



FIRST "G" TIMES

LOVE GOD...LOVE PEOPLE....PERIOD!

"Class of 2023"

PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings, 1st G Nation,

I pray that this year's 2nd Quarter Edition of our newsletter finds you all well and encouraged. In this edition, we have chosen to highlight the noteworthy achievements of our 2023 graduates. Education, especially within our community, is absolutely vital to our progress as a people. In fact, it was Malcolm X that profoundly stated, "Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those that prepare for it today."

To all of our graduates, I pray God's choicest blessings upon you. Continue to make God pleased and your family proud. As you move onward and upward to achieving your future goals, endeavors, and dreams, never forget your roots and all of the individuals and institutions that took the time, made the investment, and helped you to grow.

Always remember that you are the substance of what your ancestors hoped for. You eat from vineyards that you did not plant and drink from wells that you did not dig. Never forget the bridge that got you over. There will be some difficult days, but as you remain in Christ, difficulty is always doable. In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." Best the best version of "you" that you can be. As your pastor, I am beyond proud of you all. I'm here should you need me. Keep shining!

In God's Grip,

Dr. Joshua A. Harris Sr.

"Love God. Love People. Period."





Love God...Love People...Period

2nd Quarter 2023 Edition



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2023

TeamKid Overview

Since 1996, the 1st G CFD TeamKid Summer Camp has offered high quality out of school summertime programming for students in Metro Louisville and has become one of the most successful camps in the area. For the 3rd consecutive year, we have had more than 50 registered campers.

This year, the camp ran from June 5 – July 28.

BackPack League Partnership

TeamKid has, once again, partnered with Evolve502 and JCPS, also known as the BackPack League, to offer FREE summer learning and enrichment opportunities to children from ages 5 through 14. We averaged a daily attendance of 70 students.

BackPack League dates were June 21st - July 14th.

Many TeamKid campers also participated in the BackPack League, except for students beginning in kindergarten or attending non-JCPS schools for the upcoming school year.

Official TeamKid T-Shirt Design



Thank you to the 1st G Church First Lady, Lady Cortney Harris, for our beautiful t-shirt design.



What happens at 1st G CFD TeamKid Summer Camp?

WORK HARD!

In the morning, 2nd – 9th grade students adhere to a rotation schedule where they continue their learning from the school year in Reading, Math, STEM, and Social Emotional activities.



Kindergarten and 1st grade students spend the morning with Mrs. Trice learning the alphabet, counting, and writing.



PLAY HARD!

After lunch, students participate in enrichment activities, including basketball clinics, dance, acting, robotics, therapeutic discussions, and engaging and truthful conversations about OUR HISTORY! Students also engage in organized activities in the gym and swim weekly at Sun Valley.



We keep campers active and intrigued with field trips outside of the facility. These outings include bowling, roller skating, trampoline parks, and the zoo. They also participate in outdoor activities such as hiking, fishing, canoeing, and archery.



FINAL FIELD TRIP!

The end of TeamKid Summer Camp always culminates in an awesome field trip. This year, we went on an overnight trip to Cincinnati to stargaze in a planetarium, use their wits to break free from escape rooms, swim and play in a water park, and enjoy a full day at Kings Island.

Kudos, Thanks, and Shout Outs!

The TeamKid, Teach One, and BackPack League staff collaborate daily for continued success. Kudos to the teachers, leadership counselors, and enrichment vendors.

Many thanks go to the TeamKid staff:

Andrea White, Director

Yolanda Nuckols, Assistant Director

Counselors – Essence Kimbrough, Sydney Nuckols, India Green, Morgan Lance, Nehemiah Ellington, Larry Harper, and Coach Rob Lanon.

Many thanks to the TeachOne Tutoring staff:

Administrators – Rothell Farris and Edwin Fox

Tutors – Curtis White, Shelon Gist, Jessica Huggins, Mrs. Trice, Rick Mason (Brain Stem)

Shout out to the families and parents of our campers for trusting us with your students. We are having a great time with them!

With everyone working together, TeamKid and the BackPack League were successful once again!

