



FIRST "G" TIMES

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



“Social Media as Social Ministry”

PASTOR'S PEN

A few months ago I was contacted by Facebook to be a part of its digital content creator bonus program. Long story short, based upon the performance of my personal posts, Facebook offered me an opportunity to monetize off of posts I would naturally post anyway. It turns out that social media is not only a big deal but it's becoming more and more significant by the second.

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's Chief Executive, recently invested one billion dollars into digital content creators alone. Let's be clear, this huge investment is not about the content creators themselves, but Facebook has something bigger in mind and that is its advertisement revenue. Long story short, if you have a message that you want to be seen and heard, social media is by far the most viable means of getting your message to the masses.

So why am I bringing this to your attention? As Christians and as the Lord's church, we have a message that we have been called and commissioned by God to spread to the world. When it comes to the gospel of Jesus Christ and evangelizing the lost, social media is a valuable and vital tool to build what I would like to call "social ministry".

What if the Apostle Paul had social media at his disposal? In my estimation, The Apostle Paul would not only have avoided shipwrecks and jail time but he would have easily tripled his results in winning people for Christ. We are not the Apostle Paul but we are the 1st G Church. We have more access to resources for ministry than the church of old. With this in heart and mind, 1st G Nation I am challenging you to use your social media platforms for God's glory.

Here are some easy ways you can help our ministry by using social media:

1. Follow us on all of our social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, 1stgchurch)
2. Like and share our posts!
3. Every Sunday snap a picture and post it to your social media platforms.
Remember the hashtag, #reIMAGINE1stG
4. Post an invitation message to Sunday morning worship!

The beauty of social media is that it is a level playing field in which we all can participate in. You may not see or talk directly to a large group of individuals daily but through the vehicle of social media you can certainly impact a large group of individuals daily with just one post. If we commit to this as a church, I guarantee we will continue to see more and more families joining us for worship. We are in kingdom business! Let's win the city for Christ by any means necessary!
#HereWeGrowAgain

In God's Grip,

Dr. Joshua A. Harris Sr.
Pastor





1st G Strong

1st Quarter 2023 Edition



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"Going Higher in 2023"

FIRST GETHSEMANE CENTER FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

Excitement is in the air, as the First Gethsemane Center for Family Development Inc. has a mandate to go higher in the year 2023. Dr. Joshua A. Harris Sr., and the First Gethsemane CFD Board of Directors are committed to build on the enthusiasm experienced at the conclusion of the year 2022. This community will be strengthened through programs and activities hosted at the T. V. Walker CFD West facility. Collaboration is the Key as we continue to look for partners like you to help us become stronger. Seed to Oaks, Jencare Senior Medical Center, Dare to Care, EVOLVE, LG&E and KU Foundation and The GHEENS FOUNDATION are just a few of the partners which have strengthened us.

We kicked off the year with a Home Ownership & Estate Planning workshop that provided education about wealth building through real estate. Black Marketplace Entrepreneurship provided a platform for black owned businesses to introduce and sell their products. We began exercise classes for seniors in this community and church on March 14, 2023.

Resume writing workshop through Job One, is scheduled for April 1, 2023 from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Our goal is to help build families and lives with our new job readiness program. Let us help you reach your fullest potential.

"First Gethsemane Center for Family Development Inc. has a mandate to go higher in the year 2023!"

REV. KEITH A. BUSH, SR.



Power Of 1 has allowed us to begin moving forward with the vision we have for 2023. Please continue to pledge (\$1.00 a week x 52 weeks = \$52.00) support for the First Gethsemane CFD Inc.

Build-A-Bed is on April 15, 2023 at the Broadbent Arena

Dare to Care remains a place to feed those in this community through healthy options.

Youth for Christ has challenged our youth every Thursday to grow in grace and knowledge.

TEAMKID Summer Camp is scheduled to begin on June 5, 2023.

Back to School Giveaway once again will address the BTS needs of our children and youth.

SAVE THE DATE "2023 Annual Fundraiser Gala September 30, 2023"

