

# FORT WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

# 60<sup>th</sup> Church ANNIVERSARY

*60 Years of Celebrating God's Faithfulness & Our  
Service to the LORD! Acts 2:40-47*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 @ 9:00 AM**

**GUEST  
PREACHER**



*First Lady Vicki &  
Reverend Darin V. Poullard,  
Pastor*

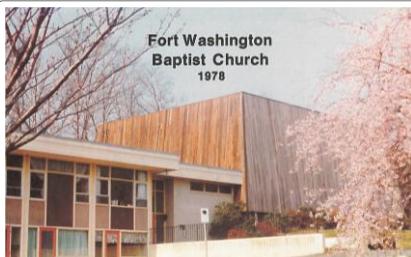


*Reverend Dr.  
Nathaniel Thomas*

# FORT WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY



On January 21, 1959, members of Congress Heights Baptist Church (CHBC), of the Southern Baptist Convention and D.C. Baptist Convention, purchased land from Silesia, Maryland as a mission. This purchase included a 1901 one-room schoolhouse that held the first Sunday School and morning worship services on April 12, 1959.



Rev. John Coburn, George Parker and Rev. Fred McCaulley served successive pastorates. Under Rev. McCaulley's leadership of 2 and one-half years, additional land was purchased, a temporary building was erected, and plans for a new building were secured. Upon Rev. McCaulley's resignation in July 1963, Rev. George Kimball served as Interim Pastor.



In October 1964, Rev. Woodrow Neal began serving what would be the Mission's last pastorate position. In July 1965, the Mission was reorganized into a Southern Baptist Church. On October 3, 1965, the mission was constituted into Fort Washington Baptist Church (FWBC) with 39 members.



December 10, 1967 marked the first Sunday of worship in a newly constructed building. The Church Sanctuary was dedicated on February 4, 1968. Rev. Neal resigned July 1973. Dr. Minor Davidson served as Interim Pastor until Dr. Robert Willets was called to serve in January 1974.



On November 21, 1982, the congregation "burned the mortgage." Dr. Willets resigned April 1985. From October 1985 until May 1988, Dr. K. Bruce Millers served as Interim Pastor. Rev. Jack Marcom Jr. began his Pastorate in June 1988. Pastor Marcom resigned in October 2000. In July 2001, Rev. Dr. Linda Delaine was called to serve as Interim Pastor. She resigned as Interim on October 27, 2002.



On August 5, 2002, the congregation called Rev. Darin Vincent Poullard to be the new Pastor and on October 27, 2002 he began his Pastorate at Fort Washington Baptist Church. From its inception as a Mission, Fort Washington Baptist Church has carried its missionary cross by supporting the missions of the [Southern Baptist Convention](#) and [D.C. Baptist Convention](#).

# FORT WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH FORMER PASTORS

**Rev. Woodrow Neal**



**Dr. Robert Willets**



**Dr. Jack Marcom**



**Rev. Dr. Linda Delanie**



## REVEREND DARIN V. POULLARD, PASTOR



# REVEREND DR. NATHANIEL THOMAS

## BIOGRAPHY



Dr. Nathaniel B. Thomas, is currently the Senior Pastor of Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church in Forestville, MD and has served since 1993. Presently, he serves as President of the African American Fellowship of the MD/Delaware Baptist Convention. Additionally, he is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW), and serves on the Executive Committee of the Baptist Minister's Conference of DC & Vicinity. He has been involved in community outreach for many years.

He accepted the call to preach the Gospel and was licensed July 22, 1979 under the pastorate of Rev. Rodney L. Young and was ordained under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Gilmore, Sr., of the Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church on November 28<sup>th</sup> 1992.

Dr. Thomas is an educator who served until his retirement in December 2005, working out of the Office of Student Affairs at Howard University. He has taught at various institutions, such as Calvary Christian College, the Baptist Christian Education Congress, and the PG Baptist Association Lay Leadership workshops and forums to name a few.

He has been blessed with the gift of song. As a soloist, he has traveled extensively on tours throughout the United States. Dr. Thomas holds a Bachelor of Science degree, two Masters (one in Social work with Therapeutic emphasis and the other in Theology) and a Doctorate in Divinity.

