

# REFUGE



WAY OF THE CROSS CHURCH OF CHRIST, INC.  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2021

## GROWING THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

This year's theme for Refuge is "Time to Grow, I Will Grow". When it comes to spiritual growth, the secret to our success is written in the Word of God.

We thank God for our Wednesday bible studies taught by Pastor Barnett. His desire is to see our relationship with Christ deepen as we are challenged by the word of God.

Below are some of his teachings which can be viewed on our Refuge FB page:

- Patriarchal Dispensation (2/17/21)
- Dispensation of Human Government (2/10/21)
- Antediluvian Dispensation (2/3/21)
- Edenic Dispensation (1/29/21)



These bible studies show us how God reveals Himself through ordered events. We see how no matter how man tries to govern himself, he always fails without God.

If you desire to hear more about this God who desires to have a relationship with you, please join us during about bible class. We would be happy to welcome you to our virtual sanctuary!!

### Bible Study Feedback



It gives me a greater interpretation and better understanding of God's word.



Relaxed atmosphere. Love the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.



It helps me to stay grounded. I look forward to listening to the bible studies.



It causes me to dig deeper in the word. It's contributing to my spiritual growth.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

- \*Livestream.com/refugewotcc
- \*Facebook
- \*Zoom Dial In: 1(301)715-8592
- \*Meeting ID: 553 459 688
- Passcode: 279228

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

- \*Dial in Zoom Meeting  
1(301)715-8592
- \*Meeting ID: 830 2623 0896
- Password: 730484

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICES 7:00 PM

FAMILY NIGHT  
1<sup>st</sup> Fridays

MEN'S MINISTRY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays

YOUTH FOR CHRIST  
3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays

MISSIONARY BOARD  
4<sup>th</sup> Fridays  
(every other month)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
4<sup>th</sup> Fridays  
(every other month)

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# THE PREACHERS CORNER

## PREACHERS on a MISSION

We are encouraged by the work God is doing in and through our preachers in calling them to serve in the ministry.

We also thank God for Apostle Leroy H. Cannady, Sr., preaching and teaching the Word of God and sharing the wisdom that God has given him.

You can join them via FB Live or Zoom on selected Friday night services, and on some Wednesday night Bible Studies as they bring forth the Word of God.

Let's continue to pray for them as they continue to preach and teach the Word, and support our Pastor.



*Join*  
**MINISTER ERIC JOHNSON**

**on the W.O.W. Gospel Ministries, Int'l Call**

7:30 am on Mondays and Saturdays  
(Praise and Worship starts at 7:00 am)

Dial-In Number - 1 (605) 475-3200 – Pin #401251



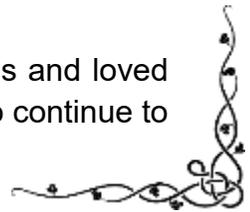
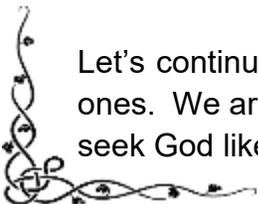
## SPIRITUAL REPORT



### Thanking God For the Souls!!

In the midst of this pandemic, we thank God for the 2 souls that received the precious gift of the Holy Ghost, Bro. Arik Smith and Sis. Judy Oliver, and the 5 souls that were baptized in Jesus name, Kyra Hunt, Janae Thomas, Jessica Thomas, Yulanda Thomas, and Brichelle McRae.

Let's continue to reach out to the lost souls and pray that God would save our families and loved ones. We are praying for those who are seeking the Holy Ghost. We encourage you to continue to seek God like never before.



# REFUGE MINISTRIES CORNER

## MEN'S MINISTRY Keep Your Eyes on the Prize!!



The football season has ended and one team received the prize. So, I say to you, as a team or a body joined together, keep your eyes on the prize. Put on your uniform and protect yourself from opposition. We have to cross the goal line to win.

Paul mentioned about putting on the whole armour of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day "and this is the evil day", the helmet, the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes for the gospel of peace, shield of faith, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

President: Dea. Albert Boyd



## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!



