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CELEBRATING JUBILEE AT THE LEGACY CENTER

When someone says celebrate, what comes to mind for you? Is it champagne, bubbly, wine, streamers, dinner or dancing? I suppose it all depends on what you are celebrating and how you have learned to celebrate. Celebration occurs when there has been some appreciable activity or action that has taken place. Celebrations can be large or small, public or private. The truth is we celebrate all kinds of things, birthdays, deaths, wedding dates, divorce dates, graduations, promotions, retirements and so much more. This month at the Legacy Center we are celebrating as well. We are celebrating fifty years of ministry as a local assembly.

Fifty Years is a Jubilee year. In Old Testament history every fiftieth year the Israelites celebrated jubilee and it was announced by the blowing of the trumpet. The Hebrew word yobhel stands for qeren ha-yobhel, meaning the horn of a ram. The ram's horn was used to trumpet an alarm, and thus the word yobhel came to be used as a synonym of trumpet. According to Leviticus 25:9 a loud trumpet should proclaim liberty throughout the country on the 10th day of the 7th month (the Day of Atonement), after the lapse of 7 sabbaths of years = 49 years. Every 50th year was to be announced as a jubilee year through the sounding of the yobhel. All real property should automatically revert to its original owner (Leviticus 25:10; compare 25:13), and those who, compelled by poverty, had sold themselves as slaves to their brothers, should regain their liberty (Leviticus 25:10).

I can only imagine how filled with excitement the people must have been when their debt was forgiven and their freedom restored. Who would possibly be docile and nonresponsive with such an announcement going forth? There would surely have been shouts of excitement, tears of joy, dancing in the streets, exuberance of music and singing, festivals

and feast, parties and picnics. Wow! Almost makes me want to say sound the trumpet.

This month as Kettering Baptist Church celebrates fifty years of ministry as a local assembly, we could place our focus on the fifty years of existence or we could celebrate the fact that for fifty years God has been using us to liberate people from their enslavement to sin. I would suggest the latter and in combination to that I want to suggest that we celebrate with great jubilation our own release from enslavement to Satan's control and sin's grip on our lives. Just think we have lots to be thankful for and even more than those in Israel who were only free until the next debt was incurred, we have been set free for eternity. All our debt has been paid by the blood of Christ, past, present and future. We never have to worry about new debt or being enslaved again. We are forever delivered and victorious. We need to be celebrating now for the great grace we have experienced from The Lord. A great and final celebration is coming. Paul tells us about that final trumpet of God in I Corinthians 15: 51-54, "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." Let us celebrate Kettering, celebrate jubilee. Give God all the glory you can as we reflect not only on fifty years of serving God to facilitate life changing deliverance for others in our community but also the life changing eternity that God has given to us. Celebrate Jubilee!

Loving My Sheep
Pastor Bucas Sterling, III

Lev 25:10; ¹⁰And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim claim liberty throughout all the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you...

Celebrating Jubilee





OCTOBER is Domestic Violence AWARENESS MONTH

The following information is presented by the Health & Wellness Ministry. It's a combination of information taken from two different websites.

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month is an annual designation observed in October.

For many, home is a place of love, warmth, and comfort. It's somewhere that you know you will be surrounded by care and support, and a nice little break from the busyness of the real world. But for millions of others, home is anything but a sanctuary. The U.S. Department of Justice

estimates that 1.3 million women and 835,000 men are victims of physical violence by a partner every year. Every 9 seconds, a woman in the U.S. is beaten or assaulted by a current or ex-significant other.

