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MINISTRY IN THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

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## RETURNING FROM SABBATICAL

Hello everyone who still reads the newsletter articles. Today as I sit writing this article my sabbatical is rapidly coming to an end. A sabbatical is defined by Oxford language Dictionary as an extended period of leave from work, typically to rest, study and/or travel. Usually, one year for every seven years worked. As I delved in deeper, I found that six months to a year is the typical timeframe of a sabbatical. So, with all that technical definition, I guess I really should be off for four to ten more months. Maybe next time, but for now I will say it has been helpful.

In Mark 6:3, after having sent the disciples out to do front line ministry, Jesus called them together and said, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.’ For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.” I can honestly identify with those words as over the last two and half years I have felt the lack of opportunity to adequately and sufficiently pull away from the comings and goings of ministry. My observation has been that Covid created a greater demand for ministry in multiple and new ways while it also revealed and perhaps created a lack of or pulling back of helpers in the ministry. While many more needed and wanted to be ministered to, many also abandoned the work to the pastor and a few others who were faithful. So the load was great but the laborers few. I am very sure this is why so many of my pastoral colleagues left and are leaving the ministry. Needless to say, rest is very important in ministry. Not only did Jesus call His disciples to it but He, Himself often stepped away, alone to pray and rejuvenate for the assignments ahead. I am praying for more of God’s people to step up and be faithful to Him, not me, that needs of ministry may be more efficiently met.

This time away has proven vital to me. I was able to rest. I mean truly rest, mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally. I realized during this time how much I have not been able to do and focus on. I was able to go hiking with my granddaughter, fishing with my grandson and brother, take my mom away to see her siblings, dates with my daughters, hangout with my son, and spend tons

of valuable, peaceful, quality time with my lovely wife. I was also able to hear from and speak to God about my life and the life of the ministry of Kettering Baptist. These were priceless experiences that only God could make happen. I am so grateful for this last two months off and for the many prayers you may have prayed on our behalf. Thank you for that.

I also had an unusual experience while I was away traveling. I cannot remember where I was at the time but I was laying back just thanking God that I was feeling so at peace and grateful for all He has done and was doing at the moment. About that time, the Lord said to me, “What if this was virtual?” Imagine with me if you will going to Myrtle Beach, Cancun or the Dominican Republic virtually. Your wave jumping and swimming time is virtual, your tanning and naps on the beach, virtual and after a few hours of that you go back to your virtual hotel room to get ready for dinner. When you get to dinner, the camera pans over all your favorite and not so favorite foods and there are hands preparing you a virtual plate of food, overrunning of course because you are on vacation. Now when it comes time to eat it you can see the fork raising food to your mouth and noises of enjoyment, you even get to see the camera pan on others who are there enjoying the meal, laughing and having a great time. It is at that time it dawned on me, that there are some things that you just have to be there to gain the full benefit of. Two things specifically strike me regarding this lesson, virtual worship is not the same as being there, and virtual rest does not give me the same benefit as true rest. I just have to be there to enjoy both to the fullest. Guess what so do you. Let me close with this thought will you be ok with going to virtual heaven while all the other believers get to actually go to be with the Lord in person, face to face? Don’t get me wrong, virtual experiences have their place but some things you just need to be there to reap the full glory and benefit of. I am so glad Kettering to be returning from actual sabbatical.

Loving My Sheep  
Pastor Bucas Sterling, III



Philippians 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. .  
**Achieving Our Full Potential in Christ**





**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**  
**ACHIEVING OUR FULL POTENTIAL IN CHRIST**



**Pearls of Purpose**  
**A Ministry of Women's Enrichment**

This one year program is designed to create a venue where the young ladies in the body of Kettering Baptist Church can be exposed to and cultivated by distinguished women of God and other professionals in becoming the precious pearls of distinction, in presentation, personality, poise, and character, which God purposed them to be.

**Ministry Mission:** To empower young ladies through the teaching of Godly principles to impact the world and draw others to Christ in speech, dress, countenance, and Godly relationships.

Our 2021-2022 Pearls of Purpose Graduates are:

- Nyla Adon
- Paris Burgess
- Lailani Harrell
- Aniyah Hill
- Kennedy Leslie
- Nehvada Luster
- Sydney Owens

Special Thanks to those who helped make this 2021-2022 year a great success:

- Judge ShaRon Kelsey – Circuit Court for Prince George's County  
 Ms. Julie Carr  
 Ms. Heather Chapman  
 Dr. Tina Floy – Wellness Pediatrics  
 Pastor and First Lady Sterling  
 Mrs. Rhonda Caldwell  
 Lieutenant Kristina Coleman – Prince George's County Sheriff's Office  
 Dr. Deneise McCain – Prince George's County Family Justice Center  
 Ms. Thella Mae Jones  
 Prince George's Community College Staff  
 Dr. Jacqueline Brown, Ms. Alicia Jackson-Warren, Dr. Daine Wilkins, Ms. Kimberly Johnson, Ms. A'Ja Ross  
 Mrs. Barbara Driggins  
 Dr. Chenere Evans – WEM Facilitator  
 Mrs. LaTonya White – WEM Facilitator



