1894 – 2014
120th Anniversary

True Vine Missionary Baptist Church
3765 Highway 90
Conway, SC 29526
Rev. Harris Wilson, Pastor
Rev. Harris Wilson, the son of Eliza Frinks was born December 5, 1952. He was nurtured and reared by his greatest inspiration - his grandmother, the late Mrs. Katie Wilson. He attended Loris Elementary School and is a graduate of Loris High School. Upon graduation from high school, he joined the United States Navy.

After returning home, he rejoined the McNeil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he had joined at an early age. His mission at McNeil Chapel was to promote God's Kingdom by serving as Chairman of the Trustee Board and other capacities.

In September of 2001, God called him to be a carrier of His Word. The Kingston Lake Missionary Baptist Association ordained him in March of 2002. Rev. Wilson received a degree of Theology from Langston Bible Institute, Langston Baptist Church in 2003. He was called to shepherd the congregation of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church on April 4, 2004.

Presently, he is Vice-President of the Kingston Lakes Ministerial Alliance, Chairman of the Executive Board and Ordination Council of the Kingston Lake Association. This man of God continues to study and learn about God.

He retired from HTC. He is married to the former Clara Owens and the father of three children: Corey, Ebony and Shanice Wilson and two grandchildren Ja’Miayah and Nevaeh.
I would like to pause and thank God for the True Vine M.B Church Family promoting God’s Kingdom for one-hundred, twenty years. God has truly blessed us with His presence and His power. The Founders who gathered in Grahamsville, South Carolina (a thriving community behind what is now known as Wild Horse) caught the vision before August 6, 1894 to establish a church to be known as True Vine Missionary Baptist Church and on August 6, 1894 this vision became a reality. This legacy of commitment to God has continued to exist as we worship here today on Sunday, August 3, 2014. After one-hundred, twenty years of perseverance and dedication, we pause to celebrate the goodness of the Lord and to reflect upon the efforts of our members, past and present.

As Historian of this historical church, I say congratulations to Rev. Harris Wilson, our pastor, Minister Lynette Bratcher, our associate minister, our deacons, trustees, and presidents and chairpersons of other ministries and auxiliaries, members of our church, and other friends and family members who made a special effort to share their time and effort to make our 120th Anniversary a successful one.

Again, we say thank you and we not only reflect on the past but look ahead with faith and anticipation to serve and work to make God’s will a reality.

“One-Hundred Twenty Years of Christian Service: True Vine’s Past Is A Legacy For Future Generations”
ASSOCIATE MINISTER – Minister Lynette Bratcher
SPOUSE – Mr. Gregory Bratcher

PASTOR – Rev. Harris Wilson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR – Minister Lynette Bratcher
Deacon Board and Deaconesses

Dea. Harold Bratcher, Chairman, Dea. Bethea Galloway, Dea. LaRue Galloway
Dea. Ronald Graham (Not pictured)

Deaconess Mary Colbert, Deaconess Thetis Galloway, Deaconess Thelma Galloway
Deaconess Mazie Booth (Not pictured)
The rich history of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church is deeply rooted in the original document which was signed on August 6, 1894. Horry County, Grahamsville, South Carolina.
August 6, 1894

**Preamble and Constitution**

We, the ministers from the various Baptist churches of the Kingston Lake Association met together on the 6th of August at Grahamsville. Elder R.B. Hunter from Triumph, Elder William Graham from Oak Grove and Elder R.J. Davis from Cherry Hill. The Rev. Hunter Called the house to order. The meeting was opened by singing hymn #58. Prayer was offered by Elder William Graham. On a motion, the Elder Hunter be elected as clerk. The moderator stated the object of the meeting was to constitute a church known by the name of True Vine. On a motion that the door of the council was opened to ministers of the same faith and order, to take a seat with us and to participate with us. Elder John M. Croslin came forward and was welcomed to a seat and motion the candidates be examined by Elder John M. Croslin, Elder R.J. Davis and Frank Vereen. The candidates were in good standing and adopted. On motion that the candidates were joined together by joining right hands together.

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On motion the covenant be read and the right hand of fellowship was extended by the council. Afterwhich the moderator declared the church was properly organized. On a motion that the church be known as True Vine Missionary Baptist Church. Elder Graham clearly states in this document that our church was properly organized on August 6, 1894.

This document along with other church materials was found by the late Timothy Dewitt whose father, Bro. Matthew Dewitt was the clerk of our church for many years.

The following is a beautiful account of history which was given to Dea. Major H. Booth, Sr. by Rev. Frank Gore. Rev. Gore stated that he copied this account from his father’s (Rev. J.S Gore) minutes.

“It was in the early spring of 1905 when Rev. Patrick Dewitt rode across the Waccamaw River in his paddling boat and each Sunday afternoon organized a Bible Study with young people. After a period of time, the adults aroused by the great success so much that Rev. Patrick Dewitt put on a three night meeting was extended to five nights and at the close of the meeting seven people were baptized.”

Rev. Patrick Dewitt served as pastor for a number of years. When he became Missionary, Rev. Solomon Chestnut was elected as pastor. In 1911, Rev. A.T. Graham became pastor.

The next written account of our church was found in the minutes of December 7, 1913. The minutes were as follow:

“A meeting of the building committee of True Vine met to build a church. The male is to pay one-dollar and the female is to pay what they can.”

The following names were listed in the minutes in 1913: F.V. Vereen, S.F. Dewitt, D.O. Dewitt, Joe Pierce, Richard Faulk, Walter Dewitt, Richard Dewitt, George Cox, Stacy Vereen, John Vereen, Henry Vereen, Thomas Vereen, Sam Vereen, George Bellamy, George Wilson, George Galloway, Moses Galloway, Joe Bratcher, Heck Vereen, Henry Gore, Flander Polite, Robert Wilson, Jack Vereen, Donnie Grant, Dock Galloway, Herbert Green, Frank Campbell, Joe Vereen, Sam Galloway, Everlene Pierce, Fannie Bellamy, Ola Cox, G.G.Green, Mary Bellamy, Martha Dewitt, Lottie Galloway,
Betty Galloway, Mary Wilson, Lizzie Vereen, Sally Green, Carrie Dewitt, Ida Bellamy, Lue Vereen, Ola Dewitt, Becky Dewitt, Mary Dewitt, Drusey Dewitt, Seare Cox, Tenia Pierce, F. Bellamy, E. Vereen, Lizzie Polite, G. Faulk, Nellie Dewitt, Edie Dewitt, and Homer Dewitt.

As recorded in the books at the courthouse in Conway on October 12, 1907, Burroughs and Collins granted 53/100 of an acre of land to the True Vine Colored Church. In one of our history meetings, Bro. Donnie Grant and Dea. D.L. Galloway stated that a building was constructed near the entrance of the Hickory Hill Circle on Highway 90. The next location of True Vine was on the former Black Creek Road which was later named Burroughs Road and is now known as International Drive.