In December 2008, he received a Diploma in Pastoral Ministry from the Baptist Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe by way of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention's Pastoral Excellence Program. This diploma was bestowed upon him after completing 3 years of preaching, teaching, counseling, theological reflections and perspectives in Guyana, South America, Jamaica, West Indies and South Africa.

He received his degrees from Delaware State University, Howard University School of Social Work, Calvary Christian College and Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Virginia University of Lynchburg.

His on-going studies in Continued Education came by way of the National Institute of Health, the Maple Springs Bible College & Seminary, Duke University School of Divinity, George Mason University, and the University of San Diego. Prior to attending Delaware State he attended Allen University for three years.

October 2012, he was a delegate for the Conference of Mayors in the country of Equatorial Guinea, West Africa addressing education & economic development. In 2014, he toured and was guest in the Republic of the Congo and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Dr. Thomas is married to the former Diane Willis, with three children, Matthew, Natali and Dana. They are also blessed with six Grandchildren, Kristen, Eryn, Matthew, Joshua, Jamari and Nolyn and one great grand, Kyng.

# 60TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## ORDER OF SERVICE ~ OCTOBER 3, 2025

*"60 Years of Celebrating God's Faithfulness & Our Service to the Lord"*

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

*Reverend Samuel Wray*

### **PROCESSIONAL**

*Pastor & First Lady Poullard*

*Pastor & First Lady Thomas*

*Ministerial Staff*

### **INVOCATIONAL PRAYER**

*Reverend Dr. Judie Johnson*

### **WELCOME & PURPOSE**

*Sister Mi-Reta Oburota*

### **RESPONSE TO WELCOME**

*Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church*

### **MINISTRY OF SONG (2)**

*Fort Washington Baptist Church Mighty Men of God (MMOG)*

### **SCRIPTURE READING ~ ACTS 2:40-47**

*Deacon DeWayne Perry*

### **READING OF CHURCH HISTORY**

*Trustee JoAnn Edelin*

### **MINISTRY OF DANCE**

*Fort Washington Baptist Church Liturgical Dance Ministry*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Deacon Anthony Davenport*

### **DOXOLOGY**

### **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER**

### **MINISTRY OF SONG(S)**

*Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church*

### **60TH PRE-ANNIVERSARY SERMON**

*Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Thomas, Pastor Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church*

### **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

*Reverend Dr. Nathaniel Thomas, Pastor Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church*

### **EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE**

### **BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard, Pastor*

# 60TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

## ORDER OF SERVICE ~ OCTOBER 5, 2025

*“60 Years of Celebrating God’s Faithfulness & Our Service to the Lord”*

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

*Sister Mi-Reta Oburota*

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Deacon Ralph Hines*

### **PROCESSIONAL**

*Pastor & First Lady Poullard*

*Ministerial Staff*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*

### **ANNIVERSARY WELCOME & PURPOSE**

*Reverend Rudolph & Sister Vanessa Waddy*

### **MUSICAL SELECTIONS**

*Fort Washington Baptist Church Gospel Choir*

### **RECOGNITION OF CHURCH MEMBERS**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*

### **SCRIPTURE READING ~ ACTS 2:40-47**

*Deacon DeWayne Perry*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Deacon DeWayne Perry*

### **DOXOLOGY**

### **MINISTRY OF MIME**

*Fort Washington Baptist Church MIME Ministry*

### **MUSICAL SELECTION**

*Gospel Choir*

### **ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE ~ “REASONS TO CELEBRATE 60 YEARS”**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*

### **READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*

### **SHARING IN THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

*Deacon DeWayne Perry*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Sister Brenda Patterson*

### **BENEDICTION SONG & BENEDICTION**

*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*



### *Deacon Ralph Hines*

#### **Deacon Hines**

*On this 60<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary, we stand to remember again the purpose, mission, and vision of the Fort Washington Baptist Church Ministry.*

#### **Saints**

*Our Purpose is to preach, teach, and baptize people in order that they know the love of God and become **disciples of Jesus Christ** ([Mt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8](#))*

#### **Deacon Hines**

*We stand to remember our mission as Saints at The Fort.*

#### **Saints**

*Our Mission is to build family and community by making **disciples of Jesus Christ** through instruction in God's Word, ministry to God's people, fellowship with the Saints, worship, evangelism, and missions.*

