

# *"Compassion: God's Vaccine of Hope"* *(It's Time for a Booster Shot)*

Lamentations 3:19-25 NIV

*Ebenezer Third Baptist Church*  
*77th Woman's Day Observance*

*May 23, 2021*

*10:00 am*

Dr. Ricky Freeman, Pastor  
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# Message from the Pastor

## HAPPY WOMAN'S DAY!!

As Pastor of Ebenezer Third Baptist Church, I am honored to join the women of Ebenezer as we celebrate our 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman's Day.

The women of Ebenezer, like women of faith around the world, are talented, committed, and vital to the mission of our congregation. We honor, celebrate and appreciate the support, wisdom, guidance, and witness they provide year after year. We praise God for the powerful example of Godly womanhood at Ebenezer.

I am grateful to Sister Carlene Phillips, who bravely took on the task of leading our Woman's Day efforts. It is no small feat to be responsible for one of the major celebrations of our congregation. Sister Phillips and the members of the Steering Committee have done an excellent job planning and guiding Woman's Day 2021. Amidst this difficult COVID-19 pandemic, they have served with tremendous grace, competence, and love.

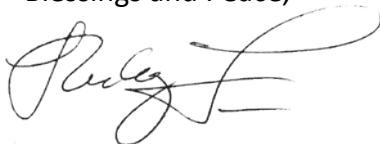
Once again, our finance teams (Captains and Co-Captains) have had to be nimble and make adjustments to help us meet our financial goals. We thank all of them for their dedication and service.

I know that the message from our speaker, Ms. Jennifer Sanders, will be a blessing to us and an encouragement to all women of faith. We welcome Ms. Sanders, the daughter of a Pastor, to our Church and to worship for Woman's Day.

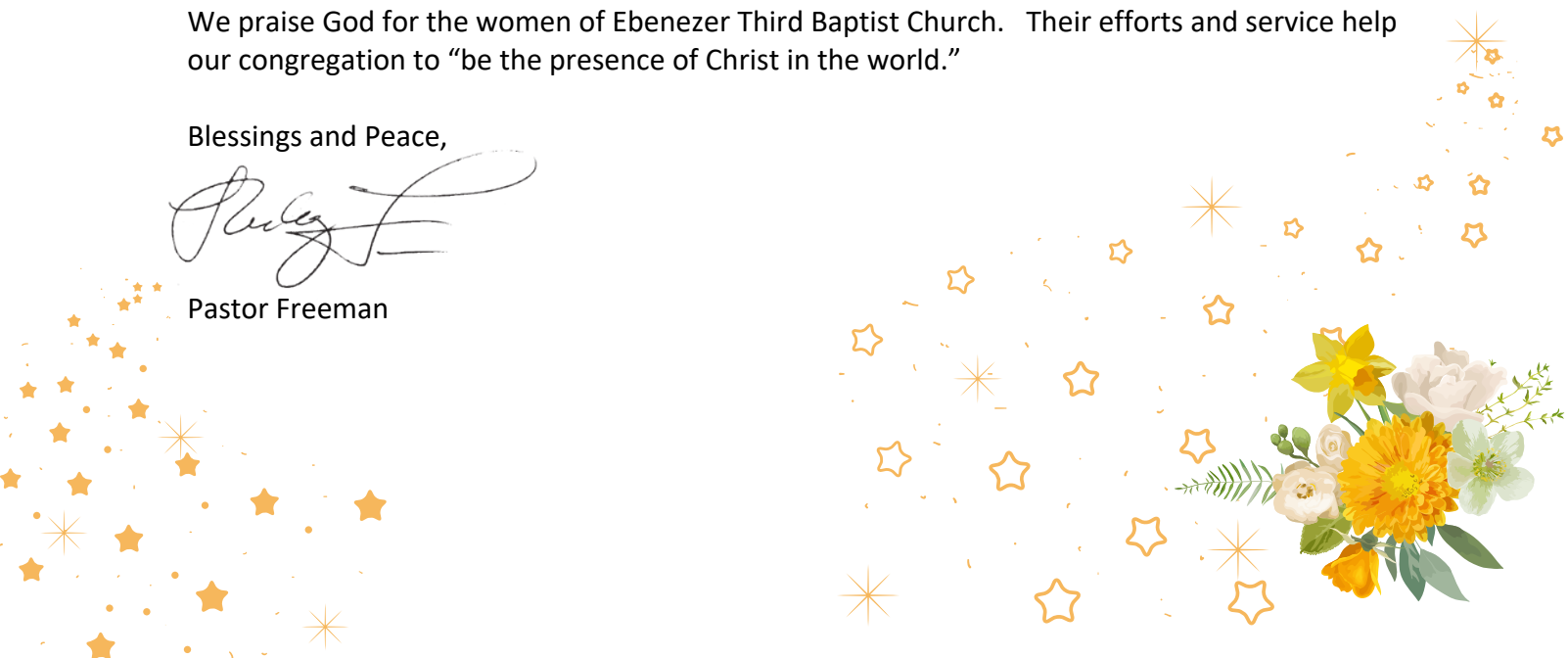
As we look forward to life after COVID-19, we praise God for Divine compassion, which gives us hope and strength to face life's challenges.