As the result of an interesting interview that I had with Dea. Bethea Galloway, I discovered that during World War II the right hand side of the road coming from the direction of Conway was declared as a Bombing Range for target practice by the Armed Forces. All of the families living on that side of the road had a certain period of time to leave or move their homes. Some of the people who were involved in the move were Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Dewitt, Dea. and Mrs. Stacy Vereen, Dea. and Mrs. Howard Hughes, Dea. and Mrs. Dock G. Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Dewitt, Mrs. Fannie Weathers and Mr. Berkley Pierce. Some of these families moved to another part of the county and some of them moved their houses to the other side of the road. Dea. Bethea Galloway said that his father, Dea. Dock G. Galloway, moved some of their furniture to a house in the Homewood Community but he soon went and got it and returned to his home in this community.

The members of the True Vine Community had a very important decision to make. They had to decide whether the church should be terminated and the members join Chesterfield or some other church or move the building to the other side of the road. A group of members, Sis. Fannie Bellamy, Sis. Fannie Weathers Dewitt, Mr. Henry Campbell, Bro. Flemmie Wilson, and Dea. Dock G. Galloway persuaded the congregation to keep the church and move it to the present site.

Dea. Dock Galloway asked Mr. Bill Gore to move the wooden structure. Some of the men of the community who helped Mr. Gore with the move were Dea. Dock G. Galloway, Dea. Howard Hughes, Dea. Wilbur Bratcher, Sr., Mr. Henry Campbell, Mr. George Bratcher, and Bro. Flemmie Wilson. The structure was placed on logs and drawn by a team of mules. This took time because the present Highway #90 was not constructed. Dea. Bethea Galloway believes that the State of South Carolina moved the schoolhouse.

Before they were able to move the church, the soldiers had taken the church’s bell and had begun ripping boards from the back of the church. On September 16, 1943, Thomas E. Nixon granted us a lot of land for three dollars to the church. Of course, this is where they placed the structure – at our present site.

We have had very strong ministers to guide our congregation. Rev. H.H. Wilson was the pastor until October 1918. At this time, according to the minutes of the conference, Rev. J.S. Gore was elected as pastor. He served until 1919. During the 1920s, Rev. S.R. Eagles, Rev. E. Butler, and Rev. James Brandon served as pastors. Bro. S.F. Dewitt and Bro. Matthew Dewitt served as clerks. During the 1930s, Rev. F.C. Chestnut, Rev. F.A. White, Rev. A.W. Haze, Rev. E. Dewitt, and Rev. Simm Chestnut served as ministers.


Other ministers who served were Rev. John H. Keel, Rev. Luther Graham, and Rev. Elijah Patrick, Rev. George P. Windley served as an assistant pastor and Rev. James
T. McCray was our interim pastor after the passing of Rev. Patrick. Rev. Smart Smalls was elected in 1979 and Rev. Lemaroris Goff who was elected as pastor in 1983 and preached his first sermon in January 1984.

Rev. John H. Keel was instrumental in initiating the idea of a new church building and had fundraisers to begin funds for the new building. Many of us can remember the Captain Rallies that he had and perhaps still have one of the watches that he used as a reward for being the winner of the Captain Rally. Rev. Joe Keel and Rev. Elijah Patrick worked hard to complete the existing building. Rev. Patrick was also responsible for tearing down the old church and constructing the Fellowship Hall to the present building.

Dea. Bethea Galloway, his son and nephews, Edward Galloway, Lucius Campbell, Jr., Mr. George Bratcher and Dea. Major Booth, Sr. were very helpful in giving their time to complete the inside of the building. Popular AME Church, Chesterfield MB Church and many other churches supported us financially. Mr. Brinkley Vereen and Mrs. Laura Livingston and other members of Popular AME Church would encourage their members to attend True Vine’s Choir parades. The finances from these programs would be used for building funds.

In November 1971, the congregation marched from the old building to the adjacent new building for Sunday School and Worship Service. Rev. Patrick will be remembered for organizing the Young Women’s Auxilliary, the Young Adult Choir, and many other organizations in our church.

Under the pastorship of Rev. Smalls, our Cornerstone laying ceremony occurred on December 12, 1982. The guest speaker was Rev. C. Glenn. The laying of the Cornerstone was under the direction of Bethlehem Lodge No. #327 and Horry County District Lodge. On January 1, 1983, the Cornerstone was placed in the allotted wall of the church. The inscription on the stone is as follows:

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\text{True Vine M.B.C.} \\
\text{Est. Aug 6, 1894} \\
\text{Rebuilt 1962} \\
\text{Rev. Joe H. Keel – 1962} \\
\text{Rev. Elijah Patrick – 1971} \\
\text{Rev. Smart Smalls, Jr., Pastor} \\
\text{Deacons} \\
\text{Major H. Booth, Sr. Howard Hughes} \\
\text{Dock L. Galloway} \\
\text{Trustees} \\
\text{Bethea Galloway} \\
\text{Lucius Campbell, Jr. Wilbur H. Bratcher, Jr.} \\
\text{Wilbur H. Bratcher, Sr. Edward Galloway LaRue Galloway} \\
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On December 22, 1982, Mr. J.C. Hucks with the help of the Bratcher Family granted us seventeen hundredths acre of land to be used as the True Vine Cemetery. Our stained glass windows were installed on August 7, 1983.

Rev. Lemaroris Goff who served as our pastor has been instrumental in having the congregation complete projects. The projects include the renovation of the front porch, the installation of the petition in the Fellowship Hall, new pews, an air conditioner in the fellowship hall, and a communion set. We will always be thankful to Mr. Theodis and Mrs. Elizabeth Bellamy and family for the donation of the church’s steeple.

During the 1950s, three other deacons were ordained – Dea. Major Booth, Sr., Dea. D.L. Galloway and Dea. Howard Hughes. Dea. D.L. Galloway, Mr. Matthew Dewitt, Mrs. Oneta Hughes, Deas, Mr. D. Vereen, and Mrs. Leola Galloway served as the
church’s clerks. Mrs. Leola Galloway served in this capacity for many years. Dea.
Wilbur Bratcher, Sr. and Dea. Bethea Galloway were added to the Board of Deacons in
March 1985.
On May 1, 1996, the True Vine Family elected Rev. Tommy T. Shubrick, Sr. as
our pastor. He preached his first sermon in the capacity as pastor on Sunday, May 5,
1996. In May 1997, Bro. Harold Bratcher was recommended to become a Deacon after a
period of training. He became a Deacon after his training.

Bro. Edward (“Olga”) Bellamy, Mr. Carlisle Lewis (a Lee’s Landing Community Friend)
refurbished the former Sam Wilson Cemetery located off of Lee’s Landing Circle. They
furnished head stones for graves that needed them and Mrs. Edna Latimer of Latimer’s
Funeral Home furnished placards with names and dates for many of the graves. The
Trustees of True Vine Missionary Church is now in charge of the maintenance for this
cemetery.

