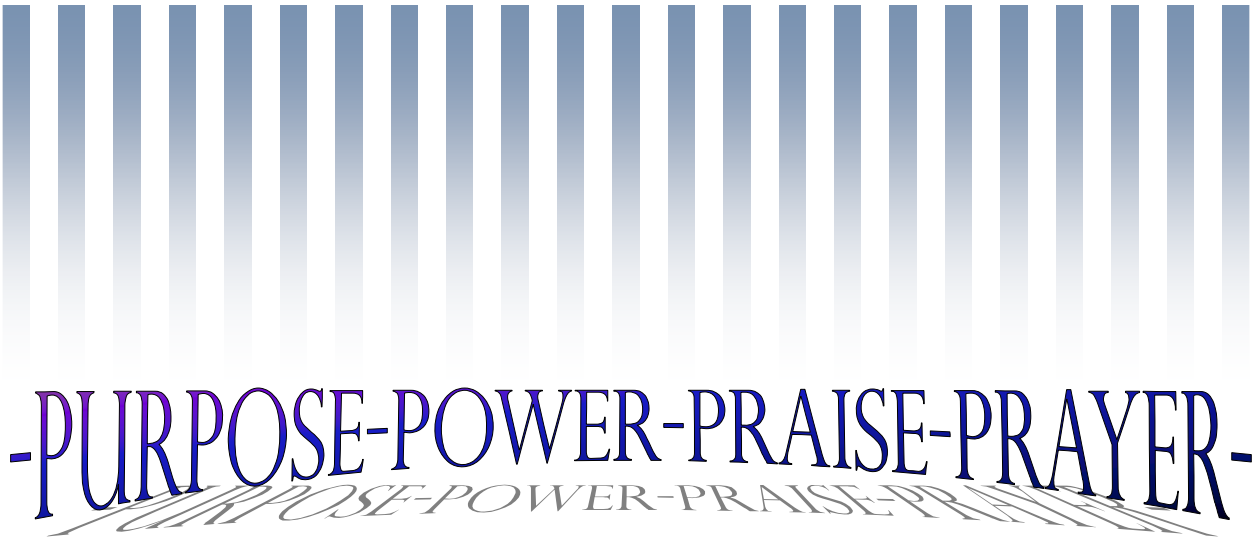

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

THE HISTORIC TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH

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REVEREND DR. ARTHUR T. GERALD, JR., SENIOR PASTOR & MODERATOR

Twelfth Baptist Church pastors
1808 to 2020

Reverend Thomas Paul	First Pastor
Reverend Leonard A. Grimes	1848-1874
Reverend George Washington Williams	1874-1876
Reverend William C. Dennis	1876-1880
Reverend Lemuel G. Walden	1880-1885
Reverend Robert N. Fairfax	1886-1890
Reverend H.H, Harris	1890-1891
Reverend J. Allen Kirk	1891-1894
Reverend John R. McCenny	1894
Reverend Matthew A. Shaw	1894-1922
Reverend William Hunter Hester	1923-1964
Reverend Dr. Michael E. Haynes	1964-2004
Reverend Dr. Arthur Thomas Gerald, Jr.	2010-Present

AGENDA

I. Annual Meeting Prayer

II. Determination of Notice and Quorum by the Clerk

III. Presentation of Business Reports

IV. Minutes of Annual Meeting 2019

V. Statistics and Memorials

VI. TBC Organizations

VII. Financial Report Presentation

VIII. Presentation of Nominations

IX. Election of Constitutional Church Officers

X. Deacons Ministry

XI. Deaconesses Ministry

XII. Trustees Ministry

XIII. Missions Ministry

XIV. Christian Education Ministry

XV. Budget Committee Report for 2019

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MISSION STATEMENT

MATTHEW 28 NIV

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Sprit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

TWELFTH BAPTIST CHURCH MISSION

In view of the great commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, in thanksgiving for His great love for us, and in obedience to the Word of God, the mission of Twelfth Baptist Church is to extend the love of God to others through proclaiming the Good News and providing Christ-centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves; To build up the body of Christ through prayer, fellowship, teaching and exercising our faith; and to worship God in our corporate and individual lives.

ACOLYTES

PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Almighty and Everlasting God, who by Thy Spirit
didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles,
and has promised through Thy son, Jesus Christ
to be with Thy Church to the end of the world,
we beseech Thee to be with the Annual Meeting
of the Twelfth Baptist Church here assembled in
Thy name and presence.
Save us from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice;
and of Thy great mercy vouchsafe, we beseech Thee
so to direct, sanctify and govern us in our work,
by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost,
that the comfortable Gospel of Christ may be preached,
truly received, and truly followed in all places
to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin,
Satan and death, till at length the whole of Thy
dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold,
shall be partakers of everlasting life.
through the merits and death of
Jesus Christ our Savior.
AMEN

THE MIZPAH BENEDICTION

The Lord keep watch between
Me and thee, when we are
Absent one from another.
Genesis 31:46 KJV

STATISTICS

MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019 701

BAPTISMS 001

CHERYL WALKER

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE 002

FELICIA PARZYCK

STEPHANIE PRICE

RE-INSTATEMENTS 001

MINISTER RONALD JONES

DEATHS 009

DOROTHY G. LATHAM ..... JANUARY 2

RUBY NELL BASS ..... FEBRUARY 24

PERCIVAL PERKINS ..... FEBRUARY 27

BARBARA BOOTH ..... MARCH 7

EMMA THOMPSON ..... JUNE 13

MARY BRITTON ..... JUNE 19

MICHAEL E. HAYNES ..... SEPTEMBER 12

ALMA L. WHITE ..... SEPTEMBER 22

ANN MARGARET GERALD .. SEPTEMBER 30

MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 696

PERSONNEL

CLERGY

Senior Pastor	Reverend Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.
Associate Pastor	Reverend Willie Bodrick, II
Associate Pastor	Reverend Jeffrey L. Brown

MINISTERIAL

Minister Shirley Adams
Minister Elizabeth Crockton
Minister Rachel Idowu
Minister Ronald Jones
Reverend Phillip Ross
Reverend Bernard Spencer

Minister of Music	Jonathan W. Singleton
Youth Minister	Dr. Joshua Bartholomew

ALTHEA FORDE & ELOIS SMITH, GREETERS

ADMINISTRATIVE

Assistant to the Pastor	Clara Bell
Technology Director	Sidney Burton, Jr.
Fiscal Coordinator	Vera Franklin
Pre School Director	Sheila Graham
SAMH Corp. Fiscal Coordinator	Henrietta Gerald
Property Manager	Joe Hogan
After School Program Coordinator	Darryl Simpson

ELECTIVE

Christian Education Chairperson	Eric Gonsahn
Deacons Ministry Chairperson	Maurice Nobles Jr.
Deaconess Ministry Chairperson	Sharon Keyes
Missions Ministry Chairperson	Markel Crockton
Trustees Ministry	Tommie Campbell

ORGANIZATION REPORT LIST

Annual membership meeting notes

Senior pastor

Deacons ministry

Deaconesses ministry

Trustees ministry

Missions ministry

Second African meeting house, incorporated

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 27
PRESENT 131

OPENING PRAYER:

Unanimously read by all on page 4 of the Annual Report Booklet

Lunch was served immediately following an abbreviated morning worship service, and the Membership Meeting began at 1:05pm with a thank you from Pastor to Mrs. Bell for putting the annual report booklet together. Motion to accept Minutes: 1st Brother Sidney Burton; 2nd Sister Britton Cabral 1 Otherwise 1 Abstain. A review of the church statistics was read and a praise thanksgiving for the ministries that have contributed on page 63 to alleviate the church deficit and help get through 2018 with no deficit was made by Pastor.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Balance Sheet:
Motion to accept report: 1st Brother Eric Gonsahn; 2nd Sister Millie Matthew
Summary: Online giving goes into Eastern Bank – we began online giving and it is a new addition to our Financial report. Preschool has repaid church to indebtedness. Balance continues to go down. Close to 1M in market investments. Gunn estate left some properties to 12th Baptist and Pastor is executor of the estate and is currently being litigated and hopefully in 2019 it will be settled. We are working with an attorney on this. Custodial liabilities are fund held on behalf of ministries of the church and balances are displayed.

Question: Market Investments – Please provide an overview as last year's amount was greater than what we see today.
Response: Trustee Gerald responded that we didn't lose $54,000 to market fluctuations as finance and trustee we sold stock to cover expenses throughout the year. We will go into detail later. Action – meeting to review sell of stock.