1 in 4 men are victims of some form of physical violence by an intimate partner. Here's another shocking statistic: the number of U.S. troops killed in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2012 is 6,488. The number of women who were murdered by current or ex-male partners during that same time frame is 11,766, according to the Huffington Post. That's almost double the number of people who were killed fighting in the war. People who are in an abusive relationship will stay with their partner for a number of reasons:

- **Their self-esteem is totally destroyed**, and they are made to feel they will never be able to find another person to be with.
- **The cycle of abuse**, meaning the 'honeymoon phase' that follows physical and mental abuse, makes them believe their partner really is sorry and does love them.
- **It's dangerous to leave.** Women are **70 times more likely to be killed** in the weeks after leaving their abusive partner than at any other time in the relationship, according to the Domestic Violence Intervention program.
- Statistics suggest that almost **5 percent of male homicide victims** each year are killed by an intimate partner.
- They feel personally responsible for their partner, or their own behavior. They are made to feel like **everything that goes wrong is their fault.**
- **They share a life.** Marriages, children, homes, pets, and finances are a big reason victims of abuse feel they can't leave.

Sometimes, people don't know if they are really in an abusive relationship because they're used to their partner calling them crazy or making them feel like all the problems are their own fault. Here are a few ways to know if you're in an abusive relationship that you need to get out of.

1. Your partner has **hit you, beat you, or strangled you** in the past.
2. Your partner is **possessive**. They check up on you constantly wondering where you are; they get mad at you for hanging out with certain people if you don't do what they say.

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Pastor

Bucas Sterling III

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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

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



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3. Your partner is **jealous**. (A small amount of jealousy is normal and healthy) however, if they accuse you of being unfaithful or isolate you from family or friends, that means the jealousy has gone too far.
4. Your partner **puts you down**. They attack your intelligence, looks, mental health, or capabilities. They blame you for all of their violent outbursts and tell you nobody else will want you if you leave.
5. Your partner **threatens** you or your family.

Your partner physically and sexually abuses you. If they EVER **push, shove, or hit you, or make you have sex with them when you don't want to, they are abusing you (even if it doesn't happen all the time.)**

If you are in immediate danger, please:

Call the U.S. National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE) or TTY 1-800-787-3224.

Call, text or chat Love Is Respect—the U.S. National Teen Dating Violence Helpline: 1-866-331-9474 or TTY 1-866-331-8453, text "loveis" to 77054 or live chat at <http://www.loveisrespect.org>.

Call the U.S. National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673 (HOPE), which automatically connects you to a local U.S. rape crisis program based on the area code of your phone number. Secure, online private chat is available at <https://ohl.rainn.org/online/>.

Remember: Corded phones are more private and less able to be intercepted than cordless phones or analog cell phones.

Be Aware: You may not be able to reach 911 using an Internet phone or Internet-based phone service, so you may need to be prepared to use another phone to call 911.

Tips for Using Technology

If you think your activities are being monitored, they probably are.

Abusive people are often controlling and want to know your every move. You don't need to be a computer programmer or have special skills to monitor someone's computer and Internet activities. Anyone can do it and there are many ways to monitor with programs like Spyware, keystroke loggers, and hacking tools.

It is not possible to delete or clear all the "footprints" of your computer or online activities.

If you are being monitored, it may be dangerous to change your computer behaviors such as suddenly deleting your entire Internet history if that is not your regular habit.

If you think you may be monitored on your home computer, be careful how you use your computer since an abuser might become suspicious.

You may want to keep using the monitored computer for innocuous activities, like looking up the weather. Use a safer computer to research an escape plan, to look for new jobs, apartments or bus tickets, or to ask for help.

Email and Instant/Text Messaging (IM) are not safe or confidential ways to talk to someone about the danger or abuse in your life.

If possible, please call a hotline instead. If you use email or IM, please use a safer computer and an account your abuser does not know about.

Computers can store a lot of private information.

This includes what you look at via the Internet, the emails and instant messages you send, Internet-based phone and IP-TTY calls you make, Web-based purchases and banking, and many other activities.