On April 4, 2004, Rev. Harris Wilson was called to shepherd the congregation of
our church. Many projects for our church have been completed under his administration.
As recent as June 2014, our new steeple was installed replacing the one that was donated
by Mr. Theodis Bellamy and Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bellamy. On May 19, 2009, we received
a letter from the Horry County Department informing us that our property has been added
to the Horry County Historic Property Register. Deacon LaRue Galloway and Deacon
Ronald Graham were ordained as Deacons at the Flagpatch M. B. Church on August 30,

We praise God for our leaders-past and present and we are proud to be one of the
Centennial Churches of the Kingston Lake Association which was organized in 1886.
Let us join hands and hearts to carry out God’s will and continue to ask God to grant us
the vision to do his will, courage to love everyone, and lasting peace during our 120th
Anniversary and forevermore.
REFLECTIONS OF THE TRUE VINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
AUGUST 2013-JULY 2014

5 And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel: 
6 That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, what mean ye by these stones? 
7 Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. 
Joshua 4:5-7

As historian of the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, it is my pleasure to share with you many of the programs and events that occurred during the past twelve months. Take the time to read about them. On August 6, 1894, the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church was founded and one-hundred and twenty years later, we are celebrating and thanking God for our accomplishments. As we celebrate this Anniversary, it is our prayer that we as a church family will be inspired and empowered to serve God in spirit and in truth.

We celebrated our Church Anniversary/Homecoming /Annual Rally on Sunday, August 4, 2013. Reflections were given by the Presidents and Chairpersons of the Auxiliaries. Rev. Lonnie Chestnut, Sr., a Past Moderator of the Kingston Lake Association gave the Spoken Word. Rev. Chestnut delivered a soul-stirring sermon. On Sunday, August 25, 2013, Bro. James Elliott Galloway was funeralized. We continue to pray for the Galloway Family. On September 8, 2013, the True Vine Adult Choir celebrated its 35th Anniversary. The theme was “Done Come Too Far To Turn Around” and Minister Lynette Bratcher was our Mistress of Ceremony. Our Revival Meeting was held on September 30-October 4, 2013. Reverend Doctor Sonny Bridges was our Revivalist. He inspired us to become better ambassadors for Christ. We enjoyed the wonderful sermons and the beautiful music which was rendered by the choirs. On October 25, 2013, Mr. Ricky Allen Bratcher, Sr. was funeralized. Our love and prayers continue to go to the Bratcher Family. Everyone who was wearing pink on October 27, 2013 was beautifully photographed. This was in keeping with the celebration of Pink Sunday.

On November 10, 2013, we had our Veteran’s Day Program which was chaired by Bro. Lucius Campbell, Jr. and Bro. Clarence Galloway. Sis. Denise Vereen and Colonel Darrell Eickhoff were the speakers. On November 17, 2013, we had Friends and Family Day. Rev. Lonnie Chestnut, Sr. was our Guest Speaker. His text was taken from Ephesians 6:6-7;13-14 and his theme was “Armed to Fight the Battles of Life”. Mrs. Amy Morrison past in December. To Sis. Naomi Vereen and the Morrison Family, we continue to pray for you. The Ushers’ Tea was held on December 8, 2013. Rev. Wilson delivered our Christmas Sermon on the third Sunday in December. His text was taken from Malachi 3; Isaiah 40; and Matthew 2:1-3 and the theme was “The Christmas Story:
And They Called His Name Jesus the Christ”. The Christmas Program was enjoyed by everyone. Our Watch Night Service brought many families together. Rev. Wilson preached for this service. His text was taken from Judges 16:28-30 and his theme was “Give God Another Chance; One More Time”.

The first sermon of the New Year-2014 as delivered by Rev. Wilson was taken from 2 Timothy 3:1-3:14 and the theme was “If It Wasn’t for the Lord on my Side”. On February 9, 2014, we had Worship Service which restarted our second and fourth Sunday Worship Services. Rev. Wilson preached from Romans 3:10-12 and theme was “The Plan of Salvation”. We had our Family Heritage Day on February 16, 2014. We had a Special Presentation by Mrs. Valerie Campbell. It captured many precious memories of the True Vine Family. Our sermon for the day was taken from Acts 27:9-11 and the theme was “Stay on Course”. In March, True Vine participated in the “Rainbow Program” at the Kingston Lake Business and Education Center. Dea. Harold Bratcher and Sis. Andean Campbell were our representatives for the Fundraiser. On March 22, 2014, our hearts were saddened as Bro. Elijah John Galloway was funeralized. Our prayers continue to go out to the Galloway Family.

On April 6, 2014 marked the Tenth Appreciation honoring Rev. Harris Wilson as our pastor. The Spoken Word was by Rev. Conrad Davis, Associate Minister at Bethlehem M.B. Church, Conway, South Carolina. His text was taken from Psalms 77:1-15 and his theme was “You Can Have it if You are Willing to Stretch Out For It”. We enjoyed the word, the Appreciation for Rev. Wilson, and the wonderful food and fellowship. On April 14-16, some of the Youth took a trip to Busch Gardens Amusement Park. They had a wonderful time. Our Easter Celebration began with an Egg Hunt on the Saturday before Easter. On Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, We had our Sunrise Service followed by breakfast and Sunday School. At 4:00, we returned for our Easter Program which was concluded by our Traditional Easter March.

Our Mother’s Day Program was sponsored by the Missionaries. The mothers were given lovely flowers. Our Ushers Program was held on May 18, 2014. Mrs. Frances Pennington was the Guest Speaker. Her sermon was spirit-filled. Our Graduation Recognition Program for our graduates was held on June 8, 2014. Miss Lyric Bratcher and Miss Alexis Sessions were recognized and Sis. Valerie McNeill was the speaker as she spoke from the theme: “Packing for the Future”. Our Fathers’ Day Program was enjoyed by everyone. Our Vacation Bible School was held on June 16-20, 2014. Our theme was “Jesus’ Wireless Connection…Faith, Hope and Love”. Sis. Shirley Smith was the Directress. This was a very inspirational Vacation Bible School. We plan to do follow-up of this theme for 2015. In June 2014, a new steeple was purchased and construction was monitored by the Trustees. Thank you Rev. and Mrs. Wilson, Deacons, Trustees, Members of our church, our friends and others who made donations, and Mrs. Irish Ann Eickhoff (Please read her Testimonial “Faith, Love, Fellowship”) in the back of our reflections. The steeple that was removed was donated by Bro. Theodis Bellamy and Sis. Elizabeth H. Bellamy in the 1980’s.

