colas Uterine Cancer Awareness and Foundation; The Rev. Dr. Robin Kimbrough; Chaplain at Meharry Medical College, author and attorney, and the Reverend Shaunna Barbee, Global Business Consultant, Author and Publisher/CEO of A. Howard Press, and the founder of S.W.I.M. (Single Women Investing and Mentoring).



# *Holy Week: The 4 Blood*

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THINK ABOUT IT. TALK ABOUT IT. DO SOMETHING



From left to right: Ms. Treva Gordon, the Reverend Pamela Kellar, the Reverend Dr. Sondrea Tolbert, the Reverend Marilyn Thornton, Mr. Hydeia Broadbent, the Reverend Dr. Lisa Hammond, Minister Brittney Gaines, Minister Tina Watson and Elder Bridgette Hickey.

On April 12, 2018, the National Consortium of Black Women in Ministry (Nashville Chapter) and the Fisk Memorial Chapel welcomed Ms. Hydeia Broadbent (center) to Fisk University. At birth, Hydeia Broadbent was abandoned at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas where Loren and Patricia Broadbent adopted her as an infant. Although her HIV condition was congenital, she was not diagnosed as HIV-positive with advancement to AIDS until age three. Now at the age of 34, Hydeia spends her time spreading the message of HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, by: promoting abstinence, safe-sex practices (for people who choose to have sex), and HIV/AIDS Awareness and prevention.