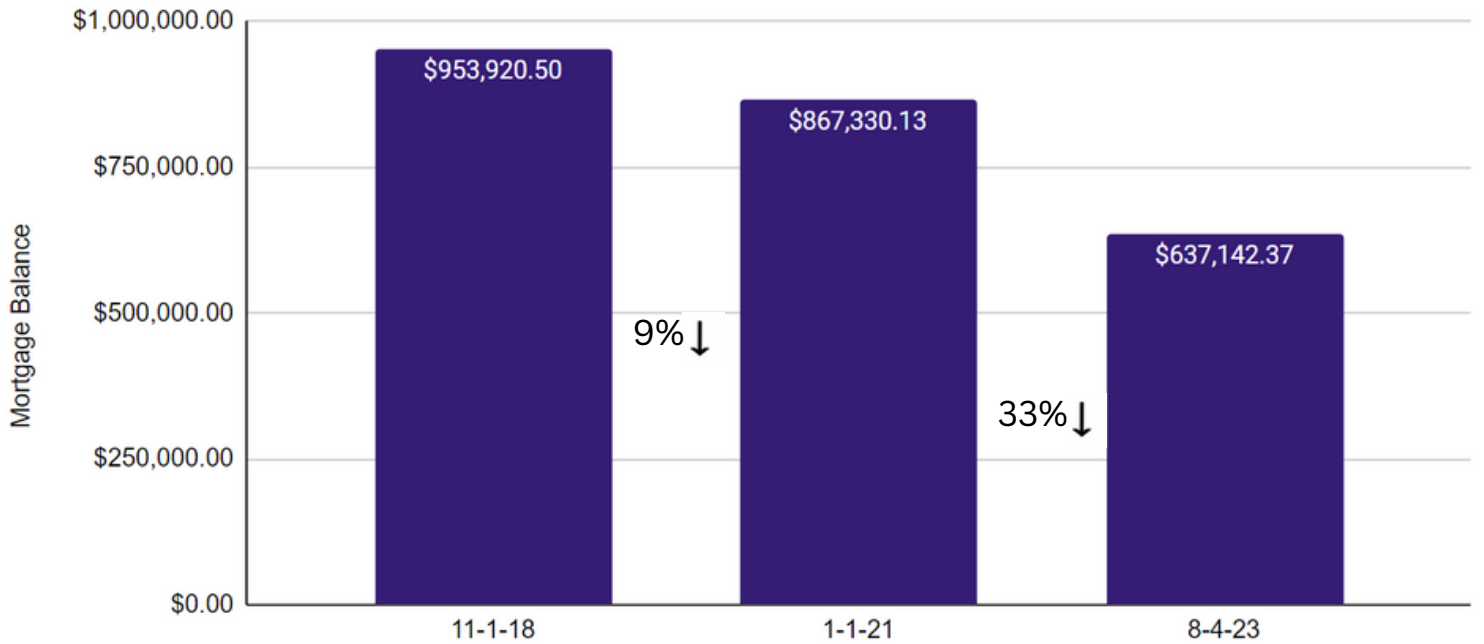




FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by Rev. Lillie Mae Pettus

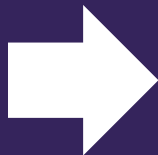
River City Mortgage Report



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Mortgage Balance
November 1, 2018:

\$953,920.50



Mortgage Balance as
of January 1, 2021:

\$867,330.13
(reduced by 9%)



Mortgage Balance as
of August 4, 2023:

\$639,142.37
(reduced by 33%)

**Church Anniversary
collected as of
07/31/2023**

\$14,273.00



Worship & Arts Ministry

Our Worship is For Real!

As we examine worship, we should identify “Who” is the true object of our worship? I submit to you that God is the object of our worship for every believer! For various reasons, it seems we have completely lost sight of who God is. We’ve lost sight of His majesty, love, holiness, mercy, and grace. We must never allow the worship we owe God to be brought down to our level. However, we must develop such a respect for Worship that heaven and earth are moved.

Worship is so important that the devil got kicked out of heaven because he wanted the worship due to our God. The devil knew worship was important because he asked Jesus one day to bow down and worship him. Jesus rebuked him and told him that man should worship only the Father and Him alone. Worship is important and has its place in the church.

Worship lifts the worshipers out of drudgery and brings meaning to life. Worship links the worshiper with that common set of memories belonging to the Christian family. Worship resets our life, giving us another chance to get it right. Worship gets us into the holy of holies, as well as getting us into the presence of the almighty God.

Because of this belief and our desire to give God our best offering of worship and praise, the Worship & Media Arts department of 1st G is excited to announce our Fall Worship & Praise Workshop. Beginning Friday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm, we will cultivate our musical skills while incorporating critical elements to help us enhance our worship experience. Our gathering will continue Saturday, September 23rd, at noon and conclude with a concert on Sunday, September 24th, at 4 pm. We are excited to share that our guest clinician will be Jerome Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he serves as the Minister of Music of New Prospect Baptist Church. We anticipate greatly what God has planned during this gathering, and we cannot wait to worship with you!