Question: Regarding the John Weeks Memorial what is funding it?
Response: The John Weeks Memorial Fund is where we will purchase the Grand piano and we are waiting for about an additional 10K to purchase a great piano.

Question: Capital Gains, Dividends – what do we do with these funds?
Response: Pastor states that the church reinvests it.

Question: Notes receivable from SAMH Corp. – who is the loan with and what is the interest rate on it?
Response: Pastor referenced that the church loaned to SAMH while back and SAMH is now repaying the church for the money the church loaned to SAMH – accumulation of loans the church is repaying. It started in October 2018 – 3rd quarter.

Readiness: Majority in favor via Amen Otherwise-1 Abstain-3; Motion carries.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES -CONTINUED-

Income & Expense:
Motion to accept report: 1st Brother Sidney Burton, 2nd Brother Sherman Bartholomew

Summary: Surplus brought in due to Missions, we praise the Lord.

Question: Investment Income/Davis Income Other income – $44,000 & -$26,000 do those include loss in investments from when we put it in?
Response: Sister Vera replied that the market did drop drastically in December and the net for the year is reflected. Net results of our investments in 2018. Follow up questions were acknowledged, and response provided satisfactorily.

Readiness: Majority in favor via Amen Otherwise-2 Abstain-0 Motion carries.

Preschool Balance & Expense:
Motion to accept report: 1st Deacon Maurice Nobles 2nd Deaconess Sharon Keyes

Summary: Again, liabilities due to church have been declining because they are repaying Sister Graham as the new pre-school Director is acknowledged. We are at 27 students this week and adding more children. Praise the Lord. Bottom line the pre-school for the period and YTD are doing marvelously well. We are looking into accepting infants and seeing how that goes.

Readiness: Majority in favor via Amen Otherwise-2 Abstain-0

Second African Meeting House (SAMH) Corporation Balance Sheet:
Motion to accept report: 1st Minister Idowu 2nd Sister Jennie Braithwaite

Summary: Total cash of $66,000. Categories under SAMH are reflected on the statements.

Question: Negative equity is what appears on the report.
Response: First Lady Gerald states that we're fine because its appraised for well over what's reported by the city.

Readiness: Majority in favor via Amen Otherwise-1 Abstain-0

QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR, MISCELLANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Ballots submitted. Tallying in progress. Final counts will be reported in following Sunday's Bulletin.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES –CONTINUED-

BUDGET FOR 2019:
Reviewed budget targets for 2019. It takes a team effort to set the budget for the year with the financial officers and bookkeeper of the church. We went through things at 2018 that we pray we don't go through in 2019. Freezes on spending, reduce expenditures, and reduce payroll because we were tracking behind where we needed to be. Fortunately, at end of year ministries gave to the church. We hope to stay within our limits and this year do things to reduce costs. One area we cut back for the year is custodial. We will reduce the # of hours custodians are available. Don't touch thermostats, turn lights off in a room, reduce costs. We've cut back on evening supervision and central office staffing. These are a few measures to make sure we get through 2019 without budgetary crisis as we did in 2018. We will scroll information on screens, we will have fewer pages in the bulletin. These are measures we'll do for a while as cost effective measures to stay within anticipated budget. Grant writers Sister Lisa and Sister Marcella brought in over $25,000 in grant money raised through SAMH and filtered down that way. SAMH is our vehicle to get grants. For the church to be in good financial posture we should have for 40K in bank balance below that month to month – we head into financial concern and under 20K we're in financial crisis … Again, thanks to our Financial officers of the church and SAHM who work together for the fiscal management of the church. Thank you, Sister Vera, and First Lady Gerald who work together for financial responsibility of the church. There are about 20-25% of the membership tithing – if we went up to 50% of the membership tithing … better and if we had 75%, we'd be way ahead. Bulk of the expenses are in current and mission. Reminder: contributions are always accepted for the meals provided after worship. 1st meals are now free, and contributions are always welcome. Encouraged to put aside $4 a week to help with the pledge/deficit.

Question: Does the budget report consider the financial issues we had last year to prevent them? Did the targets stay the same year over year?
Response: Pastor states yes in that it takes it into account but to meet it we need everyone to tithe and give faithfully. Budgets targets didn't stay flat year over year, we increased due to carrying over $60,000 from 2018 and not having a deficit.

Question: Could we cut the cost and stop giving envelopes? Sister Vera, yes, we're starting in 2020. You also can pay via credit cards on Sundays at the financial office.

Motion to accept church budget for 2019: 1st Sister Tabb 2nd Brother Sidney Burton. Unanimously accepted.

STATUS OF THE AUDIT: Audit has been completed. Currently under review with the trustees. Information will be available to members.

MLK: Thank you. Next month is African American History Month.

Motion to adjourn moved by Pastor; 2:50PM unanimously accepted.

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION: Unanimously read by all on page 4 of the Annual Report

SENIOR PASTOR

The Bible, which is my 'Guide to Living', says in Acts of the Apostles:
Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, I have given unto thee!

Now that I have achieved another year, 'By the Grace and Glory of God', every day that my feet hit the ground and they are not in the ground, I count it a blessing. Today, as we gather for our Annual Meeting in a new decade, I am blessed to announce to you that the good Lord is blessing me every day that I wake up and I am able to get up!

My vision for the historic Twelfth Baptist Church remains the same, to build a ministry that will build people of Purpose, of Power, of Praise and of Prayer! By doing this, we will endeavor to advance the Kingdom work of God through presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ and providing ministries so that sinners may become justified, saints sanctified, the church edified, as the Word of God is magnified and Christ is glorified!

OUR PURPOSE is revealed by our receiving the teaching and preaching of the uncompromised Word of God.

OUR POWER is revealed by the Holy Spirit empowering believers to fulfill our creative purpose.

OUR PRAISE is revealed by and through the believer in our individual and corporate acts of worship.

OUR PRAYER is revealed by and through the commitment and dedication to individual and corporate prayer in agreement for the favor of God for our families and for our fellowship.

"Great has been God's faithfulness" unto each of us and all of us. We ask the Lord's blessings as we gather for our first Annual Meeting in a new decade! I stand amazed at what God has done and the 'Favor' he has shown for His church, His people and this pastor over the past ten years.

God has remained faithful in keeping our church solvent as the economy continues with so many uncertainties. Our steps into the investment market have begun to show forth blessings. The church remains financially solvent and stable. We have been able to meet all of our expenses, thanks to the blessings of the Lord. I am thankful to God and to His people here at TBC for your sacrificial giving that enabled the church to end 2019 without a budget deficit.

Praise God from whom all blessing flow!

SENIOR PASTOR –CONTINUED-

This past year was filled with many significant achievements for the church and the thirteenth Pastor. Some of them included but are not limited to:

Our fervent and continuous dedication to corporate Prayer;

Our thoughtful, masterful and excellent grant writers Marcella Brown and Lisa Dix

for their excellent work in securing once again over Twenty-Five thousand dollars in grant aid for our youth and community related ministries. These grants allowed us to fortify the church's mission and ministry internally with the passion and desire to extend the ministry of our church beyond our walls and into the community.

The purchase and dedication of the John Weeks Memorial Steinway piano.

As Pastor of this thriving church, I have remained very active in the broader community and was invited to serve on the following boards and organizations:

The Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston – Chair of the Education Committee and the Boston's Higher Ground Board of Directors.

The Friday afternoon community Peace walks have resulted in a greater acceptance of TBC within our neighborhoods; touching residents of Orchard Gardens and The Warren Gardens. Management and residents have adopted TBC as their community church and as a result, they invited us to pray in their homes, as well as dedicate a new play area, while conducting prayer sessions in parks and play areas in the Gardens.

The 'Peace Walkers' and a few other members escorted by our friends from the Boston Police Department went Christmas Caroling within the neighborhood and were well received by our neighbors with standing ovations!

I continue to count it a tremendous blessing from God to serve this historic congregation and wait with great anticipation and expectancy to see what great things the Lord has in store for us in the decade of 2020.

I am abundantly grateful and thankful for those the Lord has placed around me to hold up my arms in ministry. Particularly, I have been tremendously supported by Rev. Jeffrey L. Brown and Rev. Willie Bodrick II, who have significantly assisted me in the preaching/teaching ministry. It is my hope that 2020 will take us higher in our prayer life individually and collectively as a church. As we strive to be a people of Purpose, Power, Praise and Prayer, may we continue to be a congregation founded upon prayer and working in agreement to increase the Kingdom of God here on earth.

