

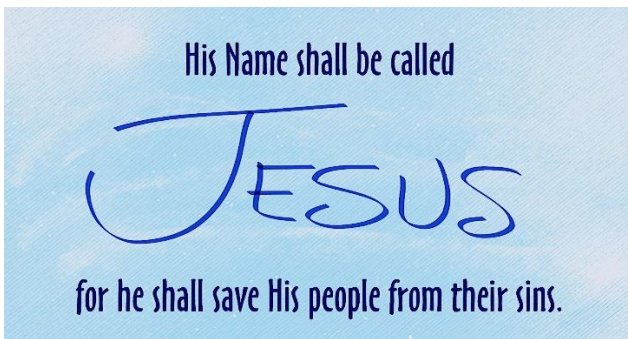


# “Fenimorian News from the Pews”

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## Special Christmas Edition

### WHO IS THE AUTHOR OF YOUR STORY!!!



**“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is the Christ the Lord.**

*Luke 2:11*

While Christians may agree that Jesus is the “reason for the season” how many of us view Jesus as the real author of our story? Is He part of our heritage? Do we brag or talk about Jesus, the one who created the heavens and the earth, the one who knew us before we were formed in our mother’s womb and ultimately the one who saved us from our sins? Or is our story steeped in tradition, ritual and culture laced with boasts about our jobs, homes, children and grandchildren? The list can “go on and on.” While these things aren’t inherently bad and coming together with family and friends to remember and to share our history is vital, it can become a distraction if it takes the focus off of Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith and the fulfillment of scripture’s prophecies and promises.

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When we gather together with family and loved ones this Christmas season our stories should be sprinkled throughout of how Jesus has reshaped our thinking of the world, has guided us in our professions, healed us both physically and emotionally from our illnesses, yes even how we got that new home or apartment and certainly how He has blessed our children time and time again. As Jesus as our author, we have to be willing to submit to His supremacy and the assurance that He is in control over our lives. This is the true legacy that we should passed down.

So, this season as some of us eagerly anticipate the beauty of the first newly fallen snow, or the aroma of many mouthwatering dishes waiting to be devoured when we join with family and friends, let us remember together that we are all God’s masterpieces; wonderful works in progress being shaped and molded by our “Holy Author.”

***“I love to tell the story of un-seen things above, of Jesus and his glory of Jesus and his love;”***

*May your home be filled with love and peace, now and always as we forever remember that Jesus is the author of our story.*



Sis Kim Jackson, Newsletter Ministry

## Upcoming Church Events:

Advent observed Sunday, 12/3/23-Sunday, 12/24/23

The Joint Usher Board will celebrate its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Sermon on 12/3/23 @ 2:30pm. Lunch will be served after the 11:00am service, cost \$10.00.

Prayer on Zoom every Tuesday @ 8:00pm

Bible Study every Wednesdays @ 7:00pm on Zoom. We are studying "Praying the Psalms. There are still books available. Please notify Pastor if you would like a book.

Family Life Ministry will be hosting a Christmas celebration for our Client Families from the NYC Homeless Services on Saturday, 12/9/23 from 11:00 – 2:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

The Higher Education Scholarship Fund Committee (HESFC) presents: *Creating Magic with Colors*. This painting event is Saturday, 12/9/23 at 4:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Lite refreshments will be served. Please see any member from HESFC to purchase tickets for \$25.00.

Caroling, Children's Pageant, and Candle Light Service is Sunday, 12/24/23 at 5:00p.m.

News Years Eve Service Sunday, 12/31/22 @ 10:30pm.

Food Pantry Distribution hosted by Ladies in Waiting in Fellowship Hall every Tuesday between 10:00am-1:00pm.

Grab & Go Breakfast hosted by Family Life Ministry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Senior Citizen Center in Fellowship Hall Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 10:00am-4:00pm.

## From the Desk of the Pastor Jackson:



Grace, mercy and peace!

For unto us who know that we are alive as the result of the salvific work of God, a child is born, a Son is given, Halleluiah!

