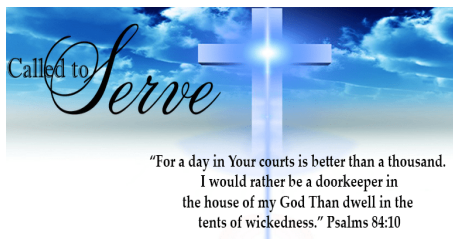


NEWSLETTER

RUTH SMITH-LEIGH, PRESIDENT  
DEACON LEE ROY STEPHENS, VICE PRESIDENT

MARIA TRAYNHAM, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT & YOUTH DIRECTOR  
ZXAVIER LEIGH, YOUTH MINISTRY PRESIDENT



President's Message



Greetings Virginia State Baptist Ushers Union from the Halifax County Ushers Union. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." Galatians 5:22 (KJV).

We are blessed for an opportunity to serve the Lord and to be partakers of His goodness. May we continue to work in love and peace---striving for excellence in the Lord.

Blessings Overflow-  
Ruth Smith-Leigh, President  
Halifax County Usher Union  
and Vicinity

GETTING READY FOR THE NEXT STEP



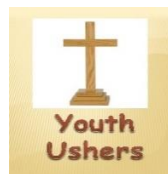
Doorkeepers for the Lord  
We have been one of the most consistent and constant ministries in the history of the Church. We are the doorkeepers of the Lord and welcome the opportunity to serve and greet people who attend our Church. We are the first face they meet when they attend Church.

Congratulations!

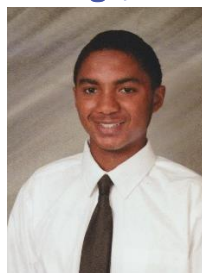


Scholarship Reipients 2020-2021

- ❖ Virginia State Baptist Ushers' Union
  - Aaliyah Paige
  - Norfolk State University
- ❖ High School
  - Jalisa Brooks
  - Jade Edmunds
  - Tazmin Glass
  - Lauryn Miller
  - Camryn M. Pointer
  - Otis Slayton



Xzavier Leigh, President



12th Grader  
First Baptist Church  
South Boston, VA

"Moving on up!"  
As George Jefferson would say.....

2021 Scholarship Queen



Helen H. Leigh  
First Place  
Pleasant Grove Missionary  
Baptist Church



2021 Scholarship Queen



Gladys L. Frierson  
2nd Place

Dan River Bethel Baptist Church



Mary Pannell  
3rd Place

Sunflower Baptist Church

2020 Scholarship Queens



Belinda P. Barnes  
First Place

County Line Baptist Church



Shaniya M. Marable  
2nd Place Runner-Up

Mountain Grove Baptist Church

Women of the Bible Pageant Queen Reports -May 2020

- Berry Hill - Abigail
- County Line -Deborah
- Dan River Bethel -Elizabeth
- Elkhorn - Esther
- First Baptist-South Boston-Eve
- Greater Brandon-Hannah
- Mountain Grove-Jezebel
- New Arbor- Miriam
- New Bethel- Mary (Mother of Jesus)
- Piney Grove - Naomi,
- Pleasant Grove (SB) Priscilla
- Pleasant Grove(Nathalie) Rachel
- Spanish Grove - Rahab
- St. James - Lois & Eunice,
- St. Mark - Sarah
- St. Matthew - Rebekah
- Sunflower - Sarah
- Traynham Grove - Shunammite Woman
- White Oak Grove - Jael

“FOLLOWING JESUS EACH STEP OF THE WAY.”

I would Rather Be a Doorkeeper in the House of My God than to dwell in the tent of the wicked. Psalm 84:10

We are following Jesus, One step at a time We live for the moment, In His love divine, Why think of tomorrow, Just live for today; We are following Jesus, Each step of the way.

