

MINISTRY MATTERS

QUEEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH | Norfolk, VA | *"The Blessing On Brambleton Avenue"*

Introducing #GenIn

The Youth and Children's Church Ministry has a new name: Generation Inspiration.

Our hashtag which can be used in communications with our youth and parents over social media, such as Instagram and TikTok, is: #GenIn

The motto for our Ministry is: "We are a Generation of Inspiration following God, the source of our salvation."

We offer the following groups:

Pre-School: Ages 4-6

Primary: Ages 7-9

Juniors: Ages 10-12

Teens: Ages 13-17

We will deliver a lesson on second Sundays