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"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" --Jude 3

## Virtual Valentine's Day Event

What a beautiful time of fellowship that was shared via Zoom as we celebrated the love of Christ during a virtual Valentine's Day event sponsored by our Women's Fellowship Ministry. Newlyweds from our sister churches in the NY region such as: Sis. Ruth and Bro. Taku Mhundwa and Sis. Jennifer and Bro. Kolawole Ajayi shared beautiful testimonies of how God brought them together as a married couple and how marriage helped bring the scriptures to life as they endeavor to serve one another and serve God together.

In addition, Rev. Ana Wyatt spoke about the purpose of love and what love is, Sis. Melza Smith, our Women's Fellowship president, shared a written commentary on being unequally yoked (and why we want to avoid that type of relationship), and Deacon James and Sis. Felicia Leonard gave an informative talk about the different stages of marriage and how married couples need to know what stage their marriage is in.

Thanks to our women's ministry for sponsoring such a informative and wonderful time of fellowship as we celebrated the love of God!



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# PASTOR'S

## Pastor's Corner

In this issue we focus on one of the mantras of the Reaching Church: Reaching Across in Fellowship. The heart of this mantra is the value we place on human connection. In our modern Christian context, we so often focus on the vertical relationship between the individual disciple and the Lord. Although this vertical focus is important to our walk of faith, we learn from Christ Jesus himself that discipleship must be rooted in a dual understanding—love for God on one hand and love for our fellow man on the other. Not only is it important that we love God, but it is equally important that we love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

COVID-19 as challenging as it is, has provided a wonderful opportunity for believers to draw nearer to God. Although we have been forced to social distance and limit our human interactions, the pandemic has taken away some of life's distractions, and exposed in many ways our need for God. Because of the pressures we face now, we look toward God for a deeper consecration and more intimate spiritual devotion. In the midst of turning towards God, it is clear that as humans we still need personal connections.

As pastor I have been encouraged by hearing the stories of saints calling one another, checking in, giving birthday and holiday greetings, Zoom parties, brothers and sisters taking the elderly to doctor's appointments or perhaps buying needed groceries, and so much more. This outreach is not only done in fellowship but also in support of one another's needs. As we do this, we truly reflect the heart of God. At the heart of the Law of the Hebrew scriptures is the command to love our neighbor as ourselves. Our understanding as believers of the 'Triune God Connection' is important in all its forms: physical touch, expressions of emotion, and even the sharing of ideas. These concepts are the ways in which individuals express their humanity. According to Genesis 1:26, to be human is to be made in the image and likeness of God and is one of the ways we connect as humans. There is connection in the Trinity between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - their love and submission to one another can be clearly seen in scripture. As we continue to reach across in fellowship, we reflect this divine love and submission at the heart of our faith as well.



# CORNER

Rev. Heraclio John Wyatt Jr.  
**PASTOR**



### Birth Announcement

Tiwatope Kandace Best  
Born to Mercy and Fabian Best on 2/28/21

### Birthday Celebrations

Pastor Heraclio J. Wyatt, Jr.  
First Lady Paulette Wyatt





# Black History Month Highlights

For Black History Month 2021, the Reaching Church fashioned inspirational services in recognition of America's Black legacy through the retelling and showing of history. Each Sunday service for the month of February featured a video presentation alongside the voiceover of participating saints introducing the likeness and legacy of an African-American trailblazer. Historical accounts were given of important leaders and revisionists such as Phillis Wheatley, Charles Henry Alston, Thomas Dorsey, and Marcus Garvey were mentioned and brought forth as notable beacons of encouragement during a cold and merciless time. They were not only free-thinkers of their time, but they also stand as reminders in this day and age of the various capabilities African-Americans embody as a people.



# 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer

How has the book, "With Christ in the School of Prayer" by Andrew Murray impacted or encouraged you during our January 21 days of fasting and prayer?

"I really enjoyed reading the book; it was good and very interesting. Reading the book has given us more insight of how to pray to our heavenly Father."