We are excited to announce the restart of Sunday School, which will begin on March 7, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. The theme for the year is "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby". 1 Peter 2:2

Join us in person, via livestream, or via zoom.  
(Meeting ID 553 459 688 - Passcode 279228)

Superintendent: Min. Ronald Rowlette

## Congratulations Brooke!!



We would like to recognize Brooke Wilkes-Gantt for her accomplishments this year. She consistently is awarded for being a leader in participation, encouraging her peers and adhering to the Commodore Core Promises.

Those Promises are perseverance, gratitude, contribution, honor and integrity, and commitment to quality. Her grades are as follows:

A+	Spanish	A-	English/Language Arts
B	Geography	A-	Math
A-	Science		

We are so proud of Brooke for how she continues to persevere in these challenging times.

President: Min. Domanique Wilkes

# REFUGE MINISTRIES CORNER

## MISSIONARY BOARD

*OPEN DISCUSSION - (For All Women of Refuge)*



SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021  
11:00 am on Zoom

*(Dial-In information will be given)*

*What Does "Loving Your Sister" Mean to You?*

President: Missionary Anita Miller

## *Save The Dates*

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

### **WOMEN'S TEA PARTY**

Discussion Topic:

**"DESIGNED AND DESTINED TO BE  
VICTORIOUS – HOW DO YOU SPELL VICTORY?"**

Program Coordinator: Lady Tiffany Barnett

Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVICE**

Theme:

**"THE DEFINITION OF A VIRTUOUS WOMAN"**

Program Coordinator: Sis. Michelle Lovelace



President: Sis. Robin Wilkes

# TESTIMONY CORNER

## A TESTIMONY FROM BRO. ARIK SMITH



Praise the Lord everyone!

I can truly say that I am blessed at all times! Even in these times of great restriction and uncertainty, I've found comfort in being able to draw closer to Christ. In a time where the country is in civil and political unrest, and so many people are meeting an unexpected end due to COVID, I have found my greatest blessing of all.

For 8 years of my life, I had felt consumed with the work of trying to establish myself in a lot of different subject areas. Education, sports, and people were at the center of my attention, and I felt like God had taken a bit of a backseat in my life. But oh was I so wrong! At the outset of this pandemic, when restrictions were the greatest, I found myself at home with no sports, no school life, and very few people around. It was then, through reflection that I realized that God had never taken a backseat in my life. He has been with me, closely, for as long as I can remember.

As I sat at home, I began to recall all of the impossible situations I have been in and how I seem to have escaped them all unharmed and even victorious. Along with these memories came the question, why? Why has God been protecting and guiding me for so long when I haven't been paying attention to Him like I should? This prompted me to actively try and further my relationship with God beyond the formalities of church service and the occasional prayer. I knew immediately what my next step was. Yep, you guessed it, receiving the Holy Ghost. I had tried many times when I was younger to receive this wonderful gift, but it always seemed to elude me. So, I did what one should never do. I gave up and settled for being paused in my spiritual development for years. However, this time I was determined to see it through.

So, I began fasting, praying, and meditating on the word of God in the hope of receiving what was promised to me in the Bible. I tarried for the gift a total of three times. On the third time, I realized that there was nothing that I could do to deserve the gift, and that I was completely and utterly unworthy of God's grace. Yet, I remembered how much of it I had been shown. In that moment I received the Holy Ghost and I can't thank Christ enough for it. It's a power that I can feel and see working in my life, and it absolutely cannot be substituted. So, let this testimony be an encouragement to those who may find themselves in a similar situation as I did. Don't give up, it's never too late!

God bless you all!  
Arik C. Smith

# ENCOURAGEMENT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT



Praise the Lord my brothers and sisters.

I just wanted to encourage you to remain covered and in the secret place of God as we continue to navigate through this pandemic. We have been witnesses to losing many of our spiritual as well as natural family members affected with this virus. Yet, we remain hopeful.