It is my prayer that the favor of God will remain upon each member, each family, and each ministry. May God continue to bless you and bless Twelfth Baptist Church, as we journey together to our destined way 'rightfully dividing the word of truth!'

Your Humble Servant and Thirteenth Pastor,

Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Gerald, Jr.

DEACONS

PHILIPPIANS 2 NIV

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death – even death on a cross!

MISSION

- To build on the Foundation of Jesus Christ by modeling a life acceptable to God and the Church, and that it is worthy of imitation by other Christians.
- To extend the Love of God to our Pastor by assisting him in providing Christ centered ministries to meet the temporal needs of the people whom God loves. *(I Thessalonians 5:11)*
- To build up the Body of Christ by modeling, for the Church members, God's compassion, kindness, mercy and love. *(Colossians 2: 9,10)*
- To help lead the Church in worshipping God in our corporate and individual lives. (*John 4: 23)*

ACTIVITIES

- Throughout 2019, we grew stronger in faith seeking to do God's will for His church by supporting Pastor Gerald in the achievement of the church's mission.
- We continuously oversaw all boards, ministries and committees.
- We again supported our brothers and sisters of the Massachusetts Baptist Deacon & Deaconess Association (MBDDA) through the Annual Scholarship Awards Program .
- We continued to visit the sick and shut-in, serving the sacraments of Communion and reaching out to those in need.
- We supported the Pastor in assuring, through prayer, that the spiritual welfare of the Church remained strong in the Lord. We developed "Shepherding Teams" to allow the Diaconate to gain stronger bonds with the congregation at large.
- In 2020, with prayer, we will seek to establish an Annual Prayer Service.

COMMENTS

Indeed the Lord has surrounded His Church and has protected Twelfth Baptist Church for over 200 years. His favor never fails as the Deacons Ministry unifies under the banner of Jesus Christ, in following the vision He has given our Pastor. We give thanks for your prayers and support as we continue to do God's will for His church. To God be the Glory. Great things He has done. Great things He is doing and great things He is going to do for His Church and His people.

Officers:	Maurice Nobles, Jr., Chair, Michael Brathwaite, Vice Chair
	Warren Montgomery, Secretary
Deacons:	Markel Crockton, Learie Blackwell, Sherman Bartholomew, Howard Henry
Honorary Deacons:	Edwin Wright, Hozel Murray, Emerson Brathwaite

DEACONESSES

COLOSSIANS 4 ASV

6Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

MISSION

Deaconess Ministry continued to show love and kindness in ministering to others in 2019. What we say and how we say it, makes a difference. Taking control of our conversations is so important!

ACTIVITIES

- Election of Officers
- Deaconesses visited Deaconess Leoner Woodson in February at Wingate at Chestnut Hill.
- Deaconess Ministry continued to support and made a contribution towards the postage of the "Love and Action Ministry".
- Deaconesses participated in a Diaconate Shepherding Training led by Deacon Maurice Nobles.
- Deaconesses attended a Massachusetts Baptist Deacon & Deaconess Association (MBDDA) Workshop in May.
- Several Deaconesses attended the Women's Ministry Conference held at Lombardo's in Randolph, Mass.
- Deaconesses and Deacons met with their Shepherding Team in August.
- Deaconess Rayann Batchelder was Commissioned in September.
- The Keyes Family hosted a Diaconate cookout/ fellowship in September,
- Deaconess Retreat was held in October. The theme was: Serving with Gladness. Our guest speaker was Pastor Paula J. Waters. The message was invigorating in preparing the deaconesses how to serve!
- Deaconesses attended the MDDA Scholarship Luncheon in November The keynote speaker was our very own Dr. Joshua Bartholomew .
- Deaconesses purchased new communion trays as a gift to the church. Trays will be dedicated by Rev. Gerald on January 5, 2020.
- Deaconesses Ministry continues to send cards and visitations to our TBC members.

COMMENTS

The Deaconess Ministry had their annual Christmas Party in December. Deaconesses honored First Lady Gerald, Sister Clara Bell, and Sister Frances Glenn-Chalmers, for their dedication to serving others! We had a joyous time through fellowship, music, and good food!

Officers: Sharon Keyes, Chair, Flora Trotman, Co-Chair,
Robin Cook-Nobles, Secretary, Gwen Stewart, Assistant Secretary
Charlotte Harris, Corresponding Secretary, Mildred Rogers, Treasurer

TRUSTEES

I PETER 4 ESV

10 *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

MISSION

The Trustee Ministry serves with the purpose of efficiently managing the liquid and fixed assets of the Church to financially meet the goals and objectives of the church body. The Trustee Ministry oversees the financial matters of the church according to God's design for handling the resources He provides for His Church. Trustees are assigned to Trustee Standing Committees and responsible for preparing the necessary reports for the Church body.

ACTIVITIES

- The Trustees have taken severe actions to address the downward trend of monetary giving in tithes and offerings to responsibly meet the Church's obligatory expenses. God continues to be faithful to the church and parallel to this decline in tithes and offerings we have witnessed an increase in donations, grants and ad-hoc financial assistance from Members, SAMH and Pre-school, among others. We continue to give thanks to God for his faithfulness as we continue to address the necessary capital improvements for the building and grounds of Twelfth Baptist Church.

- Projects that have been completed this year include the following:

  Shaw Door
  Food Pantry Roof
  The Spot at MLK
  150-160 Warren Exterior Siding
  Moreland Street Parking Steps
  Security System Upgrade
  Maintenance and repairs around the interior of 150-160 Warren Street

COMMENTS

The Trustees greatly appreciated the assistance and support received from the Central Office and Fiscal Coordinator staff.

Officers: Tommie Campbell, Chairman
Clarence W. Bell, Jr., Vice Chairman
Beatrice Gonsahn, Clerk

MISSIONS

Galatians 6 NIV

[2] *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

Proverbs 3 NRSV

[27] *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.*

MISSION

The ministry is committed to prayerful outreach to individuals communities and organizations, by proclaiming the resurrected Jesus Christ and helping to meet the temporal needs of others.

ACTIVITIES

Our focus has been on responding to the needs presented to us on the local , national and international level. We are reminded to share the blessings God has bestowed upon us and encourage the work of others beyond the walls of Twelfth Baptist Church.

Some of the areas of concentration for Missions in 2019 were:

- Provided financial assistance to TBC members with various needs
- Supported Deaconess Sharon Keyes with her mission campaign to Honduras under the leadership of Rev. Rupert Solomon (i.e. contributions of food items). Our support allowed Deaconess Keyes to ship two barrels to Honduras, one in February and another in November 2019. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
- Supported Brother Tony Price on his Missionary work
- Supported the Harvest Fest in October and the Community Christmas party
- Co-hosted the Angel tree party with Board of Christian Education
- Attended Missionary Day at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in March

Angel Tree Celebration

Sponsored the annual Angel Tree Christmas party on Saturday December 14th, 2019. There were 11 families represented, with 19 children in attendance. Based on the list received from Prison Fellowship, we were assigned 80 children, but sponsored only 53, with a total of 29 families from the Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, area. Additional information:

- 18 families did not attend the celebration
- 34 children did not attend the party even though parent/guardian said they would attend
- 7 families did not respond to phone calls or messages

MISSIONS -CONTINUED-

Reverend Bodrick, members from Missions and Christian Education mingled with families, as we listened to Christian music, colored holiday pictures, and sang a few Christian songs. Families were treated to a hearty meal at the end of the program and the children received their gifts. In addition, parents and/or caregivers received a gift bag, courtesy of the Board of Christian Education. Reverend Gerald welcomed each family and invited them to our morning worship.

For those families who were unable to attend the event, phone calls were made to set up a time to pick up their gifts. Please pray for these families as well as incarcerated parents. A heartfelt thanks to our Twelfth Baptist Church family for their outpouring of support!

INITIATIVES FOR 2020

- Partner with Reverend Bodrick and members from the criminal justice/prison reform community, with "finding practical and innovative solutions to reducing recidivism, changing lives, and strengthening communities"
- Continue to support the financial and spiritual needs of the church and members
- Support the orphanage in Honduras (i.e. shipment of barrels with food, clothing, and other miscellaneous items)
- Participate in monthly meetings with the newly formed Missions Strategic Committee, to plan for the upcoming missions trip to Honduras. at the Majken Broby Children's Home

MEMBERSHIP

The Missions Ministry meets the third Sunday of each month. There are currently nine members. Sister Lillie Davis and Brother Thomas Perry will be stepping down . We thank them for their dedication and support while they served on Missions.