Just as an unsuspected teenage girl was visited by the angel Gabriel to announce that she has found favor with God, the fact that we are alive in Christ,

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proves that we too are favored of the Lord. God in His infinite wisdom knew that those living with doubt and uncertainty needed to hear first-hand that the time was ripe for Him to send His only begotten Son to fill hearts and minds with hope, joy and love. As post-resurrected Disciples of Jesus Christ, this season of Advent affords us the opportunity to look back at our Savior's birth to celebrate the way in which God made it possible for us to know Him in a personal way. This is why Jesus is not only the reason for this season, but for every season.

May we here at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church live into the hope, joy and love that has come to us from the heart of God! For the babe born of a virgin, wrapped in swaddling clothes is for us the hope of glory.

May we live into God's vision for our gathered lives as one faith community of disciples who are being transformed by the renewing on our minds. Let us likewise purpose in our hearts to try with the help of the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit display for all to see that Christ is alive in us.

May you and your loved ones have a joyous celebration of God's wonderful gift to the world!

Wrapped in Grace!

Pastor Jackson





Christmas supposedly marks the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th but that there is no mention of this date in the bible and most historians actually believe He was born in the spring.

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, “it can take as many as 15 years to grow a tree of typical height (6-7 feet) or as little as 4 years, but the average growing time for a marketable size is 7 years.” [Almanac 11/11/23](#)

“Silent Night” is the most recorded Christmas song in history with over 733 different versions copyrighted since 1978.

“White Christmas” is the best-selling song of all time.

Legend said that “Jingle Bells” composed by James Lord Pierpont in 1850 in Massachusetts, was supposed to originally be a Thanksgiving song.

Alabama was the first state to officially recognize Christmas in 1836. Oklahoma was the last, in 1907. [Dallas City News Community,\(Press Room Archive\), 2016](#)

Santa Claus is based on a real person: St. Nikolas of Myra which is in modern day Turkey. He was admired for his piety and kindness and was said to have given away his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. He is known as a patron saint. [Wikipedia \(history & folklore\)](#)

## ADVENT



Fenimorians, Advent is the first season of the new liturgical year in which we **expectantly anticipate and prepare** for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Prior to doing this, let’s take a moment to reacquaint ourselves with the significance of the candles and the wreath.

The circular wreath often made of evergreen represents God’s everlasting love for us and holds the four candles.

**First Candle – HOPE** (Prophecy Candle). The Prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 7:14 tells us “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” As we light the candle we remember the promises in the Old Testament that Jesus’ birth would fulfill. The purple candle represents royalty.

**Second Candle PEACE** (Bethlehem Candle). This purple candle reminds us of Joseph and Mary’s journey and the hope of peace that Jesus’ birth would bring to all. Luke:2:4 states “So Joseph (and Mary) also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. This candle is also purple.

**Third Candle – JOY** (The Shepherd’s Candle) The shepherds experienced excitement and joy after they traveled to see the baby Jesus. Luke 2:20 states “The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all of the things they had heard and seen,

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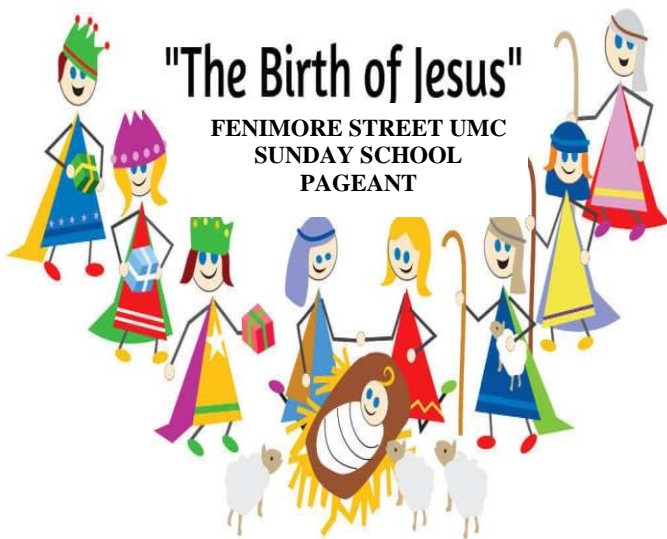
which were just as they had been told.” We light the candle to rejoice as the shepherds did. Pink is the liturgical color for joy.

