



First Missionary Baptist Church

# Youth Connection

January 2025

1 Letter from Senior Pastor

1 Letter from Youth Ministry Leaders

2 A Look Back: Youth Achievements in 2024

6 Rising Youth

7 High School Senior Section

8 Upcoming Youth Events and Planning

8 Contact Us

T.  
O.  
C.

## I GREET YOU IN THE STRONG NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Rev. Timothy McLaurin, Jr.  
FMBC Pastor

I am excited about this new year. As your Pastor, one of the reasons I'm excited is because I get to announce the relaunch of our First Missionary Baptist Church Youth Ministry. I hope you are excited too. If not, you should be!

You should be excited because we're planning to do things we've never done before in this youth ministry. Plus, this ministry is all about you — your ideas and your needs. You'll have a say in what we do and how we do it. I can't wait to see the great ideas you come up with. I'm looking forward to seeing you grow in your knowledge of the Bible, serve God, become leaders in the church and community, and bond with each other through fun activities and fellowship.

What is really going to make this ministry different and better than any other ministry is YOU. Each one of you — through your involvement, your participation and your ideas — will make this ministry the best ministry ever! Make sure you participate.

Parents make sure your children participate. We don't want anyone to be the missing piece to our puzzle.

Congratulations to all who are being recognized today and to those who are not being recognized but are as just as remarkable and outstanding.

## Greetings from Chris and Trice

We're bursting with excitement to unveil the inaugural edition of the FMBC Youth Connection Publication as we kick off the fabulous year of 2025! This newsletter is all about shining the spotlight on our incredible youth who are lighting up the community, chasing excellence, and spreading God's love everywhere! In order to be considered a youth for the purposes of the FMBC Youth Ministry, you must be in the 6th through 12th grade.

Get ready to stay in the loop with this publication! We'll keep you and your families updated on upcoming events, celebrate youth achievements, and share some awesome opportunities for spiritual and career growth.

We can't wait to train our talented youth to write and edit future editions of this publication, and as Pastor mentioned we're all ears for feedback from our amazing youth and their families on how we can improve this publication and the Youth Ministry! **Many Blessings.**



Chris & Trice Walker  
FMBC Youth Ministry Leaders

## A LOOK BACK: YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

### MAYCEE DAVIS



**Age:** 12

**School:** Boonsboro Middle School

**Grade:** 7th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:** Assistant with FMBC Children's Church Ministry and Drama Ministry

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Her written work has been selected for publication in a book showcasing the talent of young writers
- Exceptional performance in Seeds and Roots program
- Honored with the opportunity to sing the Black National Anthem at the Black Frederick Top 25 Award Ceremony in Spring 2025.

### SAVANNAH HOLT



**Age:** 13

**School:** Brunswick Middle School

**Grade:** 7th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:** Children's Church

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Participates in all honors and acculturated courses in school

### ELAINA MOORE



**Age:** 14

**School:** Frederick High School

**Grade:** 9th grade

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll

## A LOOK BACK: YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

### TERRELL L. NAYLOR



**Age:** 11

**School:** West Frederick Middle School

**Grade:** 6th grade

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll

### KEIRA ROBERTS



**Age:** 14

**School:** St. John's Catholic Prep

**Grade:** 9th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:** Teacher's Assistant for FMBC Children's Church, Member of Drama, Choir and Youth Ministries

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- PA for Girls Scouts Troop
- Co-captain, JV basketball team
- Varsity Cheerleader
- Received the "Most Team Spirit" and "Outstanding Achievement" awards in volleyball

### ELIJAH STEWART



**Age:** 14

**School:** St. John's College High in DC

**Grade:** 9th grade

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Member of Jack & Jill (Columba Chapter)
- MVP (Perfect Game – Baseball April 2024)
- Travel Team (Topp Tier Basketball Championship Winner)
- Flag Football Team Cadet Corp Winner (2024)

