

**First African Baptist Church  
of Darby Township  
901 Clifton Avenue  
Sharon Hill, PA 19079**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

***“The Year of Spiritual Giving and Blessings”***

**II Corinthians 9:6-8 NCV**



**The Courage to Lead – The Faith to Follow  
Rev. Dr. Richard A. Dent, Pastor**

<sup>12)</sup> And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in. Isaiah 58:5-12(KJV)

**ROSE OF SHARON MISSIONARY &  
CHOSEN 300 SUNDAY**

Moments of Prayer & Praise .....Praise and  
Worship Ministry

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise #309 .....“Higher Ground”

Selection..... Men’s Choir

Morning Prayer..... Deacon Charles Bradford, Sr.

Prayer Response

Words of Welcome ..... Sister Hilda Fitzgerald

Offering  
Missions  
Tithes

Pastoral Comments

Hymn of Preparation..... Men’s Choir

**SERMON**

**THEME:** “Repairing the Road Within”  
**TEXT:** Isaiah 58:5-12 (KJV)  
**Reverend Brian Jenkins, Founder of  
Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc.**

Call to Christian Discipleship

Benediction

**A SELECTED WORD FOR YOU TODAY**

**JOY! JOY! JOY!**

**SOUND FINANCIAL ADVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR**

“Gather...in the good years...Otherwise this famine will  
destroy the land.”

Genesis 41:35,36 (NLT)

Joseph gave Pharaoh some sound financial advice that we would all do well to live by: “Gather into the royal storehouses all the excess crops of the next seven years...that way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come. Otherwise, disaster will surely strike” (vv. 35-36 TLB). And how did Pharaoh respond? “Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh” (v. 37 TLB). Your future financial security is guaranteed if you practice these three scriptural principles:

1. Tithe. “Bring all of the tithes into the storehouse...If you do so, says the Lord of Heaven’s Armies, ‘I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!’” (Malachi 3:10 NLT).
2. Save. Discipline yourself to invest a percentage of your income in savings. Don’t worry that it’s a modest amount, just make it a priority! If you don’t, you’ll spend it on other things and never achieve your long-term goals for college, retirement, or helping the work of the Lord.
3. Get out of debt. After tithing to God and saving for the future, strive to pay off all your financial obligations. Stop paying the bare minimum on your credit cards. By not repaying them in full every month, you end up paying much more than you should. Put as much as you can toward retiring outstanding debt, even if you have to stretch yourself and do without a few things for a while. In the long run, you’ll be way ahead.

(Taken from the Word for You Today - Daily Devotional)

**Love and joy,  
Pastor Dent**

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT  
FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

**December 31 – January 6, 2018**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

- 8:45 am Sunday School (Adult & Youth)
- 8:45 am New Members Discipleship Class
- 9:45 am Sunday Morning Worship Service

**After Service:**

B.W. Watkins Event

**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm WATCH NIGHT SERVICE**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Tuesday, January 2, 2018**

- 6:30 pm P.H.I.T. (Fitness Class) - Annex
- 7:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, January 3, 2018**

- 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Neighbor to Neighbor Bread Basket Giveaway (Annex)
- 12:00 pm Noon Day Prayer**
- 6:00 pm Prayer Service** – Led by the Houses of Simon & Thomas
- 7:00 pm Family Bible Study**

**Thursday, January 4, 2018**

- 6:00pm – 8:00 pm Emergency Food Cupboard - Annex
- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Annex
- 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, January 5, 2018**

No Scheduled Activities

**Saturday, January 6, 2017**

- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study**
- 10:00 am J.U.M.P. Mime Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Wings of Praise Dance Rehearsal
- 11:00 am Deacons' & Deaconess' Meetings
- 11:30 am Angelic Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30 pm Little & Total Praisers Dance Rehearsal
- 1:00 pm WTL Drama Ministry Rehearsal
- 1:30 pm C.H.E.R.I.S.H. Ministry Meeting

**Financial Statements will be mailed by the end of January, 2018. Please make sure we have your correct mailing address, telephone number and email address on file. Operation Stay Connected Cards are available at the Clerk's Window.**

Material for the Bulletin, PowerPoint, and Announcements must be submitted by **11:00 am every Tuesday**. Please submit your request to [FABC-joy@fabcmicrosoftonline.com](mailto:FABC-joy@fabcmicrosoftonline.com)

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMMUNITY**

***PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR***

*Give us the kindness to hear with  
compassion, to offer support, loving  
comfort, and care.*

*Give us the courage to do what is needed,  
the wisdom to choose, what is right and  
most fair.*

*Give us the vision to see what is possible.  
Give us the faith that will help pave the  
way for a present that's hopeful, a future  
that's peaceful --*

*Give us the heart to bring joy to each day.*

*Author Unknown*

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

**April 13 – 15, 2018**

**A minimum, non-refundable deposit of  
\$50.00 is due at time of registration.**

**Retreat Weekend**

**Hotel reservations must be made by  
Sunday, March 11, 2018**

**Single \$350; Double \$280.00;  
Triple \$270.00; Quad \$260.00**

**Daily (Non-Hotel Stay)**

**Friday - \$40.00 Saturday - \$120.00  
Friday & Saturday - \$160.00**

**Forms of Payment: Cash, Credit Card (Visa &  
MasterCard), Checks, Money Orders or On-line  
payments on the Church Website. If you are paying  
by check, please make it payable to Women's  
Ministry Retreat. (Registration Form is still  
required with on-line payments)**

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Friday.....9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**(Closed from 12:30pm – 1:30pm each day)**

Evening Hours.....6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

## Telephone Numbers

Office ..... 610-461-0350

610-461-0352

Office Fax..... 610-461-4186

Trustees' Fax..... 610-461-4867

Kitchen..... 610-461-0351

## Neighbor to Neighbor Community Development Corporation

Telephone Number.....610-461-8140

Fax Number.....610 461-8142

Website: [www.n2ncdc.org](http://www.n2ncdc.org)

## Neighbor to Neighbor United Way Donor Option #07809

Ask-A-Lawyer

Email questions to:

[Legal-Ministry@fabc.microsoftonline.com](mailto:Legal-Ministry@fabc.microsoftonline.com)



You Can Give Tithes and Offerings Via Text  
Text FABCSH Tithes to 73256



### BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sunday 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
& After Service

Wednesday 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Phone: 610-461-1108

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### NURSERY

Hours: 9:45am – End of Service

Open to children 1 to 6 years of age.

Infants are welcome when accompanied by a parent.