It might be safer to use a computer in a public library, at a community technology center (CTC), at a trusted friend's house, or at an Internet Cafe. Modern technology and social networks change frequently. Educate yourself by reading about the NRCDV's *Tech Safety Resources*. This special collection of selected articles, fact sheets, papers, reports and other materials are designed to assist advocates and survivors interested in understanding the safe use of technology



By Brenda M. Brown

On Sunday, September 8th, to the delight of many, Sister Marian Dickson was announced as Kettering Baptist Church's (KBC) "2019 Living Legend". She was honored with flowers, a crystal vase, and for an entire year, she has her own dedicated parking space reserved just for her for church activities.

Before the announcement was made as to who the Living Legend was, Pastor Sterling described the honoree as:

A Quiet Storm
Powerful in Ministry



all



A Minister of Service
A Blessing to Kettering Baptist Church and the Community
Well-Known
A Powerful Woman

As this writer discovered during my interview with Sister Dickson, she IS all of that, and with these attributes in mind, let's take an in-depth look at our "2019 Living Legend". After seeing all of her involvements, you too will see why our Pastor was "spot-on" with his assessment of her.

My interview with Sister Dickson begins below:

PERSONAL LIFE

Mother of Three Adult Children – ("my children are my best friends and I counsel with them often. Each one has a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and I trust their report").

Two Sons – (one is a Pastor in Baltimore, and the other is a Cinematographer)

One Daughter – (she's a University Administrator and a Conference Speaker)

Five Grandchildren

Widowed Twice - (both were Pastors)

Graduated from Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS, while married with children

Participated in the Civil Rights Movement – (high school and college integration during the 60's)

Retired from working as a University Administrator after 36+ years

Favorite Restaurant

Prefers "Finer Foods" Restaurants

Year-Long Breast Cancer Survivor

Was a caregiver for both parents before their passing four months apart from each other

Favorite Activities:

Loves to travel – ("all modes except by submarine, helicopter and space ship")

Walking

Crocheting

Providing care to seniors

Mentoring young adults

Somewhat of a senior "techie"

Senior Exercises – water aerobics, bowling, line dancing

Loves coaching cancer patients and seniors with needs

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Sis. Dickson was brought up in a Christian home. Her parents and grandparents took her to Sunday School and other Christian training sessions. At age 5, her Dad led her to the Lord through a Bible Story book he was given. One summer day while attending Vacation Bible School, it all came together and she realized she needed a Savior to forgive her "Sin". At age 8, during a long summer's night revival, she vividly



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remembers walking from the “mourners bench” up to the Pastor where she received Jesus Christ into her heart. Since then, life has given her a yearning to learn and grow in grace through faith. God has assured her “Jesus is the only name under heaven by which Man can be saved”. Therefore, she is compelled to share this story with others.

Those of you who know Sister Dickson are aware of her spiritual gifts. If you are new to the KBC Family, or you haven't had the chance to meet her, her spiritual gifts are in the areas of service.

She helps, she's an encourager, she's giving and she possesses the gift of hospitality!

She's a Servant of the Most-High God!

She's been a member of (KBC) since December, 2006.

Loves KBC's Discipleship Training Curriculum and encourages all members to complete the classes offered each semester

Loves the community of KBC (especially in times of celebrations, need, and loss)

Favorite Scriptures:

1 John 4:19 – “We love Him **because He first loved us**”.

Isaiah 43

KBC Ministry Involvement

Usher for 13 years

Circle of Comfort - (formative years)

Vacation Bible School Teacher

Fellowship Ministry - (assist where needed)

Education Ministry - (Disciple Training classes)

Missions Ministry - (assist where needed)

Evangelism Ministry

Noon Day Bible Study - (student)

Newsletter Ministry – (assist with photography)

Thespian

Attended Sunday School Training & Church Conferences

Shares Christ with Special Needs Students and Parents

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND OTHER INVOLVEMENT



Through the organizations/associations shown below, the Lord has given our Living Legend many opportunities to willingly share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with those in need.