Marlene M. Gibbs. Co-Chair, Markel Crockton, Chair, Violet Britton, Secretary

Dorritt Marshall, Assistant Secretary, Marylyn Blackwell, Treasurer

Shirley Johnson, Assistant Treasurer, Lillie Davis, Correspondence Secretary

Eslyn Williams, Tom Perry

SECOND AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE

Second African Meeting House Corporation is an arm of Twelfth Baptist Church, which offers affordable house and other charitable endeavors. The Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of the month. At the meetings we listen to progress report of the After School Program, discuss the issues of the property with the Property Manager, Joe Hogan, and review the financial reports.

The Corporation has several entities - Affordable Housing, After School Program, Summer Enrichment Program, Community Outreach, Youth Ministry Outreach and for a one-time outreach, Season of Peace. Each entity finished the 2019 year on the positive side of the ledger. The Affordable Housing Program consists of 16 apartments, 1 commercial space, a Thrift Shop and a Community Room. The After School Program operates the academic year daily from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M . at the close of 2019 there were 20 children enrolled.

The Summer Enrichment Program is an extension of the After School Program, operating during school summer vacation. This past year there were 21 children. The children spent time outdoors at the Rose Kennedy Greenway enjoying the free sprinklers, went on weekly field trips to the Science Museum and the Computer Lab center at Lena Park Community Center. The end of the year field trip was to Canobie Lake Park.

Sis. Paula Johnson, a recent graduate of Cambridge College, mentored girls, ages 10-13, AFFIRM ME, which is acumen for Affirmations Foundations Finances Information Relationships Movement through Meaningful Experiences. The mentoring program is a young woman's empowerment program. At the end of the project, the young ladies hosted a luncheon for parents and TBC staff. They explained the program, talked about what they were able to achieve and how the project has affected them.

We had a very good year, financially as well as programmatically. Children in the After School Program had good report cards and excellent comments from their teachers. The SAMH balance sheet is strong. SAMH has been able to begin the process of paying Twelfth Baptist Church on the loan that helped to purchase its building.

As of the end of the year, there were no vacant apartments; and tenants were paying their rent in a timely manner. We were able to modernize several apartments, one of which had not been updated in several years. We painted the exterior "bump out" at 5 Moreland Street.

SECOND AFRICAN MEETING HOUSE –CONTINUED-

In 2020, we plan to replace the windows in all apartments and paint the exterior trim. We will continue to keep the property in good condition with the assistance of our property manager and you. If you see something - say something to a member of the Corporation. Roxbury has become a very desirable residential area. Nearly every week we receive inquiries from real estate agents asking if we are interested in selling our property. The Warren Street Property has an assessed value of $1,926,500, and the Moreland Street is assessed for million dollars.

God has favored Second African Meeting House Corporation.

Officers: Reverend Arthur T. Gerald, Jr., President
Reverend Willie Bodrick, II, Vice President
Sandra R. Hines, Treasurer
Clara T. Bell, Clerk

Staff: Joe Hogan, Property Manager
Henrietta L. Gerald, Financial Coordinator
Darryl "Coach" Simpson, Coordinator After School Program

Members: Tommie Campbell
Arthur Michael Gerald
Arthur F. James
William H. Janey, II
Paige Thompson
Edwin Wright

MINISTRY REPORT LIST

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

AUDIO VISUAL

CHURCH WOMEN

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERHOOD

DORCAS PARTNERSHIP

EXERCISE

FOOD PANTRY

GIRL SCOUTS

KING SOLOMON

KITCHEN

LITURGICAL DANCE

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NURSES

PASTOR'S AIDE TEAM 13

SWINGERS

THRIFT SHOP

USHERS

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

GENESIS 15 KJV

13And he said unto Abram, know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; 14And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

MISSION

Our ministerial efforts emphasize, unveil and preserve the substance of African American heritage in the history of Twelfth Baptist Church to its members and the broader community.

ACTIVITIES

- Through Afrocentric window displays, wall hangings and other multi media presentations, we revealed biblical messaging and various components of church history to the public. The theme, "Come as You Are, You Can Change Inside" was again highlighted.
- We presented written narratives on the lives of church members
- During Black History Month, we displayed posters and reproduced newsprints throughout the church on civil rights and highlighted distinguished African Americans.
- The National Voting Rights Museum information and commemorations of Black Sunday were prominent in the messaging, as well as Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- We also messaged and presented Easter, Fair Housing Month and Women's History
- We participated in the Pastor's Appreciation and the MLK Convocation preparations.
- We continued an archive project cataloguing TBC social justice and activism from slavery to present. Plans are progressing on the installation of a permanent visual and oral history of the church.
- We designed and published a 2019 Calendar, "Shepherds 1808-2019", with biographies and photographs of the thirteen pastors of TBC.
- We led over one hundred people on a week-end excursion to the National Museum of African American History in Washington, DC for a second time. Of particular interest is an historic installation of a TBC pew in the museum.

MEMBERSHIP

Lisa Dix, Chairperson, Katrina Caiby, Secretary

Edythe Copeland, Marcella Dix-Brown

Anna Ekpenyong, Florence Sealy, Alma Wright

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUGE

ROMANS 8 NIV

28And we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

MISSION

Sign language is a medium of communicating your thoughts and ideas through the facial expressions, hand shapes and finger spellings. The SLM insures that those who are deaf or hard of hearing are not left out from receiving and seeing the word of God through interpretation.

ACTIVITIES

The Sign Language Ministry (SLM) uses our hands to interpret the Sunday morning worship service, special services, such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation Service, weddings, and funerals.

COMMENTS

Continue to pray for us as a ministry as we use our hands to worship and glorify God through sign.

MEMBERSHIP

Mattie Brantley

Marlene Gibbs

Freda Johnson-Jones

Clara Jones, M.D.

Willow Dean Murray

AUDIO VISUAL

ROMANS 10 KJV

14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

PSALMS 51 NIV

10 *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

MATTHEW 9

37 *Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*

MISSION

To distribute the sound and visuals of church worship and special services throughout the sanctuary and various church facilities

To utilize various media technologies to publish the Word of God outside the walls of Twelfth Baptist Church

To be a multimedia research and learning center for the Christian community.

ACTIVITIES

- Major Production for Reverend Michael E. Haynes Celebration of Life and Ministry
- Worked with BNN-TV to live record and live broadcast service, over 1,400 views on our You Tube channel, over 1,000 live viewers on that day through BNN news live special.
- Updated Sanctuary Microphone Distribution System: Standardized Mics splitter system, and installed digital connection between sanctuary mic room and AV Control room digital console.
- BNN-TV Broadcast. the "Lighting the Community Broadcast" on BNN-TV 23 Comcast and RCN remains strong in its Sunday night 9:00 p.m. time slot for more than 31 years.
- Youtube.com On-Line Videos: 35,203 views since 2013.
- Videos can be viewed on Smart Phones as well as Internet computers. Use it and spread the word. Go to: www.TBCBoston.org. click on "ON You Tube" at top of screen.

AUDIO VISUAL -CONTINUED-

- Our Website can be found at www.tbcboston.org to find dates, information, and the Word of God from our pulpit.
- Recorded Services - The AV Ministry team recorded more than 69 events.
- Visitor CDs and DVDs - more than 220 units gifted
- Sick and Shut in DVDs - more than 80 units gifted

COMMENTS

The Audio Visual Ministry of Twelfth Baptist Church continues to give glory to God for his faithfulness in 2019. The active full time membership, by God's grace, continues to meet the required church needs. We solicit your prayers for helpers that see the value of this ministry both for their kingdom service and talent growth. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few".

We continue to thank God for His favor and solicit your prayers and support for this vital TBC and Kingdom ministry.

MEMBERSHIP

Administrative:	Rev. Arthur T. Gerald Jr., Sr. Pastor, Clarence Bell, Trustee and Editor Michael Brathwaite, Deaconate.
Team Leaders:	Sidney Burton Jr. Director, Brenda Richardson, Co-Director
Full Time:	Alma Wright; Jefferson Roach, Markel Crockton
	Valarie Jean Brown-Johnson
Photography:	Denise Burton
Sales & Distribution:	Clarence Bell, Stephanie Janey, Book Shelf
Students:	Anthony Creary, Brianna Richardson, Bryan Richardson
Auxiliary	George Richardson, Lauren Crockton
Honorary Members:	Heather Brathwaite, Frances Chalmers, Ruthie Phillip

BOOKSHELF

HEBREWS 12 NIV

[1]*Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

MISSION

The Bookshelf, located in the Narthex, is open after Sunday morning worship service.