Carl L.A Moore, M.S.
Minister of Worship & Media Arts
First Gethsemane Baptist Church



1st G 2023 Graduates



2023

DUPONT MANUAL
GRADUATE

MADISON
BRITTLE



2023

LOUISVILLE MALE
GRADUATE

CHRISTIAN
GRIER



2023

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
GRADUATE

KAI
DAVIS



2023

SOUTHERN HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE

TRAUNDA
BUTLER



2023

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE

RIKAIYA
LONG



2023

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
GRADUATE

ISAAC
WATKINS



2023

FERN CREEK
GRADUATE

CARON
BRUMFIELD



2023

LOUISVILLE MALE
GRADUATE

SYDNEY
NUCKLES



2023

SPELMAN COLLEGE
GRADUATE

CHAYLA
NICOLE
FORD



2023

LOUISVILLE MALE
GRADUATE

JASMINE
BRADLEY



2023

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
GRADUATE

MATTHEW
WILLIAMS



2023

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY &
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
GRADUATE

GRACIE
YARBROUGH



2023

SCENECA HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATE

MALIK
DUDLEY



2023

DUPONT MANUAL
GRADUATE

MILES PARKER
RHODES



2023

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
GRADUATE

CHARLES
FORD JR



2023

BRECKENRIDGE METROPOLITAN
GRADUATE

LESHAWN
EASLEY



Congratulations!



2023

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
GRADUATE

DR. JIMMY
BUTTS



2nd Pastor & People's Anniversary



Homecoming Choir



Laugh Out Loud Comedy Night



113th Church Anniversary



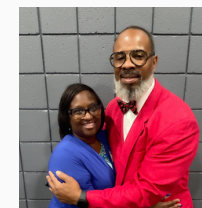
1st G Worship Service



You Belong Here



You Belong Here



New Members

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST 1ST G MEMBERS!

Brice Bonmon
David Brown Christian
Jasean Ferrell
Theresa Griffin
Azaira Hinton
Lagena James
Nathan Kayondo
Natha, Jr. Kayondo
Terrena Kayondo
Naomi Minggia
Kalah Neal
Rev. Phillip Petus
Nicholas Viverette
Steven Williams
Lafayette Young

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all of our new members. We want you to know that you belong here and that we are delighted that you have chosen to come grow with us.

As a church family, we are committed to helping each other grow in our faith and deepen our relationship with God. We believe that a vital part of this journey is connecting with other believers and sharing life together.

Our guiding principle is simple: Love God, Love People... Period. This is the heart of everything we do, and we invite you to join us in living this out each day.

Thank you again for joining us, and we look forward to getting to know you better as brothers and sisters in Christ!

Upcoming Services, Events & Activities

1ST GETHSEMANE CHURCH

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

COME G.R.O.W. WITH US!

IN PERSON → EVERY THURSDAY @ 12PM - 1PM

1159 Algonquin Pkwy
Louisville, KY
www.1stGChurch.org

Also available online:

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ON-LINE FOR

BIBLE STUDY

TUNE IN VIA:

1ST G WEBSITE

WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM

HOLY BIBLE

Come G.R.O.W. with us!

1159 ALGONQUIN PKWY | LOUISVILLE, KY | WWW.1STGCHURCH.ORG

Save the Date

HOLY LAND TOUR

OCTOBER 10-17 2024

US TO TELAVIV, ISRAEL

FIRST GETHSEMANE CHURCH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING Sunday

COME SIT WITH ME AT CHURCH!

CITY LIFE @ 1ST G
YOUTH FOR CHRIST

FOR YOUTH AGES 11-19 YEAR OLDS

YOU'RE INVITED

Join us for food, games and life lessons! Come connect with other youth and create life long friendships

Thursdays @ 6:00pm

Dr. T. Vaughn Walker
Center for Family Development
1221 First Gethsemane Avenue
Louisville, KY 40208

For more information contact Mark at 502-298-8939

Grief Share Ministry

Matthew 5:4

LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6 PM.
(BUSH CONFERENCE ROOM)

Contact pastorharris@1stgchurch.org to register.

FIRST GETHSEMANE CHURCH

REIMAGINE 1ST G
SHARING OUR FAITH IN
A POST PANDEMIC WORLD.
SAME MESSAGE...NEW
METHOD!
"THE GROWTH EXPERIENCE"

"1ST G NATION" PODCAST

JOIN US LIVE @ 6:30p
EVERY 1st WEDNESDAY

Upcoming Services, Events & Activities

FIRST GETHSEMANE CENTER FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL

Black & Gold

Fundraising Gala

LIVE BAND DINNER DANCING

FEATURING
ATONE FEATURING DONNA MASON
JAZZ, FUNK AND R&B BAND

TICKETS

\$60 INDIVIDUALS

\$110 COUPLES

\$400 PER TABLE



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
7 PM - 10 PM

FIRST GETHSEMANE CENTER FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
1221 FIRST GETHSEMANE AVE, LOUISVILLE, KY 40208