The 30th Community Reunion was held July 5-6, 2014. The picnic was held at the church. Minister Lynette Bratcher was our speaker during the Joint Worship Service. Her text was taken for 1Timothy 1:12-15 and the theme was “I Am a Chief Sinner Saved by Grace: Savior, Let Me Walk With Thee”. The Class of 1961 of Whittemore High School was there to support the Founder of this Community Reunion, Dea. LaRue Galloway.
We enjoyed the Pierce Singers during the Singspiration. The delicious dinner represented many dishes from the members of our church and our friends of our community. The Missionary Program was held on July 13, 2014. Sis. Andean Campbell was the Speaker and her theme was “The Beauty of Courage”. Thank you Lord for a wonderful year!

GRADUATION
CONGRATULATIONS!

Miss Lyric Bratcher and Miss Alexis Sessions

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Master Emmanuel Frinks and Miss Symaria Shannon for representing True Vine M.B. Church at the Kingston Lake Sunday School Congress Banquet.

To all Presidents, Chairpersons, and our Pastor, Rev. Wilson who work so hard to promote God’s Kingdom.

To Miss Lyric Bratcher whose drawing (work of art) is placed on permanent exhibition in the SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY in Columbia, S.C.
A Testimonial by Irish Ann Eickhoff
Faith, Love, Fellowship

After many months of undiagnosed sickness, Darrell and I were stunned to hear I had Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, Stage 4a. As we traveled home on Hwy 90, the car was quiet. Usually Darrell was talking, I would be daydreaming, and the radio news would be blaring. As we pondered what was to come in the months ahead, I looked directly up at the True Vine Missionary Baptist Church steeple and said "our steeple needs to be painted". By this time we were past the Church and he said I will look at it later.

The next day Darrell mentioned that the steeple indeed needed to be power washed and painted. We talked several times over the next few weeks about how one would go about washing and painting a steeple since it was so tall and odd shaped. This would be no simple task. All of this was unusual in that I had never looked at the steeple before. Admiring the serene country landscaping, the beautiful stained glass windows, the lovely wooden doors, or the Belted Galloway cows grazing next door were my focus of appreciation.

As I began Chemo Therapy treatment and grew weaker, my mind would often drift to the True Vine steeple. It became clear to me that God had a plan. His plan was to let me know my work here on Earth was not done. My mission was to raise enough money to power wash and paint our steeple. This was to be achieved through the many people who called and sent cards to help Darrell and I through this difficult time. On the few good days I had between treatments, I called family, friends, and many retired military veterans and explained our mission. I asked for nominal donations and everyone I asked contributed. The vision of a freshly painted steeple sustained me on days I was unable to eat, bathe, or read. During this time, the True Vine congregation were with us every step of the way. The many prayers, calls, and cards were deeply needed and appreciated. We never felt alone with our troubles and pain. Christmas was extra special because the True Vine Adult Choir visited our home and sang Christmas songs. They also brought fruit, candy, and most of all joy. Some of our neighbors commented the next day that they had heard singing. I said "because I have Angels". We were also given well wishes and prayers.

God is good and we know how blessed we are to be a part of such a wonderful church. As Darrell said "we never felt like we belonged in South Carolina until we attended True Vine Missionary Baptist Church". We moved here in 2008 and the first time I saw the True Vine Church, I wanted to attend services there. It wasn't until 2012 when I met Mrs Brenda Galloway that the opportunity to attend services as her guest presented itself.

Thank you Brenda, you could not have given me a better gift!

Now... back to the steeple. We raised some money only to discover the steeple needed to be completely replaced. The cost was astronomical to what I raised. It's a work in progress. The True Vine steeple, old or new, will always be special as it gave me purpose when the light in my life was dim.

Darrell and I have lived in and traveled to many foreign countries during our military career. We have lived among Muslims and Buddhists. We have traveled to countries where religion is not allowed. This is why we can say the members of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church are the best!

Thank you,
Irish Ann Eickhoff
DEACONS AND DEACONESES
Submitted by Dea. Harold Bratcher

Dea. D.G. “Dock” Galloway, Dea. Empt Gore and Dea. Stacey Vereen were ordained as deacons in the 1930’s. Dea. Frank Vereen was perhaps the first deacon of True Vine. His name appears on the original document of our church. Dea. D.L. Galloway, Dea. Howard Hughes, and Dea. Major Booth, Sr. began their tenure as deacons during the 1950’s. Dea. Bethea Galloway and Dea. Wilbur Bratcher, Sr., were ordained March 1985. Dea. Harold Bratcher began his training as a deacon in May of 1997. Shortly afterwards, he was ordained. Dea. Ronald Graham and Dea. LaRue Galloway were ordained on August 30, 2009. Presently our Deacon Board consists of:

Dea. Harold Bratcher, Chairman
Dea. Bethea Galloway
Dea. LaRue Galloway
Dea. Ronald Graham

Our current Deaconesses consists of:
Deaconess Thelma Galloway
Deaconess Mary Colbert
Deaconess Thetis Galloway
Deaconess Mazie Booth

TRUSTEE’S MINISTRY
Submitted by Sis. Shirley Smith

True Vine is truly blessed to have had some dedicated Trustees throughout the years. Some of our deceased trustees are Dea. Major Booth, Sr., Dea. Howard Hughes, Dea. Wilbur Bratcher, Sr., Bro. Edward Galloway and Bro. Flemmie Wilson.

Construction of our present facility began under the leadership of Rev. Joe H. Keel in 1962. Our Trustees at that time were Bro. Wilbur Bratcher, Sr., Bro. Bethea Galloway and Bro. Edward Galloway. Our facility was completed in 1971 under the leadership of Rev. Elijah Patrick and the Trustees were Bro. Bethea Galloway, Bro. Wilbur Bratcher, Sr., Bro. Lucius Campbell, Jr., Bro. Harold Bratcher, and Bro. LaRue Galloway.

The Trustees have also overseen such projects as constructing the Fellowship Hall with Rev. Elijah Patrick laying the blocks. Other projects have included carpeting the Sanctuary and purchasing pews and stain glass windows. Brothers Ronald Graham, Marshall Livingston, Lucius Campbell, Jr., and Gregory Bratcher constructed the restrooms and pastors study in the back of the Fellowship Hall. In the early part of 1983, we obtained land in the back of the church and Brother J. W. Dewitt’s construction company cleared the land and the old school next door. In October 1983, Dea. Major H. Booth, Sr., one of our former Trustees, went home to be with the Lord and was the first to be placed in our newly acquired property.

Under the present Trustee board, the restrooms in the front of the church were renovated and the ceiling and floors in the sanctuary were refinished. A heating and cooling system was purchased and the choir loft was raised. Recently, a sound system was installed for sanctuary viewing in the Fellowship Hall and a big screen television was donated. The
trustees are responsible for the up keeping of the facilities and ground. In June 2014, a new steeple was purchased and construction was monitored by the Trustees. The church property has been surveyed and all properties were put on one deed. The trustees are currently working on prices for the use of facilities and burial.