**Fourth Candle – LOVE** (The Angel’s Candle)  
This candle represents the love of Father God. Scripture tells us in John 3:16 that “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” This candle is purple.

*Lord Jesus, in gratitude I look forward to this time of preparation with the hope and truth of your promises, the peace that you daily make available to us all, the joy of being able to worship and praise you and the great love of your ultimate sacrifice.*

AMEN

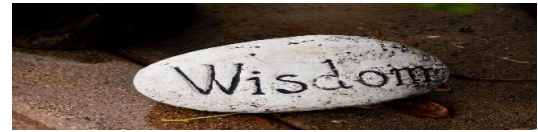
Contributed by Sis Kim Jackson



**COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG FENIMORIANS AS THEY REENACT THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS ON:**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 the celebration starts at 5:00pm**

## Words of



*“The celebration of Christmas is the celebration of Jesus coming to earth so that you and I can go to heaven.”*

**“THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN; BEHOLD, A VIRGIN WILL BE WITH CHILD AND BEAR A SON, AND SHE WILL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL”** (Isaiah 7:14)

The late, great Dr. Charles Stanley



The Higher Education Committee's mission is committed to raise funds for the purpose of supporting the youths who attend and are active in the church. During the time of graduation from Pre-K to University, we as a church ensures that they are spiritually celebrated and honored for their accomplishments and their achievements.

Sister Dianne Brown , Chairperson  
Higher Education Scholarship Fund Committee.



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encompasses the church, attended the service, giving a citation to Rev. Jackson for the church.

“It is with great honor that I stand before you today on this momentous occasion, as we gather to commemorate the 134th anniversary of our beloved Fenimore Church,” said Joseph, chair of the City Council’s Education Committee. “With deep gratitude and a heart full of unwavering faith, I join you in celebrating this remarkable milestone.

“The theme for this Anniversary Year resonates profoundly within us: ‘Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher in Faith,’ inspired by the powerful words of Isaiah 40:31,” she added. “As we reflect on our spiritual journey, we are reminded that life often presents us with challenges and obstacles. However, it is through our steadfast faith in the Lord that we find the strength to persevere.”

Joseph said Isaiah 40:31 “beautifully captures this truth: ‘But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint.’”

She said these words serve as “a guiding light for us as we look back on the incredible journey of Fenimore Church.

“Over 134 years, we have grown as a faith community, facing adversity with unwavering faith and triumphing over countless trials,” the council member said. “Our unity and determination have been the foundation of our progress, enabling us to overcome challenges that once seemed insurmountable.

“We are also deepening, not only in our faith but in our relationships, understanding, and compassion,” she added. “As we nurture the bonds of our faith community, we become a force of love and empathy, always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need.”

## Fenimore Street Church Celebrates 134th Anniversary



Young adults and alumni of Fenimore Street United Methodist Church. Photo by Nelson A. King

With lofty singing, praying, preaching, reading of scriptures and liturgical dancing, congregants at Fenimore Street United Methodist Church at the corner of Fenimore Street and Rogers Avenue in Brooklyn on Sunday celebrated the landmark church’s 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The church’s African-American pastor, the Rev. Roger Jackson, brought the Word, on “Growing Stronger, Growing Deeper, Reaching Higher in Faith”, in the three-hour-long Worship Service, organized by the church’s Anniversary Committee, chaired by Trinidadian-born Retired Nurse Marlene Ferguson.

Council Member Rita Joseph, the Haitian-born representative for the 40<sup>th</sup> Council District that

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Rev. Jackson preached that “our faith is stronger”, adding that “it comes from God.