## A LOOK BACK: YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

### LAUREN TISDALE



**School:** Oakdale High School

**Grade:** 9th grade

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Honor Roll
- Active member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Western Maryland Chapter
- Created videos to honor the legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Shirley Chisholm
- Assisted in painting the mural/fundraising for the Boys and Girls Club on Burke St.
- Educates local businesses about the guidelines for selling tobacco and vape products on behalf of the Frederick County Health Dept.
- Member of JV cheer team at Oakdale High
- Member of Frederick Steppers' Dancing Stars which just competed in Portsmouth, VA Christmas dance competition.
- Chosen to perform in her 5th Seed to Roots Showcase on February 17, 2025, at the Weinberg

### SUHAIL ZIAD



**Age:** 14

**School:** Linganore High School

**Grade:** 9th grade

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Honor Roll
- Exceptional Academic Achievement
- Recognized for participation and contributions toward Linganore High School Junior Varsity Soccer Team



*Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.*

Proverbs 16:3

## A LOOK BACK: YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

### BAKARI DARDELLO



**Age:** 16

**School:** Frederick High School

**Grade:** 10th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:** Teacher's Assistant and Receptionist for FMBC Children's Church

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Grade Point Average of 3.5
- Honored at Academic Awards Ceremony (2023-2024)
- Varsity Wrestling Team

### ADAMAH Z. GANT



**Age:** 15

**School:** Brunswick High School

**Grade:** 10th grade

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- A member of the Jr. Varsity Basketball at Brunswick High School

### JUSTIN E. WALKER



**Age:** 16

**School:** Governor Thomas Johnson High School

**Grade:** 10th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:** Drama Ministry

---

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Participates in Concert and Marching Band at Governor Thomas Johnson High School playing two instruments - the trombone and the baritone
- Part of the Governor Thomas Johnson High School marching band that won the 2024 MMBA Championship in the open small division.

**MADYSON DAVIS**



**Age:** 16

**School:** Boonsboro High School

**Grade:** 11th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:** Audiovisual Ministry, Teacher’s Assistant with FMBC Children’s Church Ministry and Drama Ministry

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Will proudly represent her local chapter of Jack and Jill of America Eastern Region Teen Conference in Philadelphia, PA, as the Eastern Regional Chair
- Recently showcased her leadership by planning and hosting a regional webinar titled “Beyond the Game: Black Athletes in Non-Traditional Sports” which drew nearly 100 attendees and was focused on breaking barriers and sharing strategies for success with future athletes
- State runner up in Flag Football at Boonsboro High School
- Earned flag football the title of “Defensive Playing of the Year” and earned a spot on the All County Defensive First Team for flag football

**RIISING YOUTH**



**RENATA SIMS-OUTLAND (3RD)**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Recognized for her outstanding performance as Eliza Collins in the school musical of “James Madison: Little Man with Big Ideas”
- Loves to help classmates and has been given the opportunity to work with administrators at Frederick County Public Schools downtown office
- Participates in FMBC Mass Choir and FMBC Children’s Church Ministry



**AALIYAH BAINE (5TH)**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Medaled twice in flag football
- Sings in Chorus
- Plays violin for second year



**GENEVIEVE GREENE (5TH)**

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Achievements in the arts
- Step Team
- Selected to join the Services Learning Club which teaches leadership skills and engages in community service.
- Assist at the assisted living facility with the elderly living there
- Known for helping out at school and at the youth center after school

Children in 5th grade and under will not be recognized in future publication as we hope they will eventually have there own publication.