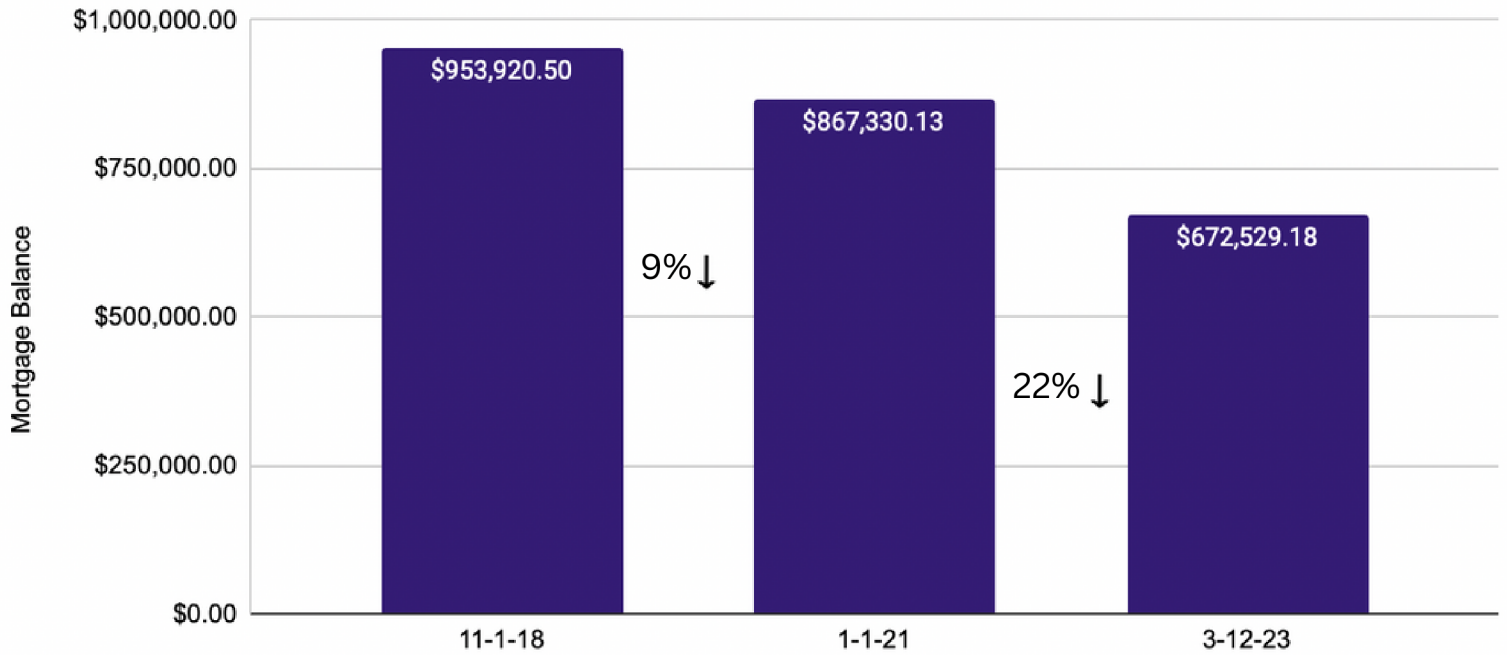
Sincerely,

Rev. Keith A. Bush, Sr.,
Executive Director, First Gethsemane CFD, Inc.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by Rev. Lillie Mae Pettus



River City Mortgage Report

Mortgage Balance November 1, 2018: \$953,920.50
(reduced by 9%)

Mortgage Balance January 1, 2021: \$867,330.13
(reduced by 22%)

Mortgage Balance March 12, 2023: \$672,529.18

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)

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Rev. Kim Dial



Rev. Lillie Mae Pettus

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Dea. Arthur Owens

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Dea. David Howard

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Rev. Charles Ford

Rev. JoAn McClendon



Rev. Wanda Mitchell Smith

Dea. LaWarren Taylor



Rev. Carmelita Weakley

Rev. Ronald Weakley



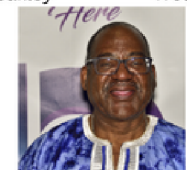
Rev. Pauline Owens

Dea. Walter Yates



Rev. Rhonda Plunkett

Rev. Michael Plunkett



Rev. 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

 **Subscribe to 1STGTV YouTube Channel**  **Follow us on Facebook**

First Gethsemane Baptist Church 1159 Algonquin Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40208

Phone/Text: (502)635-7906 | www.1stgchurch.org



New Members

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST 1ST G MEMBERS!

Jimmy & Brittany Butts

Shane Crowe, Jr.

Mason Goodrich

Hannah Mathis

Jada Nance

Pamela Owsley

Shay Shepherd

Jovon Washington

Kenneth Washington

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!

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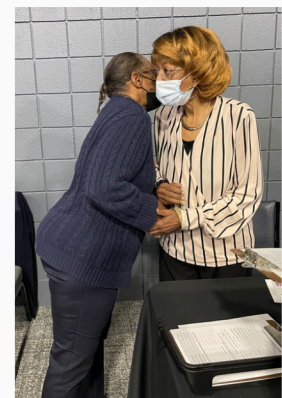
1st G Senior Ministry