“The bible says, ‘blessed are those who trust in God’”, he said. “We’ve come thus far by faith. We keep trusting in God. Our faith is our sustaining power. We’re known by our good fruit.

“Our God takes care of those who trust in Him,” Rev. Jackson added. “May we keep partner in faith. So, we thank God for 134 years. We only go higher and deeper if we act and walk by faith.

“God is rewarding for us to hold on to Him,” he continued. “Be encouraged and continue to walk by faith.”

The Young Adult Praise Team, the Sunday School children, the liturgical dances and the United Voices of Praise were among participants in the uplifting celebration.



Liturgical dancers go through their routine.  
Photo by Nelson A. King

“Giving honor, glory and all hallelujah to our God who has kept this historical landmark standing 134 years at 276 Fenimore Street, I am proud to be a member of this landmark,” said Ferguson, who is also chair of the church’s Family Life Committee, before presenting, with co-chair Jamaican Doreen

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Thomas, a bouquet of flowers to First Lady Sis. Kim, wife of Pastor Jackson, and awards to, among others, Rev. Jackson and Jeffrey Adolphus, the church’s former organist, who has retired to Belize, his native land.

“On behalf of our pastor, Rev. Roger. Jackson, officers and members of this great church and the Anniversary Committee, we thank each and every one who has joined us in person and those of you who are viewing us live on YouTube,” Ferguson added. “I trust that the service was a blessing to you. I do hope that today something in the pastor’s messages has touched your soul to rekindle that desire for a closer walk with God, as we all struggle along that pathway.”

She also gave special thanks to the Young Adult Praise Team; UVOP; Sunday School children; liturgical dancers; Anniversary Committee; and Friends of Fenimore, alumni and sick-shut-in.

“I cannot explain this Agape love you all have for us here at Fenimore,” said Ferguson, turning to the alumni. “We are grateful for all that you have been doing for us. We appreciate your generosity. You will always be in our prayers.”



Rev. Roger Jackson receives an award, flanked by his wife, First Lady Sis. Kim, to his right. Others in photo, Sis. Marlene Ferguson, left, and Sis. Doreen Thomas. Photo by Nelson A. King

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According to the church's history, read, in part by Sis. Linda Brown, an African-American member of the Anniversary Committee and Chancel Choir, Fenimore United Methodist Church of Flatbush was organized out of the first Methodist Episcopal Church, on Lenox Road and Flatbush Avenue, and was incorporated on Aug. 20, 1889.

The church was formally admitted to the New York East conference in April of 1890 and dedicated in May of 1890. Rev. James J. Hall served as pastor from 1890-1894.

Rev. C.S. Williams (1894-1898) dedicated the Sunday School Room, which is now the extended sanctuary on Sunday, Oct. 8, 1897. The parsonage was built in 1900. During the ministry of Rev. H.C. Whitney, (1926 – 1936) the frame of the buildings of the parsonage and church were “stuccoed.” A social hall and well-equipped kitchen were also built.

During Rev. I. Hemmingway's ministry (1951-1960), the membership became more integrated, with many Black families worshiping at Fenimore.

Rev James Veatch succeeded Rev. Hemmingway in 1960 as a student pastor. After his ordination, he was officially appointed. His ministry was characterized by strong civil rights activities.

In early 1970, the Wesley Methodist Church merged with Fenimore Street United Methodist Church.

Many new programs were introduced during this period, namely, the annual silent supper, singles ministry for young adults and youth, summer camp and tutoring, health and welfare program, heritage and higher educational program, revival and evangelism program, a senior center, drama and creative writing programs for all, and heritage instructions on all levels.

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Council Member Rita Joseph presents a citation to Pastor, the Rev. Roger Jackson. [Photo by Nelson King](#)

In early 1972, Fenimore was faced with the challenge of keeping its doors open, when it was given an option to merge with St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

But, with strong determination and resolve, Fenimore was victorious in keeping the church in the community, according to the church's history.