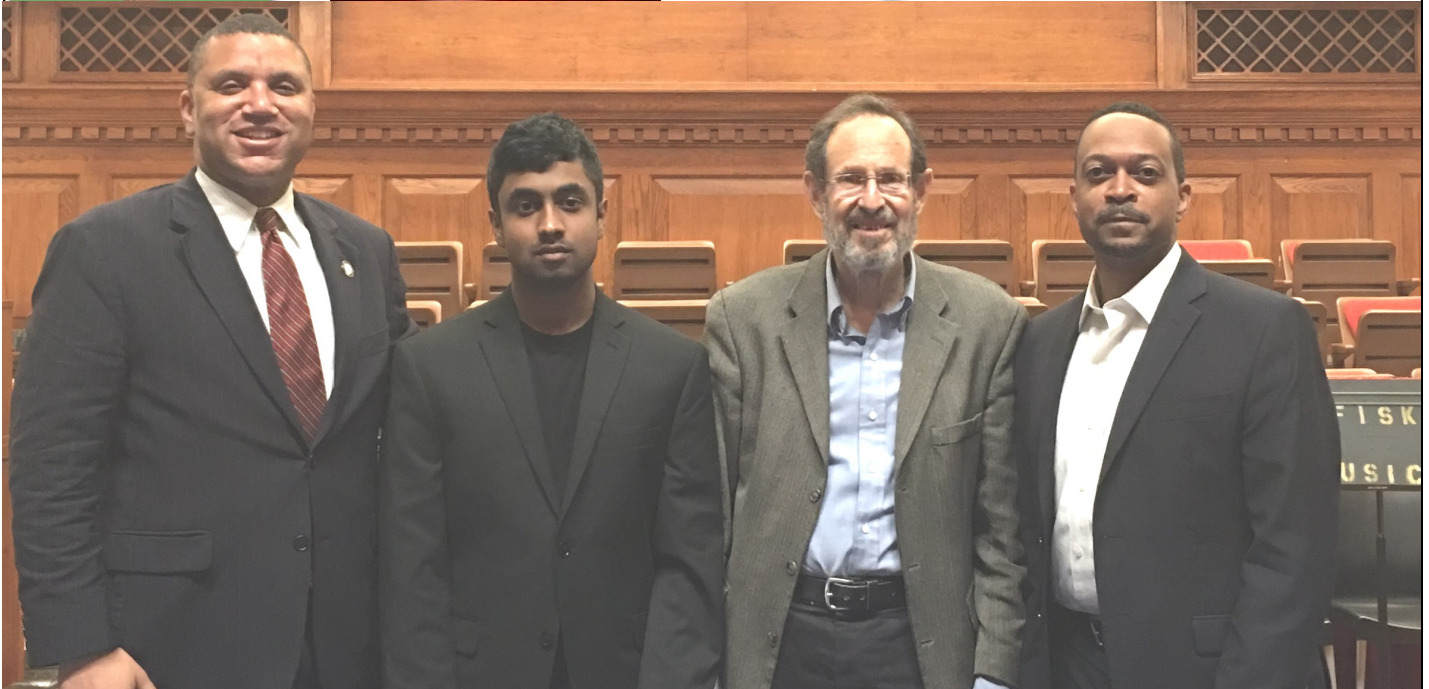




## Interfaith Panel Discussion

March 29, 2018

The Fisk Memorial Chapel



On March 29, 2018, the Fisk Memorial Chapel hosted an interfaith, panel discussion. After the panelists discussed their faith journeys as well as the tenants of their respective faiths, they discussed their religious beliefs with respect to global challenges (e.g., war and poverty). The entire discussion proved to be enlightening. From left to right: Dean Curry (Christianity), Mr. Howsikan Kugathanan (Hinduism), Dr. David Popkin (Judaism) and Imam Todd McKinney (Islam).



# The Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation

## 2017 and 2018



From left to right: Mr. Lamar Allen, Dr. Rodney S. Hanley, Dr. Reavis Mitchell, The Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Dean Curry, The Reverend Pamela Kellar and Chairman Frank Sims.

On January 17, 2017, the Fisk Family heard an inspiring and challenging message from the Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA . Under Pastor Warnock's leadership, more than 3,000 new members have joined Ebenezer, enhancing the Church's legacy of social activism with both spiritual and numerical growth . On January 11, 2018 members of the Fisk Family were fortunate to hear a thought-provoking, prophetic and inspiring message from Professor Candice M. Benbow, who is an established author and Ph.D. candidate at Princeton Theological Seminary. Professor Benbow is the author of the Lemonade Syllabus, which is collection of writings from over 70 Black Women.



Professor Candice Marie Benbow



## Highlights from Religious Emphasis Week, 2018



The Fisk University community recognizes Religious Emphasis Week (REW) on an annual basis. REW runs concurrently with Holy Week which begins on Palm Sunday (top picture) and ends on Resurrection Sunday. Ms. Elazha Williams, Ms. Aliya Collins and Ms. Jasmine Roberson began Lent by attending an Ash Wednesday service Clark Memorial United Methodist Church (right). The Catholic Students Association celebrated the Stations of the Cross with Mrs. Angela Curry (above).



## Celebrating the Graduates of the Chapel Assistants Program!



Ms. Jazmin Ewers '18 and Ms. Brea Storr '18



Mr. Deangelo Webb '17



Minister Tina Watson '17



At the conclusion of each academic year, the Chapel Assistants receive awards at a recognition ceremony in the Chapel. From left to right: Dean Curry, Minister Stephanie Morris '17, Ms. Kadijah King '17, Minister Tina Watson '17 and Minister Fabian Ogwu '17.





On April 9, 2017, members of the Fisk Family as well as people throughout the city of Nashville were fortunate to hear the melodic voices of several outstanding, Fisk University alumni. The annual, Fisk for Fisk benefit concert is intended to raise funds to support students who are attending Fisk University. The Fisk for Fisk benefit concert is an annual event which attracts guests to the campus community from various parts of the country. The concert was truly outstanding. From left to right, standing: Mr. Vernard Burton '99, Mr. Terrance A. Hurd (host) and Ms. Maritri Garrett '86. From left to right, sitting: Ms. Arica Ellis '97, Ms. Joslyn Ford-Keel '04, Mr. Jordan Holland '11 and Ms. Deborah Tillery '79. Left: Ms. Arica Ellis '97 and Mr. Terrance Hurd.