1st G Worship Service



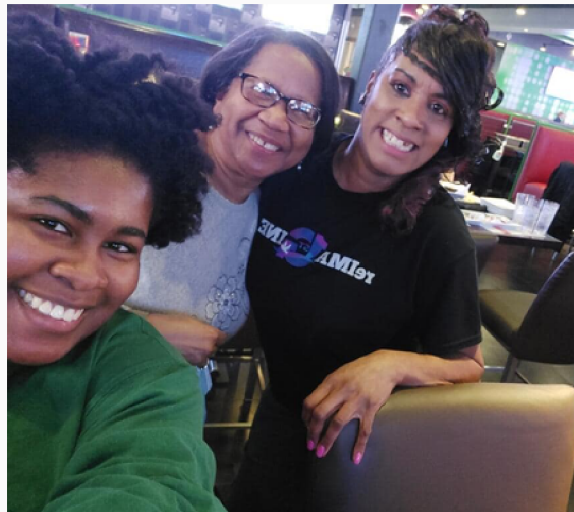
1st G Worship Service



1st G Worship Service



1st G Family Fun Night



First Gethsemane Baptist Church



Dr. Joshua A. Harris, Sr. & Lady Courtney Harris

2nd PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY

**** 19 years in Ministry - 13 years of Pastoring ****

"Unity, Stability and Growth Through Faith"

Ephesians 4:11-16

*Make checks payable to: Dr. Joshua A. Harris, Sr.
or cash app to \$dearpreacher*

Wednesday, April 12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker:

Rev. Nerrick Jackson
Louisville, Kentucky



Sunday, April 16 @ 10:10 a.m.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Charles Ferguson
Columbus, Ohio



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LAUGH OUT LOUD

WITH 1ST G!

MAY
20
SATURDAY

*"Celebrating 113 Years
of Service through Love
and Laughter"*

DOORS OPEN **5PM**
SHOW STARTS AT **6PM**

TICKETS **\$35**

Featuring Comedian
BRODERICK RICE

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For More Info visit www.1stgchurch.org



Upcoming Services, Events & Activities

CENTRAL DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SAVE THE DATE

2023
JUNE
25-29



BATES MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
620 LAMPTON ST, LOUISVILLE, KY 40203

**2023 JOINT SESSION OF
CDBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE &
JL ROBERTS SCHOOL
OF RELIGION**



2023 High School Seniors Eleanor Hutchinson SCHOLARSHIP

Supporting our Youth,
Investing in our Future!

Graduating Seniors, The Eleanor Hutchinson Scholarship Application is now available! Pick one up at the Tech Table or go to 1stgchurch.org and download a copy. Be sure to completely fill out the form and return all the required documents by May 1, 2022. All completed applications must be mailed by the May 1st deadline.

FOR MORE DETAILS:

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**Get Your House In Order
Help is on the Way!**

April 25th @12pm

Learning Objectives

- * Follow Up Series - Planning Your Exit
- * Will Preparation Assistance
- * Bonus: Home Repair Program and other services for seniors

Sponsored by

1st G Senior Ministry & Legal Aid

Guest Speakers

- Metro Government Executive Directors of Development Louisville, Jeff O'Brien and Tamika Laird
- Office of Resilience and Community Services

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TEAMKID Summer Camp

2023



Swimming & Arts



Field Trips



Tutoring & STEM

June 5th - July 28th
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m

Youth ages 5 to 13 years old
(Breakfast and lunch provided)



1221 First Gethsemane Ave.
Louisville, KY 40208
502.634.1839

Register online:
www.1stgcfcd.org

\$75 Per Week | \$250 Activity Fee

*\$25.00 Early Registration Fee
(March 1st - April 9th)*

*\$50 Late Registration Fee
(After April 10th)*

CAMP SPECIAL

4 Weeks Paid
4 Weeks Free*
*JCPS 1st - 8th Grade Students



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THE GHEENS FOUNDATION

Upcoming Services, Events & Activities

1ST GETHSEMANE CHURCH

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER

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

IN PERSON → EVERY THURSDAY @ 12PM-1PM

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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

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

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Jefferson County Public Schools

BUILD A BED

★ kids helping kids sleep sweetly ★

Needing Volunteers for the following:

- Build Team
- Parking
- Bed Wrap Team
- Loaders
- Hospitality
- First Aid Station (Nurses or Retired Nurses)

Saturday, April 15, 2023
Broadbent Arena

For more information and/or to sign-up, please see
Cynthia Crowe or Anaiya Miller by Friday 3/3/23.

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

Save the Date

HOLY LAND TOUR

OCTOBER 10-17 2024

U S T O T E L A V I V , I S R A E L

Grief Share Ministry

Matthew 5:4

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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

JOIN US IN-PERSON OR
ONLINE FOR

Sunday WORSHIP



EVERY SUNDAY @ 10:10AM

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

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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

Love God, Love People, Period!



**YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE CARS,
CLOTHES, CRIBS AND CASH
BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE GOOD
GODLY CHARACTER YOU HAVE
ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.**

Sermon Note from "The Perfect Prayer for Imperfect People" by Dr. Joshua A. Harris Sr.

You Belong Here!



reIMAGINE

OPEN MINDS. BIGGER HEARTS. HELPING HANDS

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

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

C o m e G r o w W i t h U s !