~ Sister Clarice Passade

"The Lord is my Shepherd - I shall not want. During the January 21 days of fasting and prayer, reading the book has been very strengthening to me; Jesus is my strength. He reaches out to me everyday. The book has been very encouraging to me. The information that I learned along with reading the holy scriptures has helped me deal with situations with a much greater strength than before. I am blessed and I thank God!"

~ Sister Delois Spruill

# Healthy & Whole, Mind Body & Soul: Physical & Mental Wellness



Introducing our new monthly series on "Healthy & Whole, Mind Body & Soul: Physical & Mental Wellness," hosted by Dr. Leonard and Mrs. Chawny Pressley, Jr. (Apostolic Faith Church: Columbia, SC) every third Sunday of the month at 6 pm (EST) at [afcbrooklyn.org](http://afcbrooklyn.org), YouTube, and on Facebook.

## Testimony: Sis. Ernestina Araujo de Gomez



Mi nombre es Ernestina Araujo de Gomez. Vengo de República Dominicana. Llegó cinco años aquí en este país en donde Dios ha cuidado de mi desde allá hasta aquí en este país. Le agradezco a Dios desde el mismo momento que Él salvo mi alma. Le agradezco infinitamente. Él ha cuidado de mí, cuidado de los míos y ha sido mi medico de cabecera. Aquí en este país pasé por dos procesos de mi corazón y Él estuvo allí conmigo en todo momento. Como humana me sentía sola pero sentía Su presencia. Él cuida de mí. Él es mi medico. Él es mi proveedor. Él es mi ayudador y Él es todo, todo en mi vida. Él está en el primer lugar en mi vida. Pasaría el tiempo de mi vida que me queda entero dándole las gracias y no alcanzaría el tiempo.

Agradezco a Dios por todo los beneficios que he recibido de Sus manos. No tengo nada material pero lo tengo a Él que lo principal. Le agradezco a Dios por el esposo que me dio. Le agradezco porque el Señor cuida de nosotros. Nosotros salimos y Él cuida de nosotros, cuida nuestra salida y nuestro regreso. Le agradezco a Dios infinitamente por todo y todo lo que Él ha hecho en mi vida. Él cuida aquí de nosotros y cuida en República Dominicana de mis hijos y mi familia.

Gracias a Dios porque por este proceso que estamos pasando de este virus no he perdido ningún familiar. Gracias a Dios por eso.

Le agradezco mucho, mucho, mucho a Dios y mi determinación es hacer al cielo, mi eterno hogar. Amen y amen.

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My name is Ernestina Araujo Gomez. I came from the Dominican Republic. I came to this country five years ago where God has taken care of me from then until now. I thank God from the moment that He saved my soul. I give Him thanks infinitely. He has taken care of me and my loved ones and has been my chief physician. Here in this country, I experienced two heart-related procedures and He was there with me every moment. Being human I felt alone but I felt His presence. He took care of me. He is my doctor, He is my provider. He is my helper and He is everything, everything in my life. He is in the first place in my life. Even if I spend the rest of my life giving Him thanks there will not be enough time.

I am grateful to God for all the benefits I have received from His hands. I do not have any material possessions, but I have Him who is above all. I am grateful to God for the husband that He gave me. I am grateful because the Lord takes care of us. We go out and He takes care of our departures and our returns. I am infinitely grateful to God for everything and everything He has done in my life. He takes care of us here and He takes care of my children and my family in the Dominican Republic.

Thank God because through this process that we are going through, this virus, I have not lost any family members. I thank God for that. I am very, very, very grateful to God. My determination is to make it to heaven, my eternal home. Amen and amen.

## Schedule of Services

### Monday - Saturday

Daily Intercessory Prayer  
6 am - 7 am & 7 pm - 8 pm  
Wednesday: 12 noon

### Friday

Online Bible Study at 7 pm

### Sunday

9:30 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Morning Worship Service

Check [afcbrooklyn.org](http://afcbrooklyn.org) for the prayer line and Sunday School telephone conference numbers. Services can be watched on [afcbrooklyn.org](http://afcbrooklyn.org), YouTube, & Facebook



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