THREE WAYS TO PURCHASE TICKETS

AT FIRST GETHSEMANE CHURCH

1STGCFD.ORG/GALA

CASHAPP: \$CFDWEST

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR
ONLINE FOR

Sunday WORSHIP



EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:10AM

Come *G.R.O.W.* with us!

vimeo

facebook
LIVE Streaming

📍 1159 ALGONQUIN PKWY | LOUISVILLE, KY

🌐 WWW.1STGCHURCH.ORG

📶 Guest WiFi **1stGNation** / Password **GR0W1159**



FIRST GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH

STAY CONNECTED WITH US



1st G Church

1stGchurch.org



Mail In to
1st PO Box:



EasyTithe Online or Text
"GIVE" to 502-200-8807



Givelify Mobile App
and Online:

Givelify

In-Person on
Sundays



1stgchurch.org/give

C.A.R.E. TEAM

DR. JOSHUA A. HARRIS SR., PASTOR



At 1st G we C.A.R.E.! (Care Assist Relate Encourage)

The Purpose of our Congregational Care Ministry, The CARE Team?

To assist the Pastor in providing congregational care for members by:

- Nurturing the body, mind, and spirit in health and illness
- Equipping members to serve each other
- Praying for and with each other
- Assisting to provide Care and compassion to our 1st G members and their families

What to do in the event of illness or death:

In the event of a death or medical emergency please contact the church office ASAP. If you are unable to reach anyone at the church due to the event taking place beyond our church office hours (10 am-4 pm), please contact your assigned CARE Team Tribe.

Special Note regarding Death: Once contact has been made with either the church office or the C.A.R.E. Team, The Pastor/Executive Assistant to the Pastor will respond to each bereaved family with a call to extend condolences, offer prayer, and to schedule a time for a bereavement meeting.

***It is important that before the bereaved family goes to make arrangements with the funeral home, they make sure that the date and time is available via the Executive Assistant to the Pastor.**

****Every member has been assigned to a 1st G Tribe according to the first initial of their last name.***

Tribe of Benjamin (A-F)

(502) 212-6583

tribebenjamin@1stgchurch.org

Tribe of Judah (G-M)

(502) 212-6941

tribejudah@1stgchurch.org

Tribe Reuben (N-S)

(502) 212-6568

tribereuben@1stgchurch.org

Tribe Zebulun (T-Z)

(502) 212-6912

tribezebulun@1stgchurch.org



Rev. Janice Carney

Rev. Patricia Daughtry



Dea. Jerome Davis

Rev. Kim Dial



Rev. Lillie Mae Pettus

Dea. Richard Price



Dea. Arthur Owens

Dea. Terrance Thomas



Dea. David Howard

Dea. Joseph Mitchell



Rev. Charles Ford

Rev. JoAn McClendon



Rev. Wanda Mitchell Smith

Dea. LaWarren Taylor



Rev. Carmelita Weakley

Rev. Ronald Weakley



Rev. Pauline Owens

Dea. Walter Yates



Rev. Rhonda Plunkett

Rev. Michael Plunkett



Rev. Phillip Pettus



Rev. Michael Wells

A Few Ways We Provide C.A.R.E.



FIRST GETHSEMANE CHURCH

S.O.U.L. Train

SHARING OUR UNCONDITIONAL LOVE
BY PROVIDING CONGREGATIONAL CARE THROUGH MOBILE VISITATION

LEAVING THE STATION: 10 AM
RETURNING TO THE STATION: 12 PM

THE S.O.U.L. TRAIN WILL RUN ON A SELECT SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.



Grief Share Ministry

Matthew 5:4

LAST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6 PM.
(BUSH CONFERENCE ROOM)

Contact pastorharris@1stgchurch.org to register.

Did you know that every 3rd Sunday members of our C.A.R.E. team go visit members that are sick and shut-in to administer the Lord's Supper? If you or anyone you know would like to be added to the list, please contact the church office right away.

Benevolence

Are you facing financial hardship? If so, your church is here to support you. Please contact the church office and ask for assistance through our benevolence fund. Please note that there are stipulations that apply but we will serve and support you to the best of our ability.

Wednesday 8am Prayer Call

Conference Line Info: Dial (267) 807-9598, When prompted Dial Access Code 481-771-646
Prayer Ministry - prayerteam@1stgchurch.org

1st G Text Alerts

Text the message @1stgbc2 to the number 81010 or (240) 297-4477

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OPEN MINDS. BIGGER HEARTS. HELPING HANDS

WORSHIP TIMES
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 AM
SUNDAYS @ 10:10 AM
KIDZ ZONE @ 10:10 AM

FIRST GETHSEMANE CHURCH
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1STGCHURCH.ORG

BIBLE STUDY:
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30 PM
SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER:
THURSDAYS @ 12:00 PM

Come Grow With Us!