**Pastor Bucas Sterling III**  
**The Newsletter Ministry Members**  
 Sis. Brenda Brown  
 Sis. Jaime Eley McDowney  
 Sis. Debbie Mosby  
 Bro. Kenneth Trass

**Our Mission Statement**

To lift up the name of Jesus Christ, that all men may be drawn to Him. To inform, edify, and encourage the members and ministries of Kettering Baptist Church Legacy Center. To inform and encourage our community.

**Article deadline:** 25th day of the previous month

**Please send articles to:** [KetteringNews@ketteringministries.org](mailto:KetteringNews@ketteringministries.org)

*The Newsletter Ministry kindly reserves the right to edit or alter all submissions for publication. The Pastor has the final authority on publication.*



**2022 LIVING LEGEND**  
**ACHIEVING OUR FULL POTENTIAL IN CHRIST**



**Patricia Covington**  
**2022 Living Legend**





# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ACHIEVING OUR FULL POTENTIAL IN CHRIST



### Scholarship Ministry

The Scholarship Ministry and the Employment Ministry invites all high school students to attend an informal panel discussion about future career paths after high school on Wednesday, October 12th at 7pm. This year's panel will focus on careers in the Arts. The Ministry will host a panel of guest speakers representing the music, dance and fashion industries. Light refreshments will be served. For more information contact, the Scholarship ministry at [scholarship@ketteringministries.org](mailto:scholarship@ketteringministries.org). We look forward to seeing you.

**Scholarship Ministry**  
 Calling all middle and high school students!  
**"What's Next After High School?"**  
**Wednesday, October 12th at 7 p.m.**  
 This year's theme will focus on careers in the Arts.  
 a panel of guest speakers representing the music,  
 dance and fashion industry  
[www.ketteringministries.org](http://www.ketteringministries.org) to register

### DTM Registration

Discipleship Training Ministry (DTM) Registration DTM Session B of the Fall Semester is quickly approaching! Registration will be held Sunday, October 16th through Tuesday, November 1st and classes will start on Monday, November 7th. The schedule of classes is forthcoming. For more information, please contact Pastor Williams at [andre.williams@ketteringministries.org](mailto:andre.williams@ketteringministries.org).

**DTM**  
**Fall Semester B**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**Sunday, October 16th thru**  
**Tuesday, November 1st**  
 register [www.ketteringministries.org](http://www.ketteringministries.org)  
 Schedule is on the website  
**Classes begin**  
**Monday, November 7th**  
 contact Pastor Williams at [andre.williams@ketteringministries.org](mailto:andre.williams@ketteringministries.org)

### October is Pastor Appreciation Month

**PASTOR APPRECIATION**  
*Celebrating our Senior Pastor*  
**Bucas Sterling, III**  
*the month of October*  
 We will acknowledge our Staff Ministers on October 9th: Andre Williams, Winfred Harris, Larry Camper, and Ryan Richardson. On October 23rd, we will acknowledge Pastor Sterling.  
 Please make check payable to each person.

“Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow... Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us (pastors); for we are confident that we (pastors) have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably” (Hebrews 13:7, 17-18). Please be generous in showing your appreciation to our Senior Pastor: Bucas Sterling, III, and our Staff Ministers: Pastor Andre Williams, Minister Larry Camper, Minister Winfred Harris, and Minister Ryan Richardson for their labor in the Lord. We will recognize Staff Ministers (make checks payable to them) on Sunday, October 9th and Pastor Sterling (make checks payable to Pastor Sterling) on Sunday, October 23rd. Monetary gifts can be made through e-giving, PayPal or you may use the designated envelopes available from one of the ushers.



## Health & Wellness Ministry

Attention Kettering adults and teens...October is Domestic Violence Awareness month The CDC reports that more than 1 in 3 women and about 1 in 4 men in the US experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime. Join the Health & Wellness Ministry as they host a free Domestic Violence Workshop, with speaker Shawnta Jackson, on Saturday, October 15th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The format is both in person and livestream. [Register by clicking here](#) through Friday, October 14th. See you there. At the end of this workshop the attendees will:

- Learn the signs of Domestic Violence
- Learn how to prevent Domestic Violence from happening to them
- Know how to get help for themselves or someone else in a Domestic Violence situation
- Know who or what agency to contact for help with Domestic Violence
- Know what NOT to do in a Domestic Violence situation



Shawnta Jackson

Kettering Baptist Church  
Health & Wellness Ministry



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AWARENESS MONTH



*Free*

**Domestic Violence Workshop**  
Saturday, October 15th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

The format is both in person and livestream.  
Please register at [ketteringministries.org](http://ketteringministries.org)

Did you know that 1 in 3 women and about 1 in 4 men in the US experience intimate partner violence in their lifetime.