#### **Deacon Hines**

*We stand to remember our vision at The Fort.*

#### **Saints**

*Our Vision is to build family and community, spiritually, morally, and relationally by making **disciples of Jesus Christ**.*

#### **Deacon Hines**

*We stand to remember our Church Slogan and Church Theme.*

#### **Everyone**

*We are "A People Committed to God's Word" committed to "Building Family and Community through God's Word by making **disciples of Jesus Christ**." Let everything that has breath, "Praise the Lord!" "Praise the Lord!" Amen*

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH

## ORDER OF SERVICE ~ OCTOBER 5, 2025

**MASTER OF CEREMONY**  
*Deacon Toussaint Hutchinson*

**WELCOME**  
*Sister LaSonji Holman-Cole*

**BLESSING OF FOOD**  
*Evangelist Rita Ware*

**ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH**  
*Accompanied with Music*

**ANNIVERSARY LAUGHTER**  
*Comedian E-Boggie*

**RECOGNITION OF CHURCH MEMBERS**  
*Pastor Darin V. Poullard*

**SONG OF CELEBRATION & PRAISE**

**FORT WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH “THROUGH THE YEARS”**  
*Video Presentation*

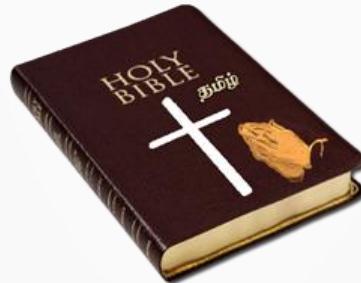
**EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS**  
*Anniversary Committee  
Reverend Darin V. Poullard*

**CLOSING SONG OF PRAISE**

**CLOSING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## 60TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY TEXT

### ACTS 2:40-47



<sup>40</sup>And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" <sup>41</sup>So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup>They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup>Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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## COVENANT

“Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body In Christ.”

For the Advancement of This Church “We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement: of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, disciplines, and doctrines.”

As Christian Stewards “To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.”

Alone and at Home “We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances.”

Before the World “To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.”

Toward One Another “We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.”

When We Move “We moreover engage, that when we move from this place, we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God’s word.”

## DOWN THROUGH THE YEARS



MR. & MRS. GEORGE HARRELL



MR. & MRS. PRESTON HEADLEY



LEONARD HEARTON FAMILY



BERNARD HEATH FAMILY



MRS. VIVIAN HELSEL



MRS. EDNA HOAG



MRS. EHTEL JOHNSON



MRS. MILDRED LACY



MR. & MRS. FURMAN LAYMAN



JAMES LINDSAY FAMILY



JOHN LOUER FAMILY



MRS. SHIRLEY McCOY



FRANCIS ADAM McDANIEL FAMILY



GEORGE "PAT" McFADEN FAMILY



MRS. LILLIE MAWYER



MRS. JOYCE MEERING



MICHAEL MONAHAN FAMILY



MRS. ORA MONAHAN



MR. SAMUEL MORRIS



MR. & MRS. NATHANIEL MOSBY

# GOD'S BEEN GOOD TO FORT WASHINGTON



Lucy Latham



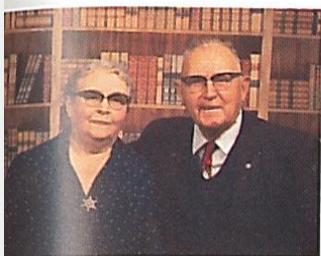
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& Anita & Renee Thompkins



Jewel Lewis  
& Paul



Mimi Lim



Howard & Etta Long



Claudette Martin  
& John



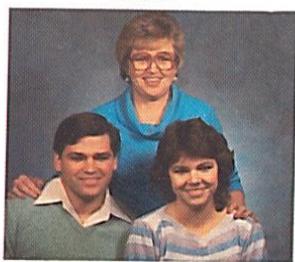
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Thurmond & Kimberly



Ora & Oreda McKamey



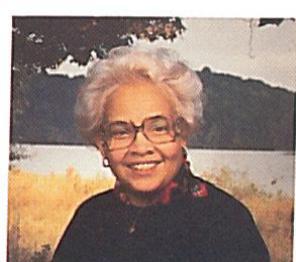
Susan McKenzie,  
Michael, Tricia & Lisa