The pathway is narrow, But HE leads us on; We walk on HIS Shadow, Our fears are all gone. Our spirit grows stronger, Each moment , each day, For Jesus is leading Each step of the WAY.



In our local church, the Ushers were required and had to lead the way. Making sure each worshipper had a mask on before entering to worship, had their temperature checked, hands

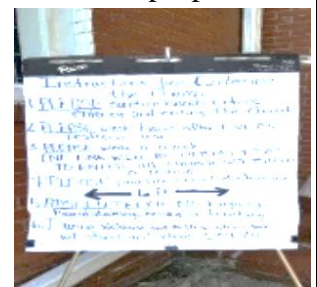
sanitized and were seated social distancing. Also, so that our church had proper air flow, doors were left open even during the cold winter months. Greater Brandon Chapel Missionary Baptist



Church is submitting some visual moments, a few photos to capture the look in the times June 14, 2020 to the present day. Currently, we



have no regular monthly meetings, Bible study and church school is by telephone conference call. Communication otherwise, is by texting messages, and email. Through it all GOD is still showering his Blessings. Our church now gives out food to anyone that would like to have it every other Saturday. Also, we have



partnered with another church to go to a food bank once a month (the last Thursday) in addition to every other Saturday food give away. God is still in Charge and continues to Provide.



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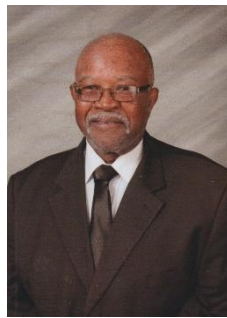
Called to *Serve*



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Financial Sect'y



Vernesta D. Carrington  
Program Chair



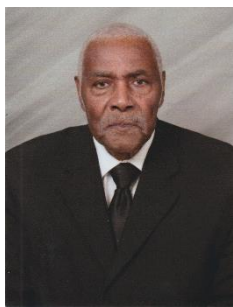
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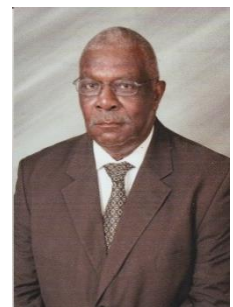
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Album/Newspaper,  
Chairperson

**A Tribute Poem: Dedicated to the memory of our 2020-2021 HCUU & Vicinity Deceased Ushers**

**THE ROSE STILL GROWS BEYOND THE WALL**

Near a shady wall a rose grew,  
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,  
Watered and fed by morning dew,  
Shedding its sweetness day and night.  
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,  
Slowly rising to loftier height,  
It came to a crevice in the wall,  
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength,  
With never a thought of fear or pride,  
It followed the light through the crevice's length,  
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view  
Were found the same as they were;  
And it lost itself in beauties new,  
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,  
And make our courage faint or fail?  
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive;  
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Scattering fragrance far and wide,  
Just as it did in days of yore,  
Just as it did on the other side,  
Just as it will for evermore.

A.L. Frank



\* Malinda Crawley  
\* Memorial Chairperson

**Memorials for 2020-2021**

**Blanche Marie Crews Logan**

Sunrise-March 1, 1938 Sunset-February 18, 2020  
County Line Baptist Church

**Ida Catherine Terry**

Sunrise-July 3, 1960 Sunset- September 3, 2020  
St. Matthew Baptist Church

**Delvin Melissa Miller**

Sunrise-December 14, 1978 Sunset-April 20, 2021  
County Line Baptist Church



**Upcoming Events**

Annual Rainbow Tea  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday- October -3PM  
Banister Sunnyside Missionary Center

**The Halifax County Ushers Union welcomes**

**Rev. Dwight L. Wilkerson,**

**Pastor of Dan River Bethel Baptist Church**

as

**Moderator-Elect**

of

**Sunnyside Missionary Baptist Association**



*Note of Thanks!*

*We kindly thank everyone for every effort made to help make our first newsletter a success.*



**The Committee:**

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