Hello NCBC Family,

Here are the announcements for this Sunday July 5, 2020.  Please read and respond accordingly.  Continue to have a wonderful 4th of July weekend.  Enjoy your family and continue to be safe!

Blessings, Joyce

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 07/05/20 AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR**

**RECENT REPORTS**….indicate that Covid-19 is spiking in most states and new cases of the spread of the virus is rising despite the administration “playing down” the pandemic.  Our rational advice is to “stay the course” when it comes to being cautious and obedient.  Several states that reopened too soon are now reversing course.

**FOLLOWING**….a fourth of July celebration, our thoughts go toward activities for the balance of the summer, which includes our Vacation Bible School which we are choosing to delay by one week.  The new date is the week of July 20th.  Please make a note of this.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS PAST WEEK**….include the graduation of Sis. Ayana Buggs from high school.  She will be furthering her education at Delaware State University.  We also celebrate with Bro. Howard Parker, Jr., who was honored at an Awards Ceremony for outstanding achievement this past Friday.  Blessings to both of these students and their parents.

**WE WERE BLESSED….**this past Wednesday to receive a timely update on the meaning and merits of “grace and mercy.”  Our facilitator was Deacon Joyce Milton.  Join us this Wednesday at 7:30 PM as we look to be strengthened by another look at God’s Word.  The Bible commands us to “study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen and work women that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

**THERE WILL BE**….a Zoom meeting of the Finance Team on this Thursday at 7 PM.  Deacon Milton will contact each member with the call-in information.

**CORRESPONDENCE**….has gone out regarding our  “Christmas in July” event as well as other important information.  Please adhere!

**WE SADLY ANNOUNCE**….the passing of the mothers of Convention pastor Rev. Frankie R. Kelly of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Alexandria, Virginia and Sis. Valeria Smith of the Tenth Street Baptist Church.  We do not know at this point whether these two deaths were Covid-19 related.  Please keep the families of these two individuals lifted in prayer.

**THE WORK OF**….Mr. John McMahon, Chairman of the Academy of Construction & Design and President of Miller & Long Concrete Construction is legendary.  His efforts and success working with programs such as Jobs Partnership & the City’s Faith Re-Entry Initiative assisting ex-offenders in obtaining employment will long be remembered and appreciated.  Celebrating his 80th birthday this month, John will be retiring from both positions.  He was responsible for so many blessings to our church, such as the repair of our roof on Park Road, building a fence around our property on Newton Place, and instrumental in resolving our “well problem” on Old Jericho Park Road, all three of which were costly projects.  We wish John a happy, healthy, and prosperous retirement.

**SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTS**….by Pastor Tucker for both Ayana Buggs and Darrell Davis from the National Capital Baptist Convention of D.C. & Vicinity have both been accepted.  We praise God for both of these blessings.

**YOUR TITHES & OFFERINGS**….continue to be of great importance!  We are so grateful to those of you who remain faithful to this responsibility to God and the church.  We continue to provide the mail in information each week:  NCBC, 6239 Audubon Drive, Columbia, MD. 21044 (You may also use Givelify).