## Dinner and a Movie:

### Sharing a Thanksgiving meal with Students



There are many students in our campus community who do not go home during the Thanksgiving break. Expenses related to travel for our international students may exceed their budgets, and some students stay on campus during the Thanksgiving break in order to prepare for exams. In order to remind these students that they are members of a giving and caring campus community, the Fisk Memorial Chapel provides students with dinner and a movie, free of charge, over the course of the break. In the picture above, Pastor Winterbourne Harrison-Jones '10, volunteered to serve food to our students. Praise be to God.





# The Fisk Jubilee Singers

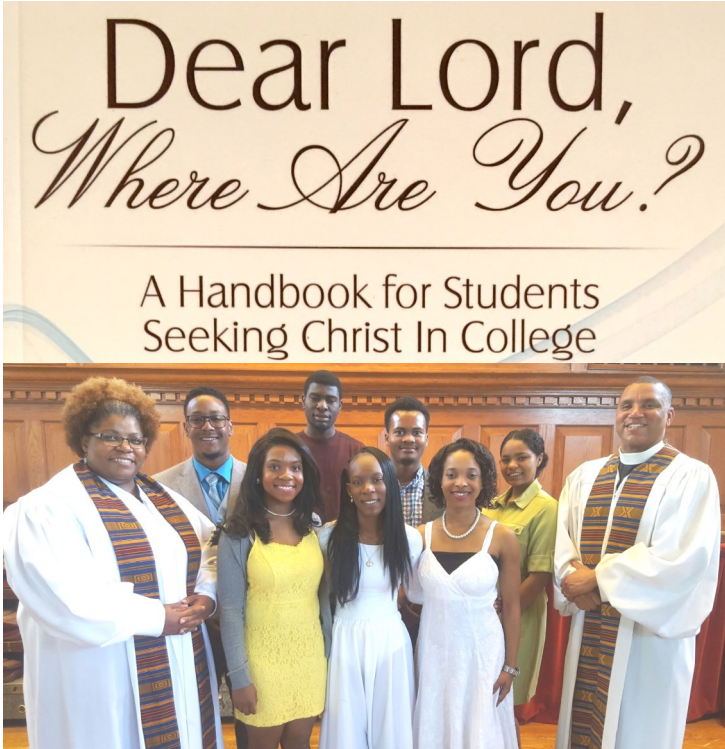


The Fisk Jubilee Singers preformed in the Fisk Memorial Chapel on Jubilee Day, October 6, 2017. In recent years, the Fisk Jubilee Singers have performed in Italy, Spain, Ghana and Germany. As they travel, they continue to sing the Negro spirituals, thus preserving this important genre of music and the rich legacy. The Fisk Jubilee Singers perform under the direction of Dr. Paul T. Kwami, Associate Professor Music and the Mike Curb Jubilee Singers Endowed Chair.

The two-time GRAMMY Nominated Fisk Jubilee Singers have won a Dove Award and have been inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame as well as the Music City Walk of Fame. In 2008, the Fisk Jubilee Singers were awarded the National Medal of Arts by former President George W. Bush at the White House. Other awards of the ensemble include the Governor's Award, the Recording Academy Honors, and the Heritage Award of the Nashville Music Awards. The Fisk Jubilee Singers were among the 2015 GRAMMY Hall of Fame inductees and are the 2017 recipients of the SYNERGY AWARD presented by the Nashville Ballet.



# New Books For You!



Dear Lord, Where are You? A Handbook for Students seeking Christ in College is primarily intended for college and university students who are seeking to successfully overcome the challenges presented in a collegiate environment by unitizing the resources of the Christian faith. The Reverend Dr. Jason Richard Curry draws from his experiences as a Youth Minister, former pastor and current role as the Dean of the Chapel at Fisk University in order to explain how and why the teachings of Jesus are relevant and essential for any student who desires to be successful in college. Dean Curry relies on his seventeen years of experience working with students in a University setting as a chaplain, professor and administrator in order to provide clarification and direction on subjects such as dating, marriage, money management, challenging course work, finding the appropriate student religious group, creating a legacy of Christian service, making the most of your freshman year and addressing problems which stem from the student's home.