The first females on the Trustee’s Ministry were Sisters Thelma Lee Hemingway and Shirley Smith.

Our present Trustees are:

Sister Shirley Smith, Chairperson
Sister Thelma L. Hemingway
Brother James Hemingway
Brother Denzel Green, Junior Trustee
Brother Gregory Bratcher
Brother Marshall Livingston

**USHER’S MINISTRY**  
Submitted by Sis. Shirley Smith

The Usher’s Ministry of True Vine M. B. Church plays an important role in the programs of the Church. The minutes of May 1, 1962 records that the conference recommended that an Usher’s Ministry be established under the Leadership of Reverend Joe Keel, Pastor.

The officers were as follows:
President - Brother Flemmie Wilson  
Vice President - Brother Wilbur Bratcher, Sr.  
Advisors - Brother Bethea Galloway and Brother Edward Galloway

Some past Presidents who have served since the late 1960’s through 1979 were:
Brother LaRue Galloway, Brother Phillip Galloway, and Sister Loretta Johnson.

On June 3-4, 1978, True Vine hosted the Kingston Lake Ushers Convention. Sister Loretta Johnson was President and Brother Elijah Galloway was Vice-President. The theme for the Convention was “Christians ushering toward the seat of perfection”. Brother David Bratcher and Sister Samantha Smith won the title of King and Queen. Reverend George Windley preached the Memento sermon on Saturday and Reverend James T. McCray preached the sermon for worship on Sunday. Reverend Lemorris Goff served as the alternate. Reverend Elijah Patrick, our pastor at the time, went home to be with The Lord on Monday morning after giving his final sermon on the first Sunday in 1978. Reverend James T. McCray was serving as Interim Pastor.

In 1979 the following officers were elected:
President - Sister Andean Campbell  
Vice-President - Sister Ludie Mae Galloway  
Secretary - Sister Mary Colbert  
Assistant Secretary - Sister Cynthia Bellamy  
Treasurer - Sister Ina Crosby  
Advisors - Sister Loretta Johnson. Brother Edward Galloway, Brother Bethea Galloway
It is important to note that Brother Kelvin Galloway and Sister Marsha Galloway were also winners in the King and Queen Contest.

From 1981-1983, the following officers were elected:
President - Sister Andean Campbell
Vice-President - Sister Ludie Mae Galloway
Secretary - Sister Valerie Colbert
Assistant Secretary - Sister Sherrill Bratcher
Treasurer - Sister Ina Crosby
Advisors - Sister Loretta Johnson, Brother Bethea Galloway, Brother Edward Galloway
Historian ---- Sister Marsha Bellamy

As ushers, we promote God's kingdom through our annual programs. We have had many great speakers such as, Mrs. Etrulia Dozier, Attorney George Graham, Mrs. Leola Galloway, Reverend Leroy Bryant, Reverend Wayne Spain, Reverend Henry Best, Reverend Charles Pee, Reverend Margie Livingston and Sister Oneida Gause and others. One of our programs included The St. Elizabeth M. B. C. choir in concert with Mr. Brian Burroughs as director, while Mr. Tony Bellamy sang during intermission.

On May 18, 1997, under the Leadership of Tommy T. Shubrick, the Ushers had their annual program. Reverend Margie Bellamy was the guest speaker. Deacon Wilbur Bratcher, Deacon Bethea Galloway, Sister Ludie Galloway, and Sister Mazie Booth were presented with plaques for their commitment and dedication to the Usher Board. Sister Sabrina Smith and Brother Michael Potts Jr. won the title of Queen and King.

From 1983-2008 The following officers were elected:
President - Sister Andean Campbell
Vice-President - Deacon Bethea Galloway
Secretary/Treasurer - Sister Loretta Johnson
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer - Brother Derrick Bratcher
Advisors – Sister Loretta Johnson, Deacon Bethea Galloway

On November 3, 2002, we had the dedication of our Ushers uniforms. In 2003 Sister Shirley Smith was our speaker at our Annual Ushers Program. Her speech was “Spiritual food for Usher’s and Christians”. Mr. Kyle Colbert represented True Vine at the Kingston Lake Ushers Convention.

We say Thank You to Sister Andean Campbell for her dedication and service as President from 1979-2008. We would also like to thank Deacon Bethea Galloway for his service and dedication as Advisor from 1962 until the present. Thanks should also go to Sister Loretta Johnson for her service and dedication as Advisor from 1979-2008. Thank You all for jobs well done.

From 2008-2010 the following officers were elected:
President - Sister Shirley Smith
Vice-President - Sister Mary Colbert
Secretary/Treasurer - Sister Asia Bratcher
Advisors - Sister Andean Campbell, Deacon Bethea Galloway

We would like to acknowledge one of our own Brother Derrick Bratcher who served as President of the Kingston Lake Ushers Convention from 2005-2009. Under his
leadership, he brought the Convention to True Vine where Sister Shirley Smith conducted the workshop.

On May 17, 2009 we had three of our ushers that were running for offices in the Kingston Lake Ushers Convention. They were Sister Andean Campbell, Advisor, Sister Mary Colbert, Vice-President and Sister Shirley Smith, Treasurer. Our speaker for that day, Sister Oneida Gause, was running for President of the Kingston Lake Ushers Convention. Her topic was entitled “STEWARDSHIP” and it was enjoyed by all.

Our State Ushers President Mr. David Montgomery, attended one of our Kingston Lake Ushers quarterly meetings that was held at True Vine M.B.C.

On May 6, 2010 three of True Vine Ushers attended the E&M State Baptist Convention held at Savannah Grove Baptist Church in Effingham, S.C. They were President Shirley Smith, Advisor Andean Campbell and member Carla Richardson.

May 13-15, 2010 was the State Ushers Convention held at the Sheraton Hotel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. In attendance was Sister Shirley Smith, President, Sister Andean Campbell, Advisor, and member Sister Carla Richardson. Thursday night Reverend Harris Wilson presided at the convention. Sister Shirley Smith was on program and did the welcome for Thursday and Friday. On Saturday Brother David Montgomery, President, thanked Reverend Harris Wilson and Sister Shirley Smith for appearing on program.

On May 16, 2010 we had our annual program and our speaker was one of our own, Brother Derrick Bratcher, former President of the Kingston Lake Ushers Convention. It was so wonderful to have a product of True Vine do such a beautiful job. Representing us as King was Brother Michael Potts who was also crowned as King.

From 2010-Present the following officers were elected:
President - Sister Shirley Smith
Vice-President - Deacon Ronald Graham
Secretary/Treasurer - Sister Carla Richardson
Advisors - Sister Andean Campbell, Deacon Bethea Galloway

May 2012, the State Ushers Convention was once again held at the Convention Center in Myrtle Beach. Sister Shirley Smith did the welcome. Sheriff Philip Thompson brought greetings from Horry County and Rev. Jerry Faulk brought greeting from Kingston Lake Association. Sister Juanita Sanders was elected as State Ushers President.