Community

Political Action Committee Member

Election Committee Member

Block Captain

Member of AARP Chapter #939

Honorary Member of the Delta Epsilon Sorority - (a service organization)

Honorary Member of the United States Army Medical Command of Japan Association – (USAMCJA)

Honorary Member of the United States Capitol Police Retired Officer's Association

Honorary Member of the United States Air Force Retired Honor Guard Association

Enjoys sign language communication – (sign language is her **second** language and she often signs with other family members who are just as proficient in sign language as she is)

Volunteer serving Prince Georges Mid County Dementia Friendly America Initiative (addresses Senior Health & Wellness)



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LIVING LEGEND 2019 (CONT) CELEBRATING JUBILEE



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Cast in Wellness Skits in conjunction with Taking Effective Action (TEA) and senior plays at KBC
"Power of Love Walker" for the Prince Georges Walk to End Alzheimer's Association
Donate Life Organization

The following scriptures focus on ministering and service.

Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

1st Corinthians 10:24 - Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

John 12:26 - If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

Ephesians 4:12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

Galatians 5:13 - For you brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

All of Sister Dickson's involvements reflect the scriptures above. She is living and doing what thus saith the Lord. In other words, she is not just a hearer of the Word, she is a doer of the Word and she's being honored and recognized as a "Living Legend" for her doing. We honor and congratulate her as she truly is one of God's servants who is living in the Spirit, walking in the Spirit, and being blessed by doing so.

Some of us have heard the song, let the work I've done, speak for me. Sister Dickson, the work you've done, the work you are doing, and the work you plan on doing, speak volumes, and your life and works are not in vain!

To God Be the Glory for the things he hath done in the form of our "2019 Living Legend", Sister Marian Dickson. We salute you and we're giving you your flowers while you're here to smell them!

KBC is blessed to have Sis Dickson in our midst as she epitomizes, exemplifies, personifies, clarifies and symbolizes what a "Living Legend" is and what our lives should be about. All of us should be striving to be Living Legends, whether or not we are ever awarded the title here on earth. We shouldn't just be hearers of the Word, we too should be doers of the Word. We should all be "willing workers", workers who are serving and encouraging our family to serve and reverence God, serving and encouraging people in our KBC family, people in the community, and others we meet in our Walk with the Lord. We should be diligently studying to show ourselves approved to God, workers who do not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. And with that, we should all be pressing toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus, because in the end, we don't want a corruptible crown, we want an incorruptible crown, so that the Lord will say well done, good and faithful servant!





CHURCH PICNIC CELEBRATING JUBILEE

50 YEAR
Golden Jubilee

It was a day of good food, great fellowship and lots of FUN. Our 2019 picnic was a joyful time for all who attended. Our ministries came together under the leadership of Deacon Anthony Owens to put on an event with something for everybody. The key component of the picnic, the food, was fulfilled by the Fellowship Ministry Chair Alvin Clark. There were a variety of activities for young and old alike. The food was outstanding. There was fried fish, grilled and fried chicken, burgers and dogs. Sides available to your appetite's content. We even had vegetarian options. The highlight for this attendee were the jalapeno smoked sausages brought in from New York City, they were quite tasty. For entertainment we had our own DJ Rick Tiggle behind the mike spinning the discs (do they still say it that way). He had the folks up sliding across the grass. There were a couple of moon bounces and a train for the kids. A video game truck was on sight also. There was a horseshoe game set up too. The number one activity by far was the gorging on food while enjoying one another's compa-





PASTOR COLIN PUGH INSTALLATION CELEBRATING JUBILEE

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Installation Service for

PASTOR COLIN PUGH II

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PASTOR COLIN PUGH AS THE NEW SENIOR PASTOR OF CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH.