The Bookshelf provides Bibles, bible accessories, devotional guides, assorted cards, and spiritual literature to members and visitors to support and promote the mission of Twelfth Baptist Church.

VISION

Through the availability of biblical literature, the Bookshelf Ministry seeks to encourage and enlighten TBC members and non-members, who seek a personal relationship with the Lord, to practice a Godly lifestyle that supports their spiritual growth and builds up the body of Christ.

ACTIVITIES

A credit card processing machine was installed in the Bookshelf. Although the majority of its customers continue to pay for their purchases with cash, it is a blessing to have this new payment option and we look forward to its increased utilization in the coming year.

We encourage members to use the daily devotional guides, *The Upper Room,* which has a large print edition, and *Our Daily Bread,* to enhance and support spiritual growth.

COMMENTS

As always, we wish to thank all the members of our ministry for their dedication and service throughout the past year. We pray that the Bookshelf will continue to be a blessing to all who serve and to the members and visitors of Twelfth Baptist Church who browse and shop on Sundays after the service. Prayerfully, we are always seeking additional volunteers to ensure adequate coverage, so please consider how God may use your talents in the Bookshelf Ministry.

MEMBERSHIP

Stephanie Janey, Coordinator, Willow Dean Murray, Co-Coordinator, Sadie Burton-Goss

Sonia Lawrence, Dorrit Marshall

Mr. William Janey is no longer able to assist us in the Bookshelf and we thank him for his many years of service.

CHURCHWOMEN

PROVERBS 31 NIV

25 *She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*

PHILIPPIANS 2 NIV

1 *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,*

2 *then make my job complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.*

MISSION

The Churchwomen's Fellowship strives to do God's will through spiritual modeling of Jesus Christ and prays for the women of Twelfth Baptist Church as we continue to grow in Christ through scripture and fellowship with each other.

ACTIVITIES

- The year began with our Annual Yankee Swap/Pot Blessed event in January where the women had lots of fun exchanging gifts with one another.
- The Annual Women's Tea held on June 1st was very successful. We had in attendance approximately one hundred and twenty- five women of all ages, socializing with one another and wearing their finest hats.
- Our 59th Annual Women's Weekend was in November. Our theme was "I Am My Sister's Keeper."
- During each monthly meeting leading up to the Women's Weekend, the women participated in devotional activities and applied the activities to scripture. We learned that "a sister reprimands in love and not in contempt." We also learned that "a sister is not jealous of her siblings."
- Our guest speaker for Women's Day was Reverend Dr. Virginia Ward, Associate Pastor, Abundant Life Church, Cambridge, MA. Dr. Ward's message was timely and uplifting to our souls.
- We will strive to be our "Sister's Keeper" well beyond 2019.

COMMENTS

All the women of Twelfth Baptist Church are members of the Women's Fellowship. Therefore, all women are encouraged to attend the Women's Fellowship meetings every fourth Saturday of the month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Paula Henry, President

DISTINGUISHED BROTHERHOOD

DEUTERONOMY 14

22 *Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year.*

23 *Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always.*

MISSION

To enhance our relationship with the Lord through a guided study of the Bible and through fellowship with other Christians.

ACTIVITIES

- In 2019 the Twelfth Baptist Church Distinguished Brotherhood assembled every Monday morning to study the Bible under the tutelage of Rev. Paula Waters, Pastor of Stafford Baptist Church, Stafford Springs, CT.
- We did not gather on holidays or when weather made the drive from Connecticut unadvisable. But otherwise, Pastor Paula drove up from Connecticut every Monday to direct hungry Christians in their pursuit of spiritual nourishment. But the nourishment was not spiritual only. At the end of each session we departed well fed spiritually, as well as physically. Pastor Paula is as gifted at producing delicious meals as she is at dividing the word of truth. She is truly a blessing from the Lord.
- We are currently reading Chapter 14 of Deuteronomy, where tithing is the subject.

MEMBERSHIP

Our core membership now consists of three distinguished men and four distinguished women, our indispensable facilitator included.

COMMENTS

To God be the glory.

DORCAS PARTNERSHIP

MATTHEW 25 NIV

36 *"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

MISSION

The Dorcas Partnership Ministry, (DPM) is a group of dedicated God fearing women who love the Lord and extend this love to others in need of comfort. DPM volunteers provide support to those who are in crisis or confronted with spiritual or mental concerns.

We assist the Pastor and Diaconate in addressing the needs of the church community.

ACTIVITIES

- We met every third Sunday immediately after morning worship service at 142 Warren Street, except during July and August, to discuss the follow up on contact made about home visits, nursing home visits, and transportation to medical appointments.
- We provided prayer and Bible reading, telephone calls, and shared resource information to families when requested.
- Birthday cards were mailed on a monthly basis to those seniors 80 plus in age.
- For TBC members (whom we are aware of) 90 years and over, we planned birthday celebrations by visiting their nursing home, made in home visits and held some at our 142 Warren Street facility. We had prayer, scripture reading, sang songs, and provided goodies, flowers, and gifts.

COMMENTS

Some of our members cannot attend church on a regular basis due to illness or other family issues. One of our goals is to let these members know that they are still members of the congregation and we are here for their support and are praying for them. Jesus said I was sick and ye visited me in Matthew 25:36

DORCAS PARTNERSHIP -CONTINUED-

The oldest living members in our congregation, who we are aware of, are:

Ms. Hazel Stevens 102 years Ms. Pauline Thomas, 101 years

Seniors ninety plus in age are:

Ms. Hazel Stevens 102	Ms. Pauline Thomas 101	Ms. Christina Parks 99
Ms. Naomi Jackson 97	Ms. Mildred Combs 97	Ms. Ruby Smith 95
Ms. Edna Little 96	Ms. Eleanor Webb 95	Ms. Callie Byrd 95
Ms. Eleanor Utely 95	Ms. Estella Jones 94	Ms. Dorothy Leak-Neblett 93
Ms. Frances Lawton 91	Ms. Beulah Gibbs 92	Ms. Anna Ekpenyong 92
Mr. Charles Dawson 92	Ms. Catherine Moon 91	Ms. Mittie Thomas 91

MEMBERSHIP

Flossie Pearson, Co-Chair

Yvonne Thompson, Treasurer

Gwendolyn Lewis/Flossie Pearson, Secretary

Martha Beacon, Gwendolyn Lewis

Mattie Brantley, Leola Phillips

Joanne Prince, Myrtle Ruffin,

Leoner Woodson, Mildred Rogers

Mary Lou Moore, Frances Sims

Edna Little

EXERCISE

I CORINTHIANS 6 NIV

19 *"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have been received from God? You are not your own;* 20 *you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

MISSION

The focus of the Exercise Ministry is on building confidence, endurance and strength, developing healthy and nutritional eating habits, toning and weight loss. We use weights (1lb, 2lb, 3lb, 5lb, 8lb and 10lb weights), elastic bands, exercise balls and step boards in a variety of exercise routines to tone muscles and develop stamina.

ACTIVITIES

Our short and long term goals are to loose pounds/inches, reduce a dress or pants size, and most importantly, develop a regular routine of exercise. It doesn't matter what you do. Walk (best exercise you can do), run (make sure you stretch before and after), bowl, swim (water aerobics is a lot of hard work and fun), clean your house to music and dance, dance, dance while you get a clean house. Get up off that couch and get active!

COMMENTS

Everyone is welcome. Just come dressed ready to work out.

Classes are $50.00 for the year The cost is less than a personal trainer or monthly fitness membership. The cost helps to pay for exercise equipment. Our classes meet as follows:

Tuesday night at 6:00 in the Mobil Station Annex

Thursday night at 6:00 in the Mobil Station Annex

Come ready to work out, relieve stress and have fun.

INSTRUCTOR

Freda Johnson-Jones

FOOD PANTRY

1 JOHN 3 NIV

17 *If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?*

MISSION

To help eliminate hunger in our church community by providing residents in need with food, promoting the value of nutritious food, increasing self-sufficiency, and instilling hope. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

ACTIVITIES

- The Twelfth Baptist Church Food Pantry started in 1996. Food was distributed by members of "Twelfth". In the first week of distribution, we serviced three families. After twenty-three years, we currently provide food to a weekly average of 200 families.
- One of the services we provided was to pray with each group as they wait in line to receive their bag of groceries, bag of vegetables and bag of bread.
- Volunteers of the pantry attended seminars and participated in other events to keep abreast with all the issues of hunger and food insecurity.
- The Food Pantry operated mainly from grants and donations, support from fundraising and individual donations, including volunteer participants in the annual Walk for Hunger. Monthly reports were required by the Greater Boston Food Bank.
- After twenty-one years, Anna Ekpenyong decided to step down as coordinator. A special celebration luncheon was held to honor her for her hard work and love to the Food Pantry. The volunteers honored her with words of appreciation and a generous love gift.

