

# Fifth Ward Missionary Baptist Church

CELEBRATING  
**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

February 2022

*Staying*  
**CONNECTED**

Join us each Sunday on Facebook live during each week of Black History Month at 10:00am. This year our theme is: **“Why We Celebrate!”** We welcome each of you to listen in and join us each week as we present one trait (Perseverance, Faith, Hope, Love and Prayer) that permeated throughout the Black experience and sustained our forefathers with the fortitude and courage to begin and continue our struggle for freedom.

Our hope is that these same traits continue to manifest themselves in lives of generations to come until we as Americans see all people as one.

May God continue to bless our struggle. We hope you enjoy our presentation.



**COMING SOON**

Seeing the need for building and supporting our “church of the future” it was suggested we expand our reach to the youth of our congregation. After much prayer and consultation with Pastor, the “Staying Connected Newsletter” will spread its wings and welcome young people, ages 6-12 to submit and receive information to be compiled and added to our first children’s newsletter, “Staying Connected Kids Edition “.

The newsletter will address the spiritual needs of students with Bible stories, Bible activities and discussion topics. A mental and physical wellness section will be included containing tips to build, encourage and support our youth with coping skills and building positive relationships.

Additionally, we will celebrate our youth and their achievements.

We are eagerly preparing for our “debut” on the third Sunday in February, February 20, 2022.

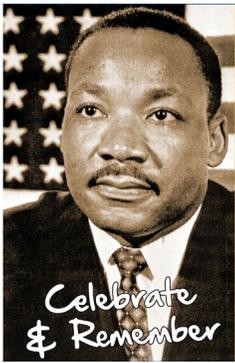
We ask for both your prayers and support. May God bless each of you.

## Living Legacy

Under the leadership of Director Peter Hagewood, Jr., the youth department will commemorate Black History Month by presenting extemporaneous speeches on the topic “African Americans Who Inspire Me Today”. Please support and encourage our youth as they continue to grow.

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Rev. Charles W. Radford, Pastor

# Clarksville Hometown Heroes to Celebrate this Month



On Monday, January 17, as we celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we could not help but remember the dedicated service Dr. King encouraged and fought to obtain for every American.



We thank God and Dr. King for the opportunity given us to provide a much needed service in our community. Fifth Ward, through faithful donations of food and clothing, was able to comfort two families during this season. May God continue to bless us all as we continue to give willing and obedient service to God and others.

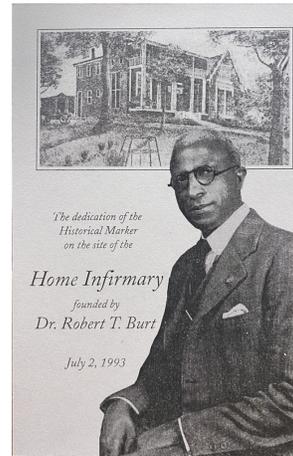
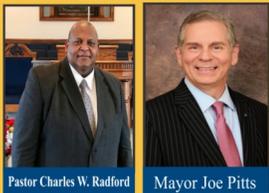


Photo of Dr. Burt and the Home Infirmary

Clarence Cameron White portrait

### Guests for the Occasion



We, the editors of the Fifth Ward Baptist Church Connector Newsletter, extend our appreciation to those of you who helped make our Martin Luther King Jr. Day commemoration Presentation both a memorable and informative event.

Our thank you's to Rev. Charles Radford,

Mayor Joe Pitts, NAACP President Jimmy Garland and Sister Candy Johnson, CEO of the Urban League of Greater Chattanooga. We further thank you, our viewing church membership, family and friend for giving of your time to acknowledge and celebrate with us the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, May God bless and keep each of you.



L.M. Ellis with Austin Peay Special School Basketball team



Wilma Rudolph poses with her three gold medals



**DID  
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**THAT BLACK HISTORY MONTH'S FIRST ITERATION WAS NEGRO HISTORY WEEK, CREATED IN FEBRUARY 1926 BY CARTER G. WOODSON, KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF BLACK HISTORY."**

This historian helped establish the field of African American studies and his organization, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, aimed to encourage people of all ethnic and social backgrounds to discuss the Black experience.

“Those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.”



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**FEBRUARY WAS CHOSEN BY WOODSON FOR THE WEEK-LONG OBSERVANCE AS IT COINCIDES WITH THE BIRTHDATES OF BOTH FORMER US PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND SOCIAL REFORMER FREDERICK DOUGLASS. BOTH MEN PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN HELPING TO END SLAVERY.**

Woodson also understood that members of the Black community already celebrated the births of Douglass and Lincoln and sought to build on existing traditions. "He asked the public to extend their study of Black history, not to create a new tradition.



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**BY THE LATE 1960S, THANKS IN PART TO THE CIVIL-RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND A GROWING AWARENESS OF BLACK IDENTITY, NEGRO HISTORY WEEK WAS CELEBRATED BY MAYORS IN CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. EVENTUALLY, THE EVENT EVOLVED INTO BLACK HISTORY MONTH ON MANY COLLEGE CAMPUSES.**

In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History month. In his speech, President Ford urged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.

Since his administration, every American president has recognized Black History Month and its mission. But it wasn't until Congress passed "National Black History Month" into law in 1986 that many in the country began to observe it formally. The law aimed to make all Americans "aware of this struggle for freedom and equal opportunity".



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**DID YOU KNOW FOR MANY MODERN BLACK MILLENNIALS, THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REIMAGINE WHAT POSSIBILITIES LIE AHEAD. BUT FOR MANY, THE FORCES THAT DROVE WOODSON NEARLY A CENTURY AGO ARE MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER.**

As Lonnie G. Bunch III, Director of the Smithsonian Institution said at the opening of the Washington D.C.'s National Museum of African American History and Culture in 2016: “There is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history. There is no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering.”

# Let us finish with a prayer to celebrate Black History Month

“Thank you for those who have brought light to a world with their kindness and courage. Help us never to forget the past and those who have worked to make the lives of others better. Give us the strength that many black people had as they strived to make a difference in the world. Help us to keep their memory alive and to use the stories from the past to help us make good choice in the present, Amen.”



Staying Connected

## FWMBC

### Our Weekly Studies, Programs and

Adopt-A Child:  
Young Adult  
Ministry/ Church Sponsorship  
(Donations are welcome throughout the month via Givelify)

Bible Study  
Wednesdays-  
6:30pm  
(Facebook.com)

Tithes & Offerings Drive-  
by  
(1st & 3rd Sundays)  
(11:00 am-12:30)

Join Us In Prayer  
Mondays, 7:30 am  
Wednesdays, 6pm  
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Access Code:  
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Young Adult Zoom  
Bible Study  
(1st & 3rd Thursdays,  
6:45pm)

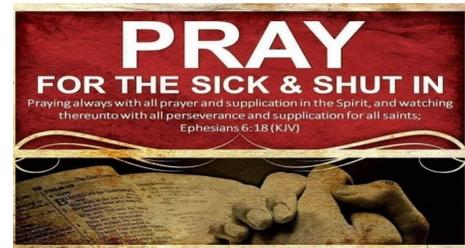
Youth Dept. Zoom  
Bible Study  
(Wednesdays  
7:15pm)

Women’s Ministry  
(Monthly, 2nd  
Monday,

Men’s Ministry  
Monthly, 3rd  
Saturday,  
10:00-11:00am



for the month of February



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