Community Women Against Hardship June 2022 Newsletter



Let The Church Say "AMEN" By Deborah Phelps

The song "Let the Church Say Amen" has touched the hearts of countless believers. The church is often moved to sing along with the famous chorus line that is based on Nehemiah 8:6-10: "God has spoken. I heard Him. So, let the church say "Amen".

Around 1846, approximately 175 years ago, the First Baptist Church of Chesterfield (FBCC), a Bible believing, Bible teaching institution located at 17103 Wild Horse Creek Road, did hear, and did say "Amen" to the benevolent attribute of The Highest God. Today, that same benevolence and humanitarian spirit continues to strive and thrive under the leadership of (interim pastor) Minister Chris Rogers and First Lady Tamra Rogers. That spirit of giving resonates in the hearts of this fully diverse congregation and is reflected throughout its various philanthropic outreach ministries.

For example, the congregation members (from all over the entire St. Louis metropolitan community) will nominate and vote for eligible nonprofit organizations to receive a monetary award which totals one tenth of the church's annual budget. This generous financial outreach occurs each year. During COVID, our help also included paying rent, utilities, car repairs, etc. FBCC financial services were even extended to an additional 25 families, some senior citizens and other head-of-household members who were struggling with unemployment.







"Success is not just about what you accomplish in your life. It's about what you inspire others to do." - African Proverb SAVE THE DATE! CWAH Ambassadors 16th Annual Golf Tournament The Quarry at Crystal Springs #1 Crystal Springs Quarry Dr. Maryland Heights, MO 63043 October 1, 2022

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Yet, the church is still not done giving and lifting the hopes of countless others. The Outreach Ministry Partners designation was established to recognize agencies that have a long-standing relationship with FBCC due to the alignment of a shared mission and vision. This monetary philanthropic outreach program selects four nonprofit agencies to partner with for increments of three years. During this period, each agency receives an abundance of in-kind donations.

Along with the monetary awards the Hospitality Ministry sponsors several community outreach efforts such as backpack supplies, food pantry, hygiene products and clothing items. All are designed to help provide essentials for individuals and families which the agency serves.

More giving: Once a year during Mission Emphasis Sunday, each agency recipient is also invited to attend FBCC services to receive a substantial monetary award to help assist in turning lives around for the better.

Two of the recipients selected for the Missions in Partnership are Bethesda Evangelical Church in South Africa and Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH) CEO and founder Gloria Taylor. With overwhelming appreciation, Taylor shared, "This partnership has made a significant impact with the center." She humbly watched the zeal and enthusiasm of Girl Scout Troop 4409 assist with several deliveries to CWAH's clothing boutique.

Girl Scout Troop 4409 are also members of FBCC where the compassion to touch lives benevolently continues to reflect Nehemiah 8:6-10. Where the church lifts hands to lift others and believes that: "God has spoken. I heard Him. Let the Church say Amen."

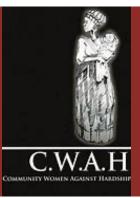
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Each year CWAH provides a lesson in history to youth enrolled in the Summer Youth Enrichment Program. This sixweek program emphasizes the value of understanding history and it also creates opportunities for them to see how it relates to their lives. This year, we are happy to announce the addition of the Nike Community Impact Fund to our summer program supporters to expose our children to mental health solutions and physical activities. At the end of the program, the youth will visit an historical city to further educate them on our own African heritage.







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