29 SEPTEMBER 2019 • 5:00 PM
CLINTON BAPTIST CHURCH
8701 WOODYARD ROAD
CLINTON, MD




Congratulations Pastor Pugh
We Pray for Your Success
Serving Our God at
Your New Assignment
Building God's Kingdom



ANNOUNCEMENTS CELEBRATING JUBILEE

50
YEAR
Golden Jubilee

Joint Sisters Prayer Breakfast



Attention ALL ladies of all ages... Psalms 145:18 reads "The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth". Come join

the Women's Enrichment Ministry, as we unite with our sisters at Hillcrest Baptist Church for a Joint Sisters Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, October 19th at 8:00 a.m. A continental breakfast will be provided. Today, Sunday, October 13th, is the final date to register in person. Please do so after each service. We want to come in full force to collectively seek God's face in prayer. See your bulletin for more information.

Marriage Ministry Couples Retreat



Attention Married Couples! A Marriage Retreat has been planned with you in mind on Nov. 7-9 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Richmond, Va.

The cost is \$500 per couple. You can pay online or do in person registration today, the 2nd Sunday of October. The last date to register and pay in full is Sunday, November 3rd. Space is still available, but your time to pay is running out. Come and join us for a good time of fellowship, an opportunity to connect with your spouse and

50th Church Anniversary



The year was 1969...and on October 17th, Kettering Baptist Chapel (later incorporated as a church) was founded!...Over the past 50 years, our church has experienced God's tremendous blessings and now, it's time to celebrate!... On this Wednesday, October 16th, our celebration begins with a church-wide fast from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., then on Wednesday, October 23rd, we will have Revival Service at 7 pm...following that on Saturday, October 26th, we will have our FREE 50th Church Anniversary Gospel Concert featuring Maranda Curtis, well known Praise and Worship Leader and multiple Stellar Award Nominee ... and also featuring Todd Dulaney, a multiple Stellar Award Nominee in categories including

Artist of the Year and CD of the Year... to culminate our celebration, on Sunday, October 27th, we will be blessed by the preached word from Dr. Joel Gregory! Part II (second slide; new recording due to change in verbiage): For the FREE Gospel Concert, tickets are required and can be picked up after each service in the Multi-Purpose Room. In addition, to commemorate this milestone, we have sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts for pre-orders. The last day to place your order is today, Sunday, October 13th...so don't delay!



2019 Gifts of Hope

Manna Ministries Community Development Corporation is proud to announce its eighth Annual Gifts of Hope program for the Upper Marlboro and Baltimore communities. If you would like to sponsor a child/family or give a monetary donation, please fill out the form on the foyer table or go to our website by November 3rd; monetary donations may be made via the website through December 11th. All gifts will be collected on Sunday, December 8th following both services in Conference Room 149.

Sweet Spirit Night

Come out and join Kettering Baptist Church in another fun-filled Sweet Spirit Night from 6:30 to 9:00 pm on Thursday, October 31st.



There will be moon bounces, laser tag, bubble soccer, candy, prizes and more! Don't forget...no scary or clown costumes are permitted.



CHURCH CALENDAR CELEBRATING JUBILEE

50 YEAR
Golden Jubilee

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	3	4	5 9:30am Children's Pumpkin Patch Outing 10am Calendar Planning
6	7	8	9 12pm Bible Study 7pm Jubilee Revival	10	11	12 6am Men's Fishing Trip
13 DTM Registration	14  Columbus Day	15	16 6am – 6 pm Church-wide Fast 12pm Bible Study 7pm Bible Study & Awana	17 7pm Jubilee Revival	18	19 9am Women at Hillcrest Baptist Church
20 DTM Registration Quarterly Business (after 11am Service)	21	22	23 12pm Bible Study 7pm Jubilee Revival	24	25	26 7pm Gospel Concert
27 Church Jubilee 50th Anniversary	28 DTM Classes Begin	29	30	31 6:30pm Sweet Spirit Night 2020 Budgets Due		

Let's Celebrate!

October 16th

Church-wide fast 6 a.m. to 6 p.m

Wednesday, October 23rd

Revival Service 7 pm

Saturday, October 26th

50th Church Anniversary Gospel Concert