# SENIORS CORNER



**SHAWN HOLT**

**Age:** 18

**School:** Brunswick H.S.

**Grade:** 12th grade

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Current Grade Point Average of 3.79
- Takes all Honors Classes in High School



**ISAIAH STEWART**

**Age:** 17

**School:** Glenelg H.S.

**Grade:** 12th grade

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Student Athlete Academic Award
- Member of Jack & Jill (Columbia. Chapter)
- 2024 Regional Championship Award – 2A West II (Baseball)
- 2024 Second Place State Champion – 2A West II (Baseball)



**LAYLA S. WALKER**

**Age:** 17

**School:** Governor Thomas Johnson H.S.

**Grade:** 12th grade

**FMBC Ministry Participation:**

Usher Ministry and Drama Ministry

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

- Honor Roll
- Grade Point Average of 4.6
- BACE Certified (Biotechnician Assistant Credential Certified)
- Graduate of the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science Program.
- CTC (Career and Technology Center) Student Ambassador from 2022 – 2024
- Participates in concert band, jazz band, pit orchestra, high brass small ensemble and marching band at Governor Thomas Johnson High School playing two instruments – the trumpet and the French horn
- Section leader for Championship Governor Thomas Johnson High School Band high brass section
- Part of the Governor Thomas Johnson High School marching band that won both the 2023 and 2024 MMBA Championship in the open small division.
- Inducted and active participant of Science National Honor society from 2022 – 2025
- Inducted and active participant of the Mu Alpha Theta Math National Honor society from 2024 – 2025

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### Youth Hour of Power

"Experiencing God"

Study for Youth

**Every 2nd Sunday** during service starting with the introductory session on January 26, 2025. Books and activity guides will be provided to each student.

#### Add the future dates to your calendar for 2025:

February 23rd

March 9th

April 13th

May 11th

June 8th

August 10th

September 14th

October 12th

November 9th

### Black History Programming

February is Black History Month, and we are looking forward to having our youth bring short black history presentations at each service in February.

We will be reaching out to youth and their parents to obtain volunteers to speak at both services each Sunday. Please reach out to us using the contact information in this newsletter if you are interested.

### Youth Mentoring

Are you a youth who wants to know what it takes to work in a ministry at FMBC? Are you looking for someone to help mentor you as you grow in Christ? Maybe you have career goals or academic goals and need someone to provide guidance and support to you along the way. Well, FMBC-YM is now recruiting and vetting mentors to match with our youth. Once we have our mentors in place, youth will be able to request mentors and attend events created specifically for mentors and mentees.

### FMBC Youth Connection Publication

Are you achieving academic excellence? Are you actively participating at FMBC in ministry work to help carry out the church mission? Did you help your team or group achieve amazing feats? Are you doing great things in the community or at your school? If so, we want to recognize you! We don't want anyone to be left out! We are so sorry if we did not get to celebrate your 2024 accomplishments in this inaugural Youth Connection Publication. We know some of you are doing great things but may have missed out on submitting for this current publication. We do not want to miss your great accomplishments in the future please submit your accomplishment in each quarter of the year to be recognized for your greatness!

### Submission Deadline

(must submit your newsletter entry by this date)

April 6th

July 6th

October 5th

### Publication and Church Celebration Date

April 27th

July 27th

October 26th

We have many more events in the works. Please keep an eye on the monthly church bulletins and weekly announcement at FMBC to learn about what awesome events and activities we have planned just for you. You may also learn about new events on our website or by contacting us using the contact information below.

## THE FMBC YOUTH MINISTRY EXEC TEAM



REV. TONNY HARRIS



BRO. CHRIS WALKER



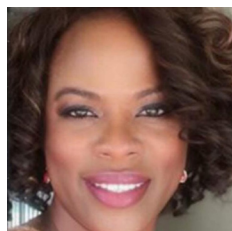
SIS. BEATRICE WALKER



DEACON DWIGHT PALMER



DEACONESS SANDRA GILLETT PALMER



SIS. WEDE GANT



SIS. KELLY TYLER ZIAD

## CONTACT INFORMATION

FMBC Youth Ministry  
(FMBC-YM)

Email:

[Youth@fmbcfred.org](mailto:Youth@fmbcfred.org)

Website:

[www.fmbcfred.org/youth](http://www.fmbcfred.org/youth)

Design and layout by FMBC Publicity Team