COMMENTS

Your prayers and continued support are greatly appreciated.

FOOD PANTRY -CONTINUED-

MEMBERSHIP

Dorritt Marshall, Coordinator

Mike Austin	Darryl Baynes	Ashley Blackwell
Marylyn Blackwell	Jennie Brathwaite	Barbara Brothers
Juanita Buffong	Harry Castillo	Adele Coren
Leron Coren	Shirlee Coren	Myrtle Creary
Leca Dyer	Anna Ekpenyong	Althea Forde
Karen Fox	Jillian Gibbs	Charlotte Harris
Clarence Hogan	Jeffrey Jackman	Silvester Killings
Earl Lawrence	Norma Lawrence	Paul Locker
Warren Montgomery	Olga Morency	Bernice Payne
Ethel Pinckney	James Pinckney	Deloris Rodriguez
Mildred Rogers	Florence Sealy	Octavia Skerritt
James Skerritt	Lorraine Smith	Paulette Speller

GIRL SCOUTS

JOSHUA 1 NIV

9 *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

MISSION

As girl scouts leaders, we continued to teach our girls to live by the Girl Scouts Promise and the Girl Scouts Law, to serve God and Country, respect each other and people at all times.

ACTIVITIES

- Our Girl Scouts Ministry 2019/2020 runs from September through May, the same schedule as Boston Public Schools. Our meetings were on the second and fourth Saturday of each month from 1:00P.M. to 3:30P.M.
- There are fourteen girls registered this term. It is a blessing to be able to minister to these young ladies.
- 2018/2019 As usual we kicked off the year with our cookie sales at TBC. We are thankful to our TBC members for supporting our troops.
- We are also very grateful to the owner of Washington Park Mall for allowing us to have booth sales every year.
- The booth sale at Lord & Taylor at the Prudential Center was exciting for the girls to be allowed to be in a beautiful setting.
- The girls sold over 2000 boxes from January through March. Money made from the cookies sale help fund our activities.
- Due to the generosity of Twelfth Baptist Church, our troop hosted the STEM Convention in May. There were troops from all over the city of Boston. Our troop project was making slime with glue, baking soda, and contact lens solution, all of the girls came to our table to make slime.
- Leaders also taught the girls to make flowers in vases for Mothers' Day, decorate pumpkins for Halloween, decorate fall leaves and framing in picture frames.
- We also took the girls to see Disney on Ice, the movies, a play, and in December, they attended The Black Nativity.

GIRL SCOUTS -CONTINUED-

COMMENTS

Moving forward for 2020 our plans are to try to divide the troops due to age difference. It is our feeling that we would be able to retain our girls through high school if we have the older girls in a separate group. This would allow older girls to do more hands on activities, i.e., sewing, cooking, advanced arts and crafts, discussion about body images and other advanced activities.

We also would like to thank the church for allowing us to use the van when we take the girls on field trips. Before we start a journey, we always pray, asking God for safe travels and blessing. TBC is a blessing to our troops and the community. As Girl Scouts Leaders, we ask for your prayer and support.

LEADERS

Michele Vaughn-Bernardez

Barbara A. Gibbs

KING SOLOMON

MICAH 6 GNB

8 *No, the Lord has told us what is good. What he requires from us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love and to live in humble fellowship with our God.*

MISSION

The mission of the King Solomon Ministry remains the same; a commitment to God, love, harmony, and to raise funds to help defray the expenses of the church.

ACTIVITIES

- The King Solomon Ministry was richly blessed in 2019. Our membership increased and we reached our fund-raising goal, thanks to the efforts, diligent work of the members, and the support of the Church and other community members.
- This year we donated $4,000 towards the church expense.
- King Solomon Ministry has three annual fund-raisers: King Solomon Ministry Annual Outing (third Saturday in June), Fish–Fry (third Saturday in July) and a Musical Concert (Third Sunday in October).
- This past June was filled with excitement and blessings as we journeyed to our annual outing in Sandwich, Massachusetts, which was a success. We visited the Glass Museum, had lunch, followed by a boat cruise, fellowship with members of our church, other churches, and the community that travelled with us. We received positive feedback regarding this trip and people have contacted us about our outing for 2020.
- In July, our annual Fish Fry was amazing; this was sponsored by two of our members, Sisters Phebe and Leca Dyer. The event was held at Leca's home and the ministry is ever grateful for their love, support and the delicious meal prepared.
- In October, our annual concert was enjoyed by all who attended; we were richly blessed by the talent of the participating musicians who did an outstanding job. The concert was followed by a delightful dinner prepared and donated by the Hopa Bailey-Knight restaurant and The Taste of Eden. The concert was dedicated to the memory of late Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Michael E. Haynes, who changed the original name of the ministry from "club" to "ministry"- The King Solomon Ministry.

KING SOLOMON -CONTINUED-

COMMENTS

The Ministry is presently comprised of 16 members who are dedicated to serving the Lord. After many years, we now welcome a male member, Coach Daryl Simpson, to the ministry. Our monthly meetings are held every third Sunday immediately following morning service.

As we prepare to enter 2020 and continue our mission, we are filled with anticipation for what God will do for us, and where he will lead the ministry. We continue to pray and support those members that cannot attend meetings or functions at times due to illness. In addition to the annual plans, we are also looking forward to the 100th Year celebration of the King Solomon Ministry in 2022.

MEMBERSHIP

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Marva Drew-Cox, President, Beulah Gibbs, Vice President

Kathrina Caiby, Treasurer, Lyn Reid, Secretary

Eveline Cornish, Corresponding Secretary

Jennie Brathwaite

Mary Brooks

Leca Dyer

Phebe Dyer

Leonie Jane Jameson

Estella Jones

Edna Little

Lulu Prevoe

Phoebelyn Reid

Darryl "Coach" Simpson

Billye Ruth Thomas

KITCHEN

JOHN 6 NIV

35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

MATTHEW 4 NIV

4 Jesus answered, " It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that come from the mouth of God.

PROVERB 15

17 Better a small servicing of vegetables with love than a fattened calf with hatred.

MISSION

Our kitchen ministry strives to serve our congregation wholesome healthy meals on designated Sundays of the month. The kitchen ministry's goal is to advocate and encourage members of TBC who are physically able to volunteer to cook and serve food for the ministry.

COMMENTS

Moving forward in 2020, the kitchen ministry is requesting that a planning committee be formed to evaluate the need to hire a professional chef.

The celebration of enjoying a healthy delicious meal, while fellowshipping with each other after worshiping, is such a festive and joyous occasion. However, due to the lack of help, it is more burdensome.

MEMBERSHIP

Barbara A. Gibbs

Sonia Lawrence

LITURGICAL DANCE

EPHESIANS 4

12 *To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

MISSION

The TBC Dance Ministry seeks to proclaim the word of God to his servants, followers and non believers through the biblical medium and bring His living word to life through humbleness and excellence in the ministry's presentations. We seek to set the atmosphere that welcomes God's people into His holy presence.

Our vision is to use the whole body as a temple to minister and serve God through dance. We seek to break down walls and go beyond the church until men and women unite in dance to praise and worship on one accord.

ACTIVITIES

- Our members have learned:
    - To express worship using music and dance
    - To defend and work with others in the group to express one vision
    - To translate the work of God into a visual form
- We worship God through dance using various forms of dance, including modern and African.
- We minister to music that is pre-recorded gospel or led by our ministry of music.
- Our goal is to attend workshops and conferences to prepare the spirit and the bride to minister before God with excellence.
- We ministered at Twelfth Baptist Church and in Greater Boston.

COMMENTS

The ministry is fully committed to serving God with integrity through movement. Our season to minister includes Advent, Christmas, Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter, Pentecostal Sunday, Black History Month, Baptisms and whenever or wherever God calls us.

We welcome Twelfth Baptist Church men, women and children who have the passion to worship through non verbal expression, are willing to display humility, and have a teaching spirit. No prior dance experience is necessary.