We praise God for the women of Ebenezer Third Baptist Church. Their efforts and service help our congregation to "be the presence of Christ in the world."

Blessings and Peace,



Pastor Freeman



# *In Memoriam*

**EBENEZER THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH**

**IN MEMORIAM**

**APRIL 2020 – APRIL 2021**

**Maggie D. Brewer Chapman**

**Flominda Mercer Gabriel**

**Janisha R. Gabriel**

**Allie Faye Smith Johnson**



**Roy Jean Bacon Lee**

**Former Trustee Willie B. Manning**

**Waldron Wray Plicque**

**Deaconess Carolyn Faye Redmon**

**Johnnie Williams Sparks**



**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) "in honor" of the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Woman's Day Observance.

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To develop Christ-like persons through life-changing experiences: worship, study, teaching, fellowship, evangelism, and service.

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**REMEMBER OUR SICK & SHUT-INS!**

# Litany of Dedication

- LEADER:** **WE ARE THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD.** We are the daughters of the past, sustainers of the present, and hope for the future.
- PEOPLE:** **WE CELEBRATE OUR HERITAGE.**
- LEADER:** **WE ARE DEBTORS** to all who preceded us. They have planted, cultivated, and harvested.
- PEOPLE:** **WE DEDICATE AND RE-COMMIT** our lives by lighting candles to symbolize seven major concerns of Christian women, the family, and the world.
- LEADER:** The **RED CANDLE** is for sacrifice, which is essential to the abundance of life.
- PEOPLE:** **WE SUFFER FOR TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
- LEADER:** The **BLUE CANDLE** is for loyalty.
- PEOPLE:** **WE PROMISE TO BE FAITHFUL TO OURSELVES, OTHERS, AND THE LORD.**
- LEADER:** The **GREEN CANDLE** is for fertility.
- PEOPLE:** **WE PROMISE TO BE PRODUCTIVE SERVANTS.**
- LEADER:** The **WHITE CANDLE** is for purity.
- PEOPLE:** **WE PROMISE TO BE PURE IN HEART THAT WE MAY SEE GOD.**
- LEADER:** The **GOLD CANDLE** is for reaching the world for Christ, which begins at our own back door and extends to the community and the city in which we live.
- PEOPLE:** **LORD, HELP US PROCLAIM OUR HERITAGE.**
- LEADER:** The **SILVER CANDLE** means Christian women have their own unique gifts from God. We have our own places to fill. Our commitment to God's love, justice, and mercy keeps us serenely confident.
- PEOPLE:** **LORD, HELP US CLAIM OUR HERITAGE.**
- LEADER:** The **BLACK CANDLE** is our agenda for excellence in education for Black children, which demands continuous vigilance, involvement, and accountability. We must teach by precepts and examples. We must teach Christ as the Lord of all life, so that our children will be redeeming forces in the world.
- ALL:** **MAY THE WIND NEVER DIM THE FLAME OF THE LOVE THAT HAS BEEN LIT IN OUR HEARTS. AMEN.**



# 77th Woman's Day Observance

## Order of Worship

10:00 AM

Sister Carlene Phillips, *Presiding*

INTROIT ..... "Lord, You Are Good" ..... *Houghton*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... *Sister Colette Johnson*

**Leader:** Ascribe to the Lord glory and might.

**People:** Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name.

**Leader:** Today, we worship the God of Queen Esther, Prophetess Huldah, Hagar, the Queen of Sheba, Anna, Phoebe, and other women of faith.

**People:** We praise our God for Godly women who are sustained by God's Compassion and live with hope.

**All:** Let us worship and praise our God, as we celebrate and honor all women of faith.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN: No. 248 ..... "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" ..... *Wilson/Eiland*

INVOCATION ..... *Sister Cynthia Mays*

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... "He Will Provide" ..... *Public Domain*

LITANY OF DEDICATION ..... *Sister Tristahn Ringer*

*Sister Royal Williams, Candlelighter*

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE ..... *Sister Andrea Walker*

DEDICATION HYMN: No. 285 ..... "Precious Memories" ..... *Wright*

WELCOME ..... *Sister Shanna Watson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTHDAYS, AND ANNIVERSARIES ..... *Sister Ria Griffin*

*Brother Gregory Roberson*

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... *Runyan*

*Ms. Faith Fobeneh, Soprano*

SCRIPTURE ..... Lamentations 3:19-25 NIV ..... *Sister R. Denise Pierce*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER ..... *Sister Carlene Phillips*

SPEAKER ..... *Ms. Jennifer Sanders*

*Anchor and Reporter, KXAN News, the NBC Affiliate - Austin, Texas*

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP ..... *Dr. Janice Bryant*

INVITATIONAL HYMN ..... "We Offer Christ to You" ..... *Britton/Foster*

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE ..... *Sister Carlene Phillips, Chair*

REMARKS ..... *Dr. Ricky Freeman*

BENEDICTION ..... *Dr. Janice Bryant*

CHORAL RESPONSE ..... "Till We Meet Again" ..... *Franklin*





# Guest Speaker



## MS. JENNIFER SANDERS

Ms. Jennifer Sanders is an Edward R. Murrow award winning and Emmy-nominated global journalist, news anchor, former college professor and documentary filmmaker, who is passionate about helping and empowering people through visual storytelling.

She is an anchor and reporter at KXAN News, the NBC affiliate in Austin, Texas. She joined KXAN in 2020 after spending nearly a decade at News Channel 9, WSYR-TV, the ABC affiliate in Syracuse, New York. While in Syracuse, Ms. Sanders started as a weekend reporter and worked her way up to becoming the station's morning news anchor. She also served as adjunct faculty at Syracuse University, one of the top broadcast journalism schools in the nation.

Before moving to Central New York, she was a multi-media journalist at KXII-TV in Sherman, Texas. She also hosted a weekly talk show called "Forum", in which she did in-depth coverage of key issues impacting people across Texas and Oklahoma. Ms. Sanders started her journalism career in newspaper and radio in Seguin, Texas.

Through her work as a documentary filmmaker, Ms. Sanders has produced awarding-winning content that has changed policies, community narratives, and sparked nationwide conversation. Her most recent documentary entitled "Hidden History: The End of Syracuse's 15th Ward" won several awards, including the prestigious Edward R. Murrow award. Another documentary produced by Ms. Sander entitled "Hidden History: Syracuse 8" was nominated for an Emmy. This piece focused on a group of African-American football players at Syracuse University who protested inequality through a boycott that made national headlines.

In addition to her daily anchoring and storytelling for various newscasts at her station, she has had the opportunity to interview Oprah Winfrey and cover President Obama's visit to Cooperstown, New York. Ms. Sanders is the founder of NexJeneration, Inc., a platform that provides students hands-on education, exposure, and financial assistance to become well-trained journalists in the evolving world of television and digital news. She actively works with children and teens in school districts across the nation. Throughout the school year, she travels to various schools and universities, hosting workshops and lecturing about the importance of journalism and how to have a successful career in news. Ms. Sanders is a big believer in giving back to her community.

As the daughter of retired military parents, she has lived throughout the United States and Europe and is a native of San Antonio, Texas. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications/Spanish from Texas Lutheran University and her Master's degree from the University of North Texas. Ms. Sanders is passionate about service and community and will continue dedicating her life to making the world a better and more progressive place.



# 77th Woman's Day Observance

## Team List

### Team No.

### Captain

### Co-Captain

1	Grova Jones	Marilyn Poole
2	Jennifer Durst	Diva Dale
3	Betty Williams	-----
4	Joe Helen Belle	Carlene Phillips
5	Dr. M. Lavon Marshall	Mirian Jones-Clark
6	Cynthia H. Mays	Althea Roberts
7	Carrie O. Swisher	Sharon Alexander
8	Mildred Fuller	Eugenia Gaines
9	Lydia Moore	Barbara Alexander
10	Polly R. Street	Betty H. Johnson
11	Barbara F. Wilson	Betty Jo Hudspeth
12	Tammara West	Shannon Armstead
13	Jo Ann F. Lewis	Dr. Monica Woods
14	Judy Washington	Ruth Ann Washington
15	Opal Irving	Beatrice Williams
16	Radie Cannady	Verda Duncan
17	Gwendolyn Webb	Ruth T. Godine
18	Alice Houston-Johnson	Dr. Harovel Wheat
19	Ursula Brown Carter	Mary Bell
20	Cheryl H. Morgan	Dr. Rashaanne Lewis
21	Gloria Campbell	Rhonda D. House
22	Carolyn Icard	-----
23	Fannie Akingbala	Min. Cardette M. Carroll
24	Linda Ellison	Marsha Rita Ellison



# Committees

## 77<sup>th</sup> Woman's Day Observance Committees

**Carlene Phillips, Chair**

### **Steering Committee**

Carlene Phillips, Chair  
Lydia Moore, Past Chair  
Andrea West, Past Co-Chair  
2021 Committee Chairs & Co-Chairs

### **Book Talk Committee**

Grova Jones, Chair  
Dr. Janice Bryant  
Linda Ellison  
Dr. Rashaanne Lewis  
Marilyn Poole

### **Candlelight Committee**

Fannie Akingbala, Co-Chair  
Linda Ellison, Co-Chair  
Kyra Tucker, Co-Chair

### **Clerical Committee**

Sharon Boyd  
Sharon Owens

### **Finance Committee**

Teresa Gratten, Chair  
Jennifer Durst, Co-Chair

### **Hospitality Committee**

Jo Ann F. Lewis, Chair  
Dr. Monica Woods, Co-Chair  
Ushers, Nurses, & Greeters (Women)

### **Media Committee**

Ria Griffin, Chair  
Preston Biro  
Dr. Janice Bryant  
Radie Cannady  
Dr. Rashaanne Lewis  
Lydia Moore  
Kanika Pendergrass  
Rev. Torrence Spears

### **Music Committee**

Tammara West, Chair  
Lydia Moore, Co-Chair  
Radie Cannady  
Dr. Beulah A. Jones  
Rev. Torrence Spears, Director  
Ryan Howard, Musician

### **Photography Committee**

Raymond Godine

### **Prayer Committee**

Radie Cannady  
Linda Ellison

### **Program Committee**

Polly R. Street, Chair  
Lenora Givens, Co-Chair  
Radie Cannady  
Eugenia Gaines  
Ruth Godine  
Dr. Carolyn Golden  
Betty H. Johnson  
Dr. Beulah A. Jones  
Lydia Moore

### **Recording Secretary**

Dr. Rashaanne Lewis

Due to circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the entire Woman's Day Steering Committee was not called into service. We want to recognize their support and look forward to a full team next year. Thank you, Sisters in Christ.