Bettye McLemore,  
Bronwyn & Brian



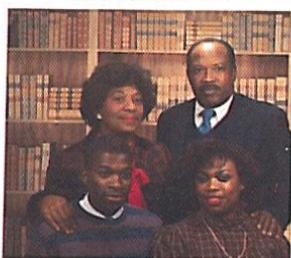
Helen McLemore  
& Shawn



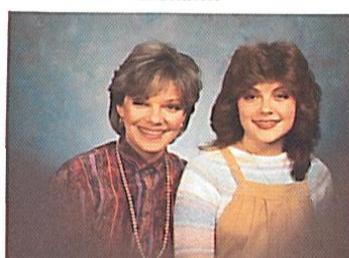
Florence Mosby



Nathaniel & Barbara Mosby



James & Cora Neelon  
& Gail & Willie Turner



Pam Parkerson  
& Leesa



Margaret Pell



Buddy & Betty Perrygo,  
Nellie & Maureen



Mary Righter



Frank & Frances Rollins



William Sanford



Bernice Shaw

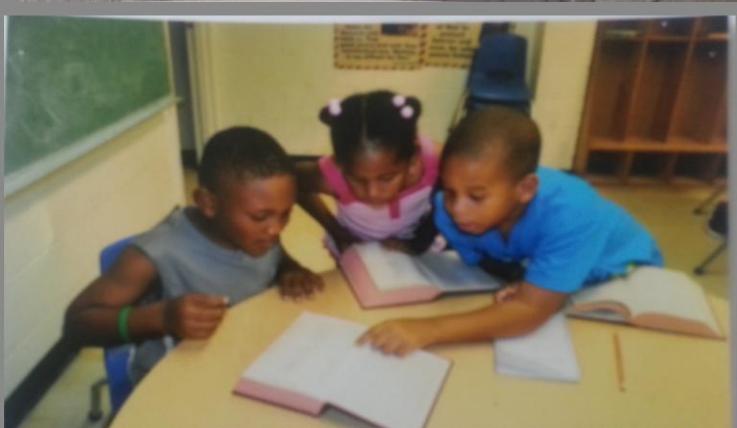


Robert & Shirley Sloper  
& Gayle



Blanche Thorne

# HE'S BEEN GOOD TO US!



# THE GOODNESS OF GOD



# FORT WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

## OUR GOD IS FAITHFUL!



# THANK YOU FORT WASHINGTON BAPTIST FAMILY & FRIENDS



*The 60th Anniversary Church Committee want to thank each person for your support and attendance on Fort Washington Baptist Church on Friday (October 3, 2025) and Sunday (October 5, 2025) Worship Services “Celebrating 60 Years of “God’s Faithfulness and Our Service to our Lord”. Your dedication and support, makes our “60 Years celebration a joy unto our Lord”. To each person that has supported this wonderful church congregation over the years and during this special occasion, we truly thank you for your gratitude, donations, attendance, and steadfast support, to recognize “60 Years” at “The Fort” with each Pastor, minister, ministry, leader, teacher, member and friend, “worshiping together with Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church and our many sister churches, within the Metro area, throughout the years.*

*In celebration of His faithfulness - May God bless you and keep each of you safe!*

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS - 2025

Sister Ruby Alston-Kelley  
Sister Mi-Reta Oburota  
Sister Vanessa Waddy  
Sister LaSonji Holman-Cole  
Sister Veronica Hutchinson  
Sister Wendy Taylor  
Mother Jacqueline Harney

Deacon DeWayne Perry  
Trustee Joanne Edelin  
Rev. Rudolph Waddy  
Deacon Ralph Hines  
Sister Dora Hines  
Sister Shelly Pinkerton  
Deacon Thomas Taylor, Jr.  
Sister LaDonna Stanley-Thompson  
Deacon Toussaint Hutchinson  
Evangelist Rita Ware

Rev. Darin V. Poullard  
First Lady Vicki Poullard  
Deacon Joseph Durbin  
Sister Juanita Timmons  
Sister Hattie Broome  
Deacon Samuel Evans  
Rev. Dr. Judie Johnson