During the pastorate of Rev. Lester Baker (1974 – 1980), extensive renovations were done. In 1978 the church building was re-dedicated, and a computerized Allen Organ was purchased and dedicated to the late Dr. Donald Wright.

Under the guidance of Rev. Neville Buchanan (1980 -1993), significant accomplishments were made, including the liquidation of the church's mortgage with a ceremonial “burning.”

Guyanese Rev. Dr. Ivan J. Roberts (1994 – 2002) (deceased) brought in more growth, physically to

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the church building and spiritually to the congregation.

He guided the first “Rally of the Nations” with the proceeds used to purchase a church van and air conditioners for the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. A six-family unit was purchased at 201 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn during this time.

In 2002, African-American the Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon was appointed Fenimore’s first female minister. Rev. Dr. Maxine Nixon initiated many new ministries, including Disciple Bible Study.

She also spearheaded a second successful “Rally of the Nations”; and, with the proceeds, the renovations of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen were accomplished. The church’ music ministry grew to six choirs. There were also a “vibrant” Dance Ministry, Singles Ministry, Prayer sit-ins, and Healing Ministry.

“We now have the addition of our current pastor, the Rev. Roger Jackson, and his wife, First Lady, Sis. Kim Jackson, serving as community caregivers, church builders, uplifting leaders, and valiant nurturers, meeting the tasks of our present needs both physically and spiritually,” Brown said.

“As they acquaint themselves in our community, Rev. Jackson and his wife have shown an unwavering devotion and service to the families of the Flatbush, Brooklyn community and our ever-growing youth and special needs population — a unique pastor who has a warm understanding of what a church needs in this time,” she added.

“Despite our many challenges, Fenimore Street United Methodist Church, through its past and present ministers, we have been able to stand as a beacon of hope and love at the corner of Rogers and Fenimore Street,” Brown continued.

Contributed by Dr. Nelson A. King

Taken from the *Caribbean Life*, originally posted 10/25/23

## STAYING WELL DURING THE HOLIDAYS

*Ways to stay healthy during the*  
**HOLIDAYS**



As the excitement of Christmas and the new year approaches many of us are tempted to overindulge when faced with the aroma of many long-awaited dishes waiting to be devoured or perhaps

a favorite holiday beverage, possibly lack of sleep from the hustle and bustle of traveling, attending various functions, and shopping or maybe staying up late to catch a favorite holiday movie. Following is an abridged list taken from Health Equity, 11/27/2019 on “*Ways To Have A Healthy Holiday Season.*”

### **Be inspired to stay in the spirit of good health!**

**Eat healthy, stay active** - eat fruits and vegetables. Limit portion size and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also be active at least 2 ½ hours a week. Kids at least 1 hour a day.

**Prepare food safely** – wash hands and surfaces often and avoid cross contamination.

**Get your vaccinations** – vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives.

**Manage stress** – give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed and/or out of control.

**Sleep Schedule** – try to maintain your regular sleep schedule which will make the transition easier after the holidays have ended.

**Healthy holiday traditions** – consider taking up healthy holiday traditions such as going for a walk as a family after eating a large meal or tossing the football or shooting some hoops.

Contributed by Sis. Kim Jackson



# Laughter, Good for the Soul!!!

What happened to the man who stole the Advent Calendar? *He got 25 days.*

What did the bald man say when he got a comb for Christmas? *"I'll never part with it."*

Why did the scarecrow get a big Christmas bonus? *Because he was outstanding in his field.*

Why does Scrooge love Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer? *Because every buck is dear to him!*

What did the gingerbread man put on his bed? *A cookie sheet!*

What do you call a chicken at the North Pole? *Lost!!*

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? *Frostbite.*

What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum? *A meltdown.*

Who is never hungry at Christmas? *The turkey-he's always stuffed.*

Taken from Good House Keeping  
Contributed by Sis. Kim Jackson



## PASTOR

Sis Cynthia Grant, Chair SPPR presenting Pastor Jackson with a gift for this birthday in following photo by Dr. Nelson A. King

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Showcase: **134** Years in Ministry



## GOSPEL FEAST



The Apostolic Voices ministers in song at the Fenimore Street United Methodist Church in Brooklyn.