## PRIESTLY AND PROPHETIC REFLECTIONS

A Weekly Devotional from the  
Fisk Memorial Chapel



Priestly and Prophetic Reflections: A Weekly Devotional from the Fisk Memorial Chapel is a new book written by the Reverend Dr. Jason Richard Curry, Dean of the Fisk Memorial Chapel and Director of Religious Life at Fisk University. It is a compilation of inspirational passages that are written for both new and seasoned Christians. The reflections that appear in this book were originally published on a weekly basis in the Tennessee Tribune newspaper in Nashville, Tennessee. Due to popular demand, Dean Curry compiled these weekly passages, which were written over a six year period, and published them. The written passages are intended to be a guide for those seeking clarification about Christian values such as love, forgiveness and reconciliation. Priestly and Prophetic Reflections also provides both a Christian perspective and response to societal issues such as hunger, poverty and racism.



On June 10, 2018, Dean Curry was fortunate to be the morning preacher for Scholarship Sunday at the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. The Reverend Dr. Jason Lawrence Turner '03, is a Fiskite and the outstanding Pastor of this esteemed congregation. Dr. Turner provided each of the graduating seniors with a copy of Dear Lord, Where are You? If you are visiting or reside in Memphis, TN, please visit this loving, active and supportive congregation.



# A Prayer Vigil for the City of Nashville



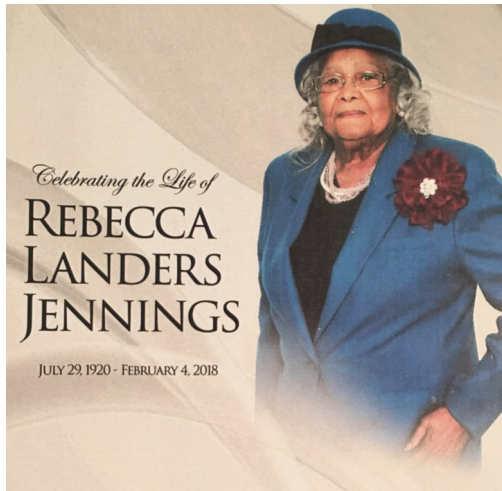
From left to right: Mr. Joe Perez, Mr. Taurean Sanderlin, Ms. DeEbony Groves and Mr. Akilah DaSilva .

On April 22, 2018, four people under the age of thirty were killed in a Waffle House in Nashville, Tennessee. A gunman with an AR-15 opened fire at approximately 3:00a.m. In response to this tragic set of event, members of the Fisk University student body hosted a prayer vigil for the families affected by this tragedy. Let us continue to pray for these families and combat gun violence throughout our nation.





# In Memorium



Mrs. Rebecca Landers Jennings (July 29, 1920—February 4, 2018) was the mother of Trustee Barbara Lander Bowles, former Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at Fisk University. Mrs. Jennings was an active member of the Pleasant Green Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee for more than 68 years. Over the years, she served as Church Treasurer, member of the Finance Committee, Baptist Training Union Director and Chair of the Ladies Aid Society. She was recognized as one of the best bridge players in Nashville. Mrs. Jennings lived a fantastically rich and amazing life.



Mrs. Nanci Pugh Adkins (May 12, 1939—May 24, 2017) was the spouse of President Rutherford Adkins of Fisk University. After giving birth to two children, she began her college career at Fisk University when her youngest began kindergarten. She graduate Magna Cum Laude with a major in English from Fisk 1975 and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. After graduation, she then attended Vanderbilt University School of Law and graduate in 1978. After passing the Tennessee Bar exam, Mrs. Adkins worked as an attorney for the Veteran's Administration until she retired in the late 1990's.



Pastor Enoch Lee Jones, II (August 16, 1943—February 20, 2018) was the Dean of the Fisk Memorial Chapel from 1981—1983. In 1964, Pastor Jones received his B. A. Degree from Fisk University, graduating with honors. In 1967, he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the ITC, Morehouse School of Religion, again graduating with honors. He was inducted into the Theta Phi International Theological Fraternity, and in 1973, Reverend Jones received the Master of Divinity from the Morehouse School of Religion. Pastor Jones served his congregations and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. as a former Board member. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.