LITURGICAL DANCE -CONTINUED-

2019 IN REVIEW

February	Wade In The Water - Black History Month
April	Oh What Love - (Devicka Cheston Santana) - Easter Sunday
May	Putting It On The Alter - Pentecostal Sunday
June	For Every Mountain - (Devicka Cheston Santana) - Pastor's Anniversary
November	Blessed and Highly Favored - (Devicka Cheston Santana) - Women's Weekend
December	Stand - Solo performance

MEMBERSHIP

Mamie Dorsey O'Neal, Dance Leader

Devicka Cheston Santana

Brianna Richardson

Catherine Small-Quaratiello

Brenda Nobles

Eslyn "Polly" Williams

LITURGICAL DANCE MINISTRY

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ROMANS 10 KJV

14 How then, shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

MISSION STATEMENT

To develop and strengthen the characteristics of Christ in the young men of Twelfth Baptist Church and the community.

To serve God through the mission and vision of Twelfth Baptist Church with the unique callings that God has given to men. To increase our knowledge of and strengthen our relationship with Christ, and to stand through the Holy Spirit as males created in God's image.

ACTIVITIES

- Gifted, College Students
- Joint Men's and Women's Fellowship, Quarterly Roundtable
- Men's Month designated to be every September
- Prepared multiple after service kitchen meals
- Laymen's Weekend - Theme, "Discipleship 101- Tune Up"- Colossians 1: 10
    - Saturday Morning Workshop - "Discipleship" - Missionary Tony Price, Facilitator
    - Saturday Morning Workshop - "Discipleship" - Minister Ronald Jones, Facilitator
    - Saturday Afternoon Workshop - "Discipleship"- Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Facilitator
    - Sunday Speaker - Rev. Jeffrey L Brown
- Men 's Powerhouse Group Meetings, Various Monday Evenings
- Monday Evening Bible Fellowship in MLK House or Outreach Center
- Monthly Business, Breakfast and presentation meetings, the second Saturday each month
- Super Bowl Party, men and women together
- Participated in the Scholarship Golf Tournament, sponsored by The Massachusetts Baptist Deacon and Deaconess Association
- Harvest Fest Assistance
- Women's Day, Kitchen service

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP -CONTINUED-

MEMBERSHIP

The officers ending their two-year term are:

Sidney Burton Jr.	President
Tony Lopez	Vice President
Eric Gonsahn	Second Vice President
Warren Montgomery	Secretary
Markel Crockton	Assistant Secretary
Anthony Creary	Correspondence Secretary
Darryl Simpson	Treasurer
Jeffrey Jackman	Assistant Treasurer

TBC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

COMMENTS

We thank God for the keeping power, grace and favor that the Lord continues to grant the men of Twelfth Baptist Church. We may be few in number, but that reminds us to depend on the Lord and not on man.

Our constant desire is to be more effective in building the relationships between the leadership and male laity as well as provide more opportunities for relationship between church brothers and the community.

We pray that God will use us in ways that will show Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life yesterday, today, and forever.

MUSIC ENSEMBLE

PSALMS 33 NIV

[3]Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

MISSION

Our priority is that every worship experience be God-honoring, Christ focused and Spirit led. It is our prayer, in accordance with the vision of Twelfth Baptist Church, that praise be revealed by and through the believer in their individual and corporate acts of worship.

Through music and song our desire is to elevate God and His word and encourage the body of Twelfth Baptist to sing unto him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy."

ACTIVITIES

The Ensemble primarily facilitated praise and worship during our Sunday morning worship service and sang alongside TBC's choir, throughout the year.

NURSES

JOHN 12 KJV

[26]"If any man serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: If any man serves me, him will my Father honor."

GENESIS 2

[7] and the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

MISSION

The mission of the Twelfth Baptist Church nurses is service to God. The Christian nurses focus on life, health, and spiritual wellbeing. The goals of TBC Nurses Ministry, is to provide education to our congregation on health issues by providing information on different health related topics.

THE NURSE'S CREED

Lord let us as nurses begin every day with your blessing to provide care for those who need us. Give us the patience to listen, Intuition to see beyond the visible, knowledge to practice the art of nursing, and the attitude to deliver care with humility. Help us to see every patient clearly unbiased, and with individual respect. Help us to face fear and anxiety with kind words and a gentle touch. Help us to see the joy and wonder each new day brings and let your healing light shine through my hands.

ACTIVITIES

- The TBC Nurses' Ministry is a dedicated group of RN'S, LPN, and others who serve the TBC family during services and other times by providing first aid in emergencies and care of the suddenly ill, emotionally upset, or injured.
- Invited different health care organizations and professionals to lecture on health topics related to proper nutrition, exercises, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease, cancer and how to navigate the health care systems, and other topics, i.e., understanding how your health insurance works.
- The Nurses Ministry focused on a particular disease each month, provided information to the congregation on the signs and symptoms of a particular disease of the month.
- The Nurses Ministry worked with the Trustees committee and other organizations in the church to help in the beautification and upkeep of the Ladies Lounge.

NURSES -CONTINUED-

- The Nursing Ministry will continue to work with our kitchen ministry to try and help improve the overall condition of the kitchen and the food served. We will focus on recruitment and retention of organizations within the church to cook one weekend per month.
- In 2020 will help improve the health of our congregation by advocating, advising, and assisting in the meal planning for our Sunday dinners and other church events when food is being served.

COMMENTS

It is our hope in the near future to acquire a private, secure room as a sick bay for members who fall ill during services.

Health is defined as the overall condition of the organism at a given time (American Heritage Dictionary, 1996). Health is a dynamic process which embodies the spiritual, psychological, physical and social dimensions of the person.

Food and water is one of our most precious sources of nutrition to maintain our body homeostasis chemical balance. Good physical health is achieved by eating a well balance diet on a daily basis. Good physical health equals good mental health. Good mental health equals good emotional health. Good emotional health equal good spiritual health.

MEMBERSHIP

Our ministry consists of eight active members who are dedicated to serving the Lord and providing care and comfort to the members of our congregation at the time of discomfort related to physical or emotional illness. Michelle Bernardez resigned from our ministry and her position as Treasurer.

Barbara A. Gibbs, RN	President
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Benita Denny	Secretary
Joanne Prince, LPN	
Lynn Reid, RN	
Naomi Jackson, LPN	
Carol Savory, RN	
Thera Johnson Wilson, RN	
Sallie Orr	

PASTOR'S AIDE TEAM 13

1 PETER 4 NIV

[8] Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. [9] Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. [10] Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. [11] If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

MISSION

Our mission remains the same to provide Radical Hospitality to ALL who enter our doors here at Twelfth Baptist Church. Being that we are the Pastoral Aide Ministry Team 13 we must be available at a moment's notice.

ACTIVITIES

- Our duties are repetitive yearly including adorning the sanctuary for Easter with Lilies and Tulips, Mothers Day with Lilies and Christmas with Poinsettias. Palm Sunday Dinner, Easter Breakfast, Alternative to Halloween, Gift Wrapping Community Christmas Party
- We are often asked to prepare a repast for bereaved families. This year Sister Marilyn Dawson's family requested our services in March. Sister Katrina Dawson is a lifetime member of Team13. Sister Brenda Nobles lost her brother, Kem. We prepared his repast for the family. In October we had the privilege to help serve at the Repast of our Beloved Pastor's sister Margaret Gerald alongside the Kitchen Ministry.
- In August The Pastor Care Ministry at Bethel Baptist Church invited us to fellowship with them for their annual day. What a time of fellowship that was.

COMMENTS

Twenty nineteen was an eventful year. We continue to wait on the Lord for our next assignment. If you are looking for a ministry to join, why not consider Team 13? We are hard working. We are always the first to arrive and the last to leave.. we share lots of laughs and enjoy fellowshipping with each other. For all who helped us set a table, dress a chair, fold a napkin, whatever you did, We appreciate and thank you. We look forward to receiving new members in 2020.

PASTOR'S AIDE TEAM 13 -CONTINUED-

MEMBERSHIP

Clara T. Bell

Dorothy M. Bell

Heather Brathwaite

Michael Brathwaite

Vera Franklin

Alana M. Gerald

Henrietta F.L. Gerald

Marlene Gibbs

Beatrice Gonsahn

Sandra Hines

Rachel Idowu

Jerilyn Johansen

Victoria Kpah

Lynn Mitchell

Janyce J. Murray

Brenda J. Nobles

Charisse Peeler

Rudell Peeler

Lorraine Smith

In Christian service, we're Team 13!

SWINGERS

PSALM 37KJV

25 I have been young, and now I am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and His seed is blessed.

MISSION

Our mission is to create, nurture, strengthen, and mobilize our lives through education, social activities, arts, mind game and current events. We are also educated and enlightened by guest speakers.