The Ushers Tea was held on December 9, 2012 which ushered in the wonderful feeling of Christmas and has become a tradition on the second Sunday of December.

Our Ushers Program was a great success in the year 2013. Reverend George P. Windley, Sr., blessed our soul with a soul-stirring sermon. Rev. Windley was introduced by one of our own, his wife Sister Linda Windley. A stranger stopped by and made a $100.00 donation. We do not who it was or where they come from, we only thank them and pray God’s Blessings on them.

The Kingston Lake Missionary Baptist Ushers Ministry Workshop and King and Queen Rally was held at True Vine M. B. Church on June 1, 2013. Thank you Bro. Denzel Green for representing us as King on this occasion. We also have five of our own as officers in the Kingston Lake Ushers Ministry. They are Deacon Harold Bratcher,
Parliamentarian, Sister Andean Campbell, Advisor, Sister Mary Colbert, Vice-President, Sister Carla Richardson, Assistant Secretary and Sister Shirley Smith, Treasurer.

May 18, 2014 we had our annual Ushers program. Our speaker was Reverend Frances Pennington and she was enjoyed by all.

June 7, 2014, our Kingston Lake Annual Ushers Workshop was held with Flag Patch Missionary Baptist Church. Sister Juanita Sanders was our Workshop Presenter and she did an outstanding job. She told us that Ushering is a Ministry and if we had not been called to do this, we should take off our uniforms.

We would like to thank everyone for your support and we ask God’s blessing on all of us. This is a list of our present Ushers: Sister Elizabeth Bellamy, Bro. Greg Bratcher, Deacon Harold Bratcher, Sister Andean Campbell, Sister Mary Colbert, Sister Joslyn Dixon, Bro. Tre’von Dixon, Sister Thelma Galloway, Deacon Ronald Graham, Sister Briana Green, Brother Denzel Green, Sister Loretta Johnson, Brother Emanuel Livingston, Sister Carla Richardson, and Sister Shirley Smith. Our Honorary Ushers are: Sister Mazie Booth, Sister Ludie Galloway and Deacon Bethea Galloway. As Ushers, our ultimate goal should be “GREAT” Doorkeepers and Witnesses for “GOD”.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT
Submitted by Sis. Carla Richardson

During the 1960’s thru 1990’s, Sister Shirley Smith and Sister Ina Crosby were Directresses of the Youth Choir and Youth Department. True Vine youth have represented in the Sunday School Anniversary and Sunday School Convention. Our great musicians have included Ms. Cathy Shelly, Mrs. Ann Grissett, Mr. Craig Hudson, and Mr. Lucius Campbell Jr. Under the leadership of Mrs. Shirley Smith, the Youth choir won 1st place at the Sunday School Convention held at Cherry Hill M.B. Church. During the Christmas of 1970, Sister Debbie Galloway directed a play entitled “Scrooge” and it was enjoyed by all. In 1982, the Youth choir was now the Junior choir under the leadership of Mrs. Thetis Galloway. The youth had grown up and now become juniors. During this time they got their first 1st robes and the cross that was put on the robes was in memory of Mrs. Rosa Bratcher. In 1984 the youth choir won 2nd place in the Sunday School Anniversary.

True Vine held its Church Institute during April 28-May 2, 1997. The instructors for the beginners were Miss Priscilla Bellamy and Mrs. Carla Richardson. The instructors for the Juniors were Mrs. Lynette Bratcher and Mrs. Shirley Smith. On May 17, 1997, District #2 Sunday School Anniversary was held at True Vine M.B. Church. The Annual Sermon was delivered by Reverend Tommy T. Shubrick and the Youth Choir won first 1st place in singing and represented District #2 at The Sunday School Convention. In August 1997, the Youth choir won 3rd place in the Sunday School Convention. Miss Shiree Hughes and Mr. Alex Galloway represented True Vine at the Sunday School Convention in 1997 as speakers. Some of our Youth held Sunday School and church offices between 1996-1997. They included Brother Derrick Bratcher, Junior Superintendent in Sunday School, Mrs. Samantha Potts and Mrs. Carla Richardson were Directresses of the Youth Choir. Mrs. Lynette Bratcher was the Assistant Directress.

In 1998 the Youth Choir won 1st place at the Sunday School Convention held at Bethlehem MBC. The Girl Scouts were formed with Sister Ina Crosby and Sister Shirley
Smith as Troop leaders. The Boy Scouts were also formed with their Troop leaders being Deacon Major Booth Sr., Deacon Wilbur Bratcher and Brother Lucius Campbell Jr. Both groups had a lot of fun.

Under the leadership of Sister Shirley Smith we had the first 1st Mother and Father of the year award chosen by the youth. Sister Mazie Booth Mother was selected as Mother of the Year and Brother Edward Bellamy was selected as Father of the Year.

In 2000 the Youth choir won 2nd place at the Sunday school Anniversary and on May 18, 2002 they won 3rd place at the Anniversary.

The Christmas programs have been under the direction of Sister Shirley Smith and the youth department and they have presented several plays. “The Little Angel who was always Late” was presented on December 21, 2002 and the little angel was played by Miss Kiana Smith. Another memorable play was “The Little Bell That Wouldn’t Stop Ringing” and the little bell was played by Miss Lakeshia Bellamy.

May 4, 2003 was Reverend and Mrs. Shubrick Seventh Appreciation Celebration, Mr. Nicholas Bratcher and Mr. Alex Galloway represented the Youth Department and the youth choir ushered in Reverend and Mrs. Shubrick. At this time they were under the leadership of Mrs. Carla Richardson and the musician was Mr. Craig Hudson. They touched our pastor dearly on that day. The Children’s Day/Sunday School Recognition Day was June 8, 2003. We had a wonderful repast after the program. We had a tribute to our Graduates and Fathers. Brother Derrick Bratcher was honored as a graduate from Horry Georgetown Technical College. In 2003 the youth choir won 3rd place at the Sunday School Convention. In 2003 Mrs. Valerie Colbert had Bible study on Wednesday night with the youth department. 2002-2003 our Directors of the Youth Department were Brother LaRue Galloway and Brother Emanuel Livingston. The Junior Superintendent was RaShad Colbert. Miss Shayla Bellamy and Mr. RaShad Colbert represented True Vine at the Young People’s Banquet.

Mr. Michael Basnight (King) and Miss Eboni Colbert (Escort) represented True Vine at the Kingston Lake Sunday School Convention Banquet.

In 2004, Mrs. Shirley Smith had Bible study with the Youth on Wednesday Nights.