Photo by Nelson A. King

The three-member Apostolic Voices on Saturday rocked Fenimore Street United Methodist Church in Brooklyn with uplifting spiritual songs, as part of the church's month-long, 134<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.

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The Apostolic Voices was originally a quartet — Franklin Chue, Richard Nurse, Lloyd Russell and Perrie Allen. But, after about two years, Perrie relocated, and the group became a trio.

In a three-hour gospel feast, the group, whose members are primarily Jamaicans, uplifted the church at the corner of Rogers Avenue and Fenimore Street.

In the first part of the gospel concert, the group thrilled congregants with “I am a Child of God,” “Jesus Loves Me,” “They That Wait Upon the Lord,” “Saved by Grace” and “Coming Up on the Rough Side.”

The Apostolic Voices then returned for the final session in bringing the house down with “Loving God,” “Take Me Back,” “I’m Saved,” “Walk with Me,” and “Lord, Thank You for Another Day.”

Member Richard Nurse said his group, which has been ministering in many churches throughout the five boroughs of New York City, as well as in Long Island, New Jersey and Connecticut, said they “love Jesus, believe in God and really enjoy spreading the Word” with their music ministry.

“Ministering the Word through music is a privilege and a blessing we don’t take lightly,” he told *Caribbean Life* in a post-show interview. “God blesses us with the talent and ability to sing His words to His people and, hopefully, win souls for his Kingdom.”



The Sisters in Song render “Jesus is Real.” Photo by Nelson A. King

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Other singers included: Brenda Byfield, Tacha Graham, Shari Boxhill, The Sisters in Song, Abena Amory, Glory Sound Ministries, the mother and daughter duo of Dianne Aaron and Christine Aaron, and Fenimore Street United Methodist Church’s Men Chorale.

Byfield offered “Speak Over Yourself,” Amory belched out “I Believe” and “Can’t Give Up Now,” Glory Sound Ministries, a group from Brooklyn’s Faith Seventh-Day Adventist Church sang a long medley, including “Born, Born, Born Again,” “I am Under the Rock,” “Jesus Name so Sweet,” “Fire Fall on Me,” “Holy Ghost Power” and “Christian Jubilee,” the Sisters in Song sang “Jesus is Real” and “Jesus Wept,” the Aarons rendered the operative “Flower Duet,” and Fenimore Men’s Chorale received much acclaim with “I’m Humbled,” written by the church’s organist and concert organizer Joseph Roberts.

“I was pleased overall with the results of Saturday’s concert,” Roberts told *Caribbean Life*. “The power and quality of the vocalists were second to none.

“However, as much as I appreciate the musical excellence, there were two facets of the evening for which I remain incredibly grateful: Cultural diversity — in addition to the wide variety of gospel music presented that evening, there was also a duet from the opera *Lakmé* in the second half,” he added.

“The second half also featured a collection of Jamaican praise songs that delighted the congregation with melodies that some had not heard since their childhood,” Roberts continued. “But, most of all, I appreciate the presence of God. Some things just can’t be experienced on Zoom. You just have to be in the room where it happens.”

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## TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

- A. Anna                      E. Bethlehem                      H. Simeon  
 B. Elizabeth                  F. Gabriel                          I. Shepherds  
 C. Egypt                      G. Jericho                          J. Singing Angels  
 D. David

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Mary's relative, who was pregnant at the same time as Mary.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The man who held baby Jesus in his arms and praised God for His arrival.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The 84-year-old woman who saw baby Jesus in the temple and told a lot of people about Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Where was Jesus born?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Who said "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men?"

- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. To what country did Jesus' parents escape to after they were warned of the death threat against Jesus?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. In what city did King Herod live?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Who was Jesus descended from?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. What was the name of the angel who appeared to Jesus' mother Mary?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Who was afraid when they saw the angels?