ACTIVITIES

- In May, we had two speakers; Karen Burns White from the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, and Hope White from the Codman Square Health Center. They provided vital information on the key risks factors associated with developing breast cancer and the importance of performing self-examinations.
- Members were given the names and telephone numbers of our shut-ins and we called each one monthly and reported to the group. We also did the same for the members that are ill when they notify us.
- We thank God for sending us younger Swingers; such as Charlotte Burton, Ruthie Phillips and Lynn Mitchell. These sisters have been a blessing to us.
- In September, we went to the "City of Boston Seniority Picnic In The Park" where we had an enjoyable time at Harambee Park. We listened to Mayor Walsh praise Roxbury residents for their fortitude and listened to live music performed by Athene Wilson. We had also a wonderful lunch and many of us met old friends we haven't seen in ages. We all left this event with a bag of goodies.
- In July, we returned to Tony's Restaurant at Wollaston Beach, for our year-end bash. We had a wonderful lunch on the deck and a good time was had by all. We were blessed to have Sister Mildred Colmes with us, who previously had not been feeling up to par. She was very happy to be with us and out of her house.

COMMENTS

We lost two of our shut in members this year, Alma White, our Centurion, who reached 101 years old, and Marie Wilson, our Rapping Granny.

Remember us as we grow older, we uplift the lives of those around us with love and support as we age gracefully with dignity, purpose and grace; keep us in your prayers.

COORDINATORS

Grace Ford Locker, Coordinator Rev. Phillip Ross, Co-Coordinator

THRIFT SHOP

JOB 31 NIV

19 if I have seen anyone perishing for lack of clothing, or the needy without garments,

20 and their hearts did not bless me for warming them with the fleece from my sheep,

23 for I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things.

MISSION

The Clothes Rack Thrift Shop's mission is to be used by God and to be available for service.

ACTIVITIES

- Received donations from the church members, as well as others outside the church year round
- Held Early Bird Specials every first and second Saturday morning All clothing was sold at a nominal cost.

COMMENTS

We hope that while giving back to the community, our community will know that are there for them. The volunteers of the Thrift Shop thank all the members of Twelfth Baptist Church, past and present, who made donations. We welcome or newest volunteers, Gloria Savory and Victor Costa.

USHERS

EPHESIANS 6 KJV

7 *"With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men."*

MISSION

Greetings, we say hello to each of you our brothers and sisters in Christ. As doorkeepers in the house of Twelfth Baptist Church, we are overjoyed to be servants of the most High God. We feel blessed that God chose us to be doorkeepers, in His house.

ACTIVITIES

As doorkeepers we:

- Welcome with a warm courteous smile and Jesus' joy; Provide the bulletin for the day's service; Assist in finding a seat while striving to make the experience a pleasant one
- In January, we held our annual candlelight service. We were honored when Rev. Willie Bodrick, II, stepped in to bring a message to us, after Rev. J. Anthony Lloyd, our scheduled speaker, was unable to attend due to an emergency. We want to thank him for always having our back.
- Unfortunately, our annual tradition of hosting the Greater Boston Church Ushers Association Sick Committee Christmas Party was cancelled.
- The ministry met on the first Wednesday of each month, except January, July and August, in the Haynes Community Room, One Fifty Warren Street at 6:30 P.M. Our meetings consisted of reviewing suggestions and practicing the art of radical hospitality.
- We were able to give a $1,000 love gift to the church.

COMMENTS

The ushers' ministry is seeking new members. Please feel free to learn more about our organization by attending a meeting. We are a group of fifteen active members:

Anna Ekpenyong	Frances Glenn-Chalmers	Sandra R. Hines
Clarence Hogan	Jeffrey Jackman	Wanda Hale-Jones
Sonia Lawrence	Walter Mitchell	Olga Morency
James Pinckney	Deloris Rodriguez	Edna Little
Dorrit Marshall	Dorothy (Mae) Smith	Gwendolyn Stewart

Charles Dawson, Honorary Usher

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT CHOIR

EPHESIANS 2

10"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do!"

JEREMIAH 12

2"You have planted them, and they have taken root; they grow and bear fruit."

ACTIVITIES

- The Choir ministered in song on the fourth and fifth Sundays of the month throughout year.
- We ministered with the Mass Choir on Easter Sunday, Christmas Sunday Service, and for the MLK Service. Our Minister of Music, Jonathan Singleton organized the musicians to accompany us on drums, organ, piano, and bass guitar.
- The Choir was selected to minister in song three selections for Senator Elizabeth Warren's Presidential Campaign Speech, at the "Old South Meeting House", in December. Each choir member took a photo with the Senator, as well as other elected officials present.
- It was also a great opportunity for two of our college students, Angelica Woodson and Anthony Wright, to sing with the choir. They both performed as soloist for this historical event. Anthony sang " Every Praise", and Angelica sang "The Star Spangled Banner".
- The choir members received words of wisdom from Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Congressman Joe Kennedy.
- Sister King-Woodson put together a reunion choir for Reverend Gerald's Pastoral Anniversary Sunday. Several formal members of the Youth and Children's Choir participated in this musical celebration.

COMMENTS

We are forever grateful to Reverend Jeffrey Brown for organizing this historical opportunity for us. We were supported by Reverend Willie Bodrick, Brother Winston Bodrick, Coach Darryl Simpson, and Deaconess Batchelder. A very special "Thank you" to Mrs. Michelle Wright for transporting us by van via the Transportation Ministry.

The Youth/Young Adult Music Ministry will continue to grow under God's authority. Our Youth Minister Dr. Joshua Bartholomew has been a mentor of strong faith to our Youth/Young Adult Choir members.

DIRECTOR

Sister Carrie King-Woodson M.Ed

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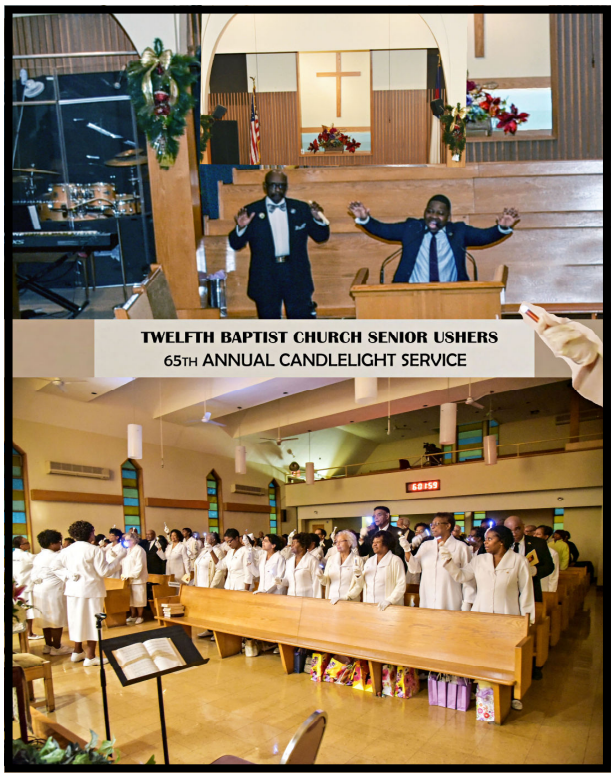

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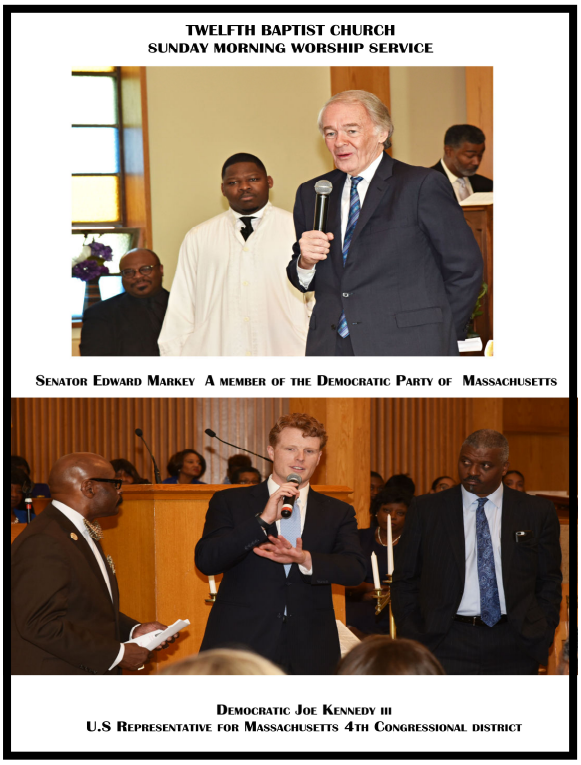
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