Please be encouraged and know that God is in control of our lives and no matter what comes our way, we are not alone. If possible, reach out and call your sisters and brothers just to say "I'm thinking of you." Those few words can go a long way because "we are our brothers and sisters keepers."

In closing, let us remain connected in our weekly and Sunday services until we can fully come together again into the sanctuary. Let us continue to remain in that "secret place in God" for our strength and healing.

I love you, Sister Vivian Person

## CAREFIRST BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD "ASSOCIATE OF THE YEAR" 2020



As a valued member of my team, I want to take this opportunity to thank this associate for a year of hard work and dedication.

Last year, this associate transitioned to FEHBP and took the reins to develop new skills conducive to her new duties. At many times, she took the initiative with recommending process improvement and developed a streamline process in her daily tasks to render greater performance. She also demonstrated leadership skills and provided excellent coaching to her team members with achieving higher quality goals. I appreciate her work with managing multiple associate data with efficiency and accurately reporting performance results. She consistently provided clear and concise communication and always ensured I was well informed with the team's results and their areas of opportunity for improvement.

I appreciate the effort she made to maintain a positive attitude even when faced with challenging situations during her transition and 2020 Pandemic. Cheryl is a wonderful asset to the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program (FEHBP) Claims Team. Thank you for your dedication and please keep up the GREAT work!!

Congratulations on your accomplishments!!!!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST MEETING

EVERY 1<sup>ST</sup> TUESDAY  
All youth are asked to join in the of future services.

### SENIOR CARE MINISTRY

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
12 NOON

### MISSIONARY PRAYER CALL

EVERY THURSDAY  
7:00 PM

### MEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY  
11:00 AM

## JANUARY

Christine Cannady 1/13  
Deacon John Person 1/16  
Michael Cannady- 1/19  
Gladys Pauley 1/26  
Frederick Johnson 1/30  
Jeremiah Cannady - 1/31

## FEBRUARY

Amiya Bradley 2/01  
Timothy Boston 2/02  
Kimberly Smith 2/08  
Gabrielle Cannady 2/15  
Yolanda Miller 2/21  
Shirley Holly 2/23  
Darlene Cannady 2/27

## MARCH

JoAnn Latham 3/10  
Mary Tucker 3/11  
Judy Oliver 3/17  
Dena Smith 3/24  
Phyllis Cannady 3/28  
Elizabeth Graham 3/28  
Alvinal Barnes 3/30  
Maria Rowlette 3/31

If you want us to acknowledge your birthday, give your information to Sis. Sandra Cannady - 443-794-2291 or via email – [Sandra\\_cannady@comcast.net](mailto:Sandra_cannady@comcast.net).



## THE CHURCH OFFICE



### FINANCIAL NUMBERS FOR ENVELOPES

Please be informed that anyone with financial numbers 101 and up will be issued a new number for all their giving (Offering, Tithing, Building Fund, Dues). Please contact Missionary Shirley Johnson for more information.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

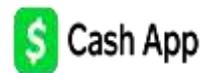
We would like to keep in contact with all registered members in order to keep everyone informed of special events, special church business matters, services, etc. It is important that you update your records if you have any changes to your address, phone number (home or cell), email address, or next of kin (name/phone-relationship).

You may contact Missionary Shirley Johnson – 410-464-0320 or via email – [sisshirleyjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:sisshirleyjohnson@gmail.com) concerning updates.

### WAYS TO GIVE



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### HOW TO LOG INTO ZOOM

#### From Web Browser

1. Type in [join.zoom.us](https://join.zoom.us).
2. Click on "Join A Meeting"
3. Enter your meeting ID provided by the host/organizer.
4. Click Join. If this is your first time joining from Google Chrome, you will be asked to open the Zoom client to join the meeting.

Stay connected and share our upcoming news, events and announcements. Refuge members, if you would like to submit anything for the newsletter, please contact Sis. Patrice Johnson @ 443-255-1427 or via e-mail – [marcia\\_21234@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia_21234@yahoo.com) .  
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