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Contributed by Sis Kim Jackson

## Happy Birthday to You

Patty and Mildred J. Hill

Hap - py birth - day to you! Hap - py birth - day to you! Hap - py  
 birth - day dear (sing name) Hap - py birth - day to you!

## December Birthday Fenimorians

May the Lord continue to shower you with His blessings as we celebrate our December Fenimorians birthdays

### Fenimorian Birth Verses

Your month & date is matched with a chapter and verse in the bible.

*Example: if you were born on 1/30 your birth verse is 1 Corinthians 1:30 which reads "It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption."*

Look for your birthdate below:

Hebrews 12:1	Luke 12:7	Romans 12:12
Ecclesiastes 12:13	1 Samuel 12:14	Matthew 12:18







**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**CORNER**



**CALLING ON ALL FENIMORIAN  
SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS**

**Advent Coin Calendar 2023**

**Dear Sunday School Parents/Guardians,**

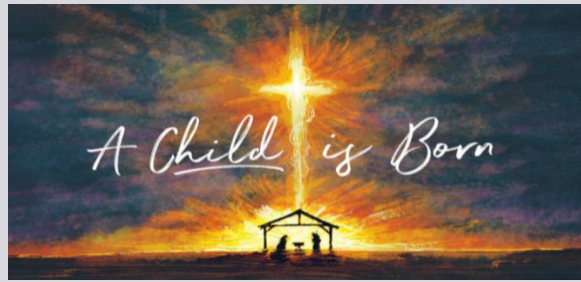
Our Sunday School children are learning how to be good stewards of the gifts they receive from God. During this Advent Season, please assist your child/children to put aside some coins to help children who do not have the things they have. These gifts will be collected on December 24, 2023 and will be donated to Family Life Ministry to assist with hosting unhoused children. Please make this project a family affair to the Glory of God.

(Sunday School Staff)

**December 2023**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>3</b> (food) <b>(HOPE)</b> Pray today, thanking God for the food you enjoy. Pray for children who have no food to eat today.	<b>4</b> (food) A coin for every kind of bread and cereal in your home.	<b>5</b> (food) A coin for every jar of PB and/or Jelly	<b>6</b> (food) A coin for every type of vegetable	<b>7</b> (food) A coin for every type of snack. (chips, fruit snack etc.)	<b>8</b> (food) A coin for every kind of fruit	<b>9</b> (food) A coin for every kind of juice/milk
<b>10</b> (clothing) <b>(PEACE)</b> Pray today, thanking God for clothing that protects your family from the elements. Pray for children who lack clothing to keep them warm and dry.	<b>11</b> (clothing) A coin for every pair of shoes.	<b>12</b> (clothing) A coin for every Fall or Winter jacket	<b>13</b> (clothing) A coin for every hat, scarf, gloves	<b>14</b> (clothing) A coin for every T-Shirt	<b>15</b> (clothing) A coin for every jean pant	<b>16</b> (clothing) A coin for every coat
<b>17</b> (shelter) <b>(JOY)</b> Pray today, thanking God for your home. Pray for children who live in homeless shelters. Pray for children who live in refugee camps	<b>18</b> (shelter) A coin for every Room in your house	<b>19</b> (shelter) A coin for every electrical outlet	<b>20</b> (shelter) A coin for every chair in your home	<b>21</b> (shelter) A coin for every television, tablet, laptop and cell phone in your home.	<b>22</b> (shelter) A coin for every pillow and throw pillow	<b>23</b> (shelter) A coin for every window and door in your home
<b>24</b> <b>(LOVE)</b> Pray today, thanking God for your health. Pray for children who are sick in the hospital, especially on Christmas Day.						

**\*Church family can also use the calendar to pray daily if they wish\***



# CAROLING, CHILDREN'S PAGEANT & CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Come Join Us In Christian Fellowship As We Celebrate Our Savior



Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 5:00PM

**Test Your Bible Knowledge**

**Answer Key**



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| 3. A | 4. E  |
| 5. J | 6. C  |
| 7. G | 8. D  |
| 9. F | 10. I |



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