## Circle of Comfort

If you have suffered a loss recently or even years ago, that loss can affect how you feel right now. The Circle of Comfort is where you can come and learn how to turn pain and darkness into joy again. Adult members may join us virtually on Saturday, October 15th at 10am. [Click here to register](#).

**Circle of Comfort**

**Saturday, October 15th**

Go to [www.ketteringministries.org](http://www.ketteringministries.org) for the virtual link.

Come and learn how to turn pain and darkness into joy again

If you have suffered a loss recently or even years ago, that loss can affect how you feel right now.

## Sweet Spirit Night

Save the Date: Come out and join Kettering Baptist Church for another fun-filled Sweet Spirit Night on Monday, October 31st from 5pm to 8:30pm. There will be games, prizes, candy and a special section for those 5 and under! Please remember that no scary costumes are permitted.

**Sweet Spirit Night**

**Monday, October 31, 2022**  
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**There will be games, prizes, candy and a special section just for those ages 5 and under.**

**Don't forget, no scary costumes are permitted.**



**OCTOBER 2022 BIRTHDAYS**  
 ACHIEVING OUR FULL POTENTIAL IN CHRIST



**OCTOBER 2022**  
**BIRTHDAYS**

**10/1** LAUREN CAMPER  
 ALLEN FULLER  
 STEVEN HARRIS  
 JEANETTA HINES  
 JESSICA LYONS  
 BRYAN W. MOORE  
 APRIL BURKE-WASHINGTON

**10/2** JAMES CREECH

**10/3** V. EVON BROWN  
 DEBORAH MCGRUDER  
 SIDNEY REYNOLDS  
 CYNTHIA OWENS  
 ROBERT YOUNG III

**10/4** CLORETTA COLLINS  
 NICOLLE MAKLE  
 CAMERON PHILLIPS

**10/5** RITA BOULWARE  
 ANNIE SMALLS  
 LAZINIA SMITH

**10/6** JOHNATHAN BECKETT JR.  
 ALEXIS BROWN  
 SARITA SWAN  
 MICHAEL SIMMONS

**10/7** MELINDA GOLDEN  
 PATRICIA HERRING  
 MURIEL LOGAN  
 BRYAN WILLIAMS

**10/8** CHARNELLE EVANS  
 CLARENCE JACKSON III  
 MARIO SEQUEIRA III

**10/9** KHARESHA CALVIN  
 DELORES DAYE  
 JOHN K. TAYLOR  
 ANN TURNER  
 DUANE WEAVER

**10/10** VICKY LYONS  
 DONNA MASON

**10/11** AVIS ALI  
 PORCHEA CHESHIER  
 KENNEDY LESLIE  
 SYLVIA LEWIS  
 PASTOR ANDRE WILLIAMS

**10/12** JEFFREY THOMPSON JR.

**10/13** LATRISHA EBON  
 MIN. RAMSEY MOORMAN

**10/14** MONICA McMILLAN

**10/15** RHYDER CHAPMAN  
 SHAMIKA HAMILTON

**10/17** JACQUELINE DALE  
 HILLIARD LYONS  
 PEYTON MCDOWNEY

**10/18** CHRISTOPHER CALDWELL  
 JIMMY CHERY  
 BRITTANY LOFTIN

**10/19** SHEILA CLEMENT  
 MERLE DIXON  
 ANDREW MCCLURE  
 WONDERLIN VARGAS

**10/20** DEION ARTHUR  
 DEIDRE STERLING

**10/21** MATTHEW BERG, SR.  
 RITA DANTLEY  
 NICHOLE HALL  
 CHIMDI MADUKA  
 CHIZETELU MADUKA  
 BRYAN THOMAS

**10/22** LENA BOYD  
 KRISTEN THOMEN

**10/23** DAVID BOYD  
 TONIA COLEMAN  
 DESIREE DAVIS  
 LANIERA JONES

**10/24** ANNA MCGILL

**10/25** JOANNA BARNES  
 TINA BUTLER  
 ZAHRA HILL  
 BARBARA NANCE  
 FRANCINE STOCKTON

**10/26** BRANDON BURGESS  
 JULIE CARR  
 BREANNA HECTOR  
 CASSANDRA MCINTYRE

**10/27** TRINITY SIRMONS

**10/28** ESTELLA BOSEMAN  
 MORIAH CLEMENT  
 JONATHAN CLERKLEY  
 DANIEL COLLINS  
 ANISSA COTTON  
 TRAVON DUVALL  
 WANDA HUGHES  
 WILLIAM MOSBY  
 KAREN N. SYLVESTER  
 MICAH WHITE  
 DANA PERNELL

**10/29** PATRICIA JONES  
 ANTHONY J. PORTER