In 2005 the Youth choir won 1st place at the Sunday School Anniversary. In 2006 they got Honorable Mention. Under the leadership of Sister Shirley Smith while she was superintendent the youth went on three trips that included Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA, the Zoo in Asheville NC, and the Biltmore House in NC for the Christmas Celebration. In 2008 the youth choir won 1st place in the Sunday School Convention and in 2010 they won 2nd place. In 2009 the Youth choir won 3rd place in the Anniversary and in 2010 and 2011 they won 1st place in the Anniversary. The Youth had a program in 2012 and the guest speaker was from Bethlehem M.B.C.

June 27, 2013 we had our Graduation Program for Miss Alisha Livingston and Mrs. Denise Vereen. Brother Clarence Galloway was our speaker. He gave the graduates many gems for a successful life. The Youth Department had a program Sunday, October 13, 2013 representing Children’s Day and the guest speaker was Reverend Jared Myers and Mt. Pleasant Youth Choir.

April 14-16, 2014 some of the youth took a trip to Williamsburg, VA, to Busch Gardens
amusement park. In 2014 Miss Lyric Bratcher attended her last year of high school in Orangeburg, SC. While in school she entered an art contest and won based on her drawing which now holds a permanent place in the SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY in Columbia SC. June 8, 2014 we had our Graduation program and our graduates were Miss Lyric Bratcher and Miss Alexis Session. Our Speaker was Mrs. Valerie McNeill and she spoke on “Packing for the Future”.

The following youth have held or are presently holding offices in Sunday school and Church: Mr. Denzel Green, Assistant Superintendent and Trustee Board Member, Mr. Jaivion Chestnut, Junior Superintendent, Miss. Briana Green, Assistant Secretary. Additional past officers include Mr. Michael Potts Jr., Junior Superintendent, Mr. Kyle Colbert, Junior Superintendent, Miss Eboni Colbert, Assistant Secretary, and many more. As Youth we will stay strong and grow into Christ from children to adults. Currently the Youth Department Director is Mrs. Carla Richardson and the Youth and Young Adult Choir Directress is Mrs. Denise Vereen.

**PRAYER MEETING BAND**
Submitted by Sis. Brenda Galloway

True Vine has had Prayer Meeting for many years. Under the pastortship of Rev. Elijah Patrick, a Prayer Meeting Band was organized. This service remains to include Bible Study as well as prayers and songs. Dea. Major Booth. Sr. served as President. After his passing, Dea. D.L. Galloway served as President. After the illness of Dea. D.L. Galloway, Dea. Bethea Galloway became our teacher. He then asked that Sis. Shirley Smith, Sis. Andean Campbell and Sis. Brenda Galloway take turns and teach the class weekly. Our current teacher is Rev. Harris Wilson.

We elected new officers after the death of Dea. D.L. Galloway and illness of Sis. Mazie Booth, who served as our President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. Some of our activities have included:
- Fellowship with the Sick and Shut-In
- Fellowship with dinner for the church and community
- Support the sick and shut-in and the elderly

The Prayer Meeting Band has assisted the church in completing many projects. They include:
- Lined Hymn Books
- National Baptist Hymn
- Two Chairs
- Communion Set
- Framed Document
- Bibles
- File Cabinet
- Resurfaced the Offering Table
- Tithing Box
- Bible Study Books by the Chapter
Presently the officers are:
Secretary/Treasurer - Min. Lynette Bratcher/Sis. Brenda Galloway
Teacher - Rev. Harris Wilson

The Prayer Meeting Band would like everyone to know that the doors are always open to All.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Submitted by Dea. Harold Bratcher

Sunday School at True Vine M.B. Church was established during the early part of the 1900’s. The 36th Annual Session of the Kingston Lake Sunday School Convention was held with the St. Mary M.B.C. in August 1928. The minutes of the session records that Brother Richard Faulk of Nixonville, SC was a licentiate minister. The delegates from True Vine were Sister Roberta Faulk and Sister Norton Bellamy.

Deacon Stacy Vereen, Brother Matthew Dewitt and Deacon D.G. Galloway were the first superintendents of the Sunday School. Deacon D.G. Galloway (father of the Galloway family of Highway No. 90) worked as president of the District Sunday School Union with Mrs. Mary Richardson as secretary. Interesting enough, in 1924 there were seven districts in the Kingston Lake. True Vine was in District No. 1, with St. Mary, Sandy Grove, St. Joseph No. 2, Mt. Calvary No. 2, and Oak Grove (Mother Church).

Locally, under the superintendentship of Deacon D.G. Galloway, some of the secretaries were Helen Galloway and Maxine Wilson. Sister Maxine Wilson also served as a teacher for the primary class.

In the 1950’s, Deacon Major Booth, Sr. became superintendent. Some of the secretaries were Sister Sylvia Galloway, Sisters Linda and Brenda Galloway, Sister Genene Galloway, Sister Helen Bratcher, Sister Andean Booth, and Sister Carla Smith who has also served as secretary of District No. 2 Sunday School Reunion.

Prior to 1981, the teachers were Sisters Rosa Bratcher, Bell Grant, Thetis Galloway, Mazie Booth, Shirley Smith, Linda Bratcher, Andean Booth, and Deacon Howard Hughes. Brother Edward Galloway and Brother Bethea Galloway. We have had very strong superintendents to include Dea. D.L. Galloway, Sis. Shirley Smith, Bro. Clarence Galloway and presently Dea. Harold Bratcher.

True Vine has participated in many Educational Converts I the Kingston Lake Sunday School Convention. Beneature Booth and Douglas Bratcher represented this District at the Sunday School Convention as speakers. The Junior Choir placed first at Mt. Rona in 1972 and the Youth Choir placed first at Cherry Hill in 1974.

Presently, officers are:

Superintendent – Deacon Harold Bratcher
Assistant Superintendent – Bro. Denzel Green
Secretary – Sis. Mary Colbert
Assistant Secretary – Sis. Carla Richardson
Assistant Secretary – Sis. Briana Green
TRUE VINE ADULT CHOIR
Submitted by Deaconess Thelma Galloway

The True Vine Young Adult Choir was formed under the leadership of Rev. Elijah Patrick in 1978. Most of the members that made up the Young Adult Choir were members of the Junior Choir under the leadership of Sis. Thetis Galloway. During the formation of the Young Adult Choir we were approximately thirty members strong.

In the year of 1992, the Young Adult Choir changed their name to the Adult Choir. On June 29, 2003, the Adult Choir celebrated its twenty-fifth (25th) Anniversary with a concert. Our theme was “We’ve Come this Far by Faith”. Sis. Linda Galloway-Windley was the mistress of ceremony. Some of our former members came back to join us in part one of our concert. Our guest choirs were Mt. Calvary #2 and the Willing Workers rendering music during our intermission.

Past presidents of the Adult Choir are Bro. LaRue Galloway, Bro. Harold Bratcher, Sis Brenda Galloway and presently our president is Bro. Gregory Bratcher. We are blessed to still have five of the original members on the choir today. They are Dea. LaRue Galloway, 1st President elect, Bro. Lucius Campbell, Jr., Musician & Director, Sis. Andean Campbell, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Deaconess Thelma Galloway, Secretary/Treasurer and Sis. Loretta Johnson.

The Adult Choir will celebrate their 36th Choir Anniversary on August 24, 2014, singing songs of praise and continuing lifting up the name of Jesus. We truly thank God for blessing this choir for thirty-six years of faithful service.

President – Bro. Gregory Bratcher
Vice-President – Sis. Naomi Vereen
Secretary/Treasurer – Deaconess Thelma Galloway
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – Sis. Andean Campbell
Program Committee Chairperson – Deaconess Mary Colbert
Musician and Director – Bro. Lucius Campbell, Jr.
Assistant Musician – Sis. Beneature Pee

Current Members:
Sis. Loretta Johnson
Sis. Brenda Galloway
Deacon LaRue Galloway
Deacon Ronald Graham
Minister Lynette Bratcher
Sis. Thelma Hemingway
Sis. Clara Wilson
Sis. Sis. Priscilla Bellamy
The Birthday Day Club was established by Mrs. Fostina Shubrick during the pastorship of her husband, Rev. Tommy Shubrick. It was designed as a fundraiser for our church. Originally, it was suggested that everyone pay a dollar amount equal to his or her age during the month of his or her birthday. Captains were assigned for each month.

Sis. Shirley Smith followed the Chairmanship of Sis. Fostina Shubrick. We have had a Birthday Celebration in the Fellowship Hall where every month January-December had a designated table to represent events occurring during his or her month. Deaconess Mary Colbert currently serves as Chairperson of the Birthday Club. She has has a celebration during the month of December to celebrate all of the months.

The birthday designees are recognized during the third Sunday Worship Service. Deaconess Colbert gives a Birthday Card to the monthly birthday designees which is read by the Church Announcers.

Sis. Shirley Smith makes a Birthday Calendar that is given to every family and this is used also for our important dates. This fundraiser (Birthday Club) has been beneficial to the General Funds of our church.

Deaconess Colbert states that this is a time for us to fellowship where everyone is invited to come and help. The captains play an important role in creating unity which is the key to Christianity. Let us continue to keep hope alive. Do your best and God will do the rest.
Current Auxiliaries

- Trustees
- Usher Board
- Prayer Meeting Band
- Culinary Arts
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- Church Sextons
- Pulpit Aide
- Ushers
- Missionaries
- Youth
- Adult Choir
- Program Committee
- Financial Committee
- Sexton & Marshall
- Sunday School
Trustees

Top Row – Bro. Denzel Green, Bro. James Hemingway

Usher Board

Dea. Harold Bratcher, Deaconess Mary Colbert, Sis. Shirley Smith, Sis. Loretta Johnson, Sis. Carla Richardson, Bro. Denzel Green, Sis. Andean Campbell, Deaconess Thelma Galloway, Bro. Gregory Bratcher
Prayer Meeting Band

Bottom Row: Master Harrison McNeill, Dea. Bethea Galloway, Deaconess Thetis Galloway
Top Row: Deaconess Mary Colbert, Sis. Andean Campbell, Sis. Brenda Galloway, Dea. Harold Bratcher, Minister Lynette Bratcher, Rev. Harris Wilson, Sis. Clara Wilson

Culinary Arts

Deaconess Mary Colbert, Bro. Gregory Bratcher, Sis. Thelma Hemingway, Sis. Naomi Vereen, Bro. Clarence Galloway
Decorating Committee

Sis. Naomi Vereen, Sis. Carla Richardson, Sis. Andean Campbell

Church Announcers/Education Committee/Church Clerks

Sis. Carla Richardson (Assistant Church Clerk) & Deaconess Thelma Galloway (Church Clerk)

Church Sextons

Sis. Naomi Vereen & Dea. Bethea Galloway
Pulpit Aide

Bro. Marshall Livingston, Deaconess Mary Colbert, Deaconess Thetis Galloway, Deaconess Thelma Galloway, Deaconess Mazie Booth (Not pictured)

Birthday Club & Superintendent of Sunday School

Deaconess Mary Colbert & Dea. Harold Bratcher, Sunday School Superintendent
Missionaries

Bottom Row: Sis. Wilhelmina Livingston, Deaconess, Thelma Galloway, Sis. Wila Mae Beese, Minister Lynette Bratcher; Second Row: Sis. Carla Richardson, Sis. Thelma Hemingway, Sis. Barbara Livingston, Deaconess Mary Colbert; Third Row: Sis. Naomi Vereen, Sis. Shirley Smith, Sis. Andean Campbell

Youth

Sis. Brianna Green, Sis. Carla Richardson, Master Harrison McNeill, Bro. Denzel Green
Adult Choir

**Bottom Row:** Sis. Thelma Hemingway, Deaconess Thelma Galloway, Minister Lynette Bratcher, Sis. Loretta Johnson, Bro. Gregory Bratcher; **Top Row:** Sis. Brenda Galloway, Deaconess Mary Colbert, Bro. Lucius Campbell, Sis. Naomi Vereen, Sis. Clara Wilson, Sis. Andean Campbell, Dea. LaRue Galloway

Program Committee

Sis. Shirley Smith, Sis. Andean Campbell, Dea. Bethea Galloway, Deaconess Mary Colbert, Sis. Thelma Hemingway
Financial Committee
Bro. Gregory Bratcher – Treasurer
Bro. Clarence Galloway – Financial Secretary

Church Sexton & Church Marshall
Dea. Bethea Galloway – Sexton
Bro. Gregory Bratcher – Marshall
Sunday School

Beginners Class
Sis. Carla Richardson, Master Harrison McNeill, Sis. Valerie McNeill

Teens Class
Sis. Brianna Green, Sis. Naomi Vereen, Bro. Denzel Green

Adult Class
TRUE VINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Harris Wilson, Pastor
Deacon Board: Dea. Harold Bratcher, Chairperson, Dea. Bethea Galloway, Dea. LaRue Galloway, and Dea. Ronald Graham

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Assistant Church Clerk……………………………..Carla Richardson
Superintendent…………………………………Dea. Harold Bratcher
Assistant Superintendent………………………..Bro. Denzel Green
Church Announcer……………………………..Deaconess Thelma Galloway
Assistant Church Announcer……………………Sis. Carla Richardson
Church Historian…………………………………Sis. Andean Campbell
Church Sexton……………………………………Dea. Bethea Galloway
Assistant Church Sexton………………………..Sis. Naomi Vereen
Financial Secretary……………………………..Bro. Clarence Galloway
Treasurer…………………………………………Bro. Gregory Bratcher

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Education Committee.......Sis. Carla Richardson and Deaconess Thelma Galloway

Flower Committee.......................Sis. Carla Richardson and Sis. Shirley Smith

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Youth Advisor......................................................Sis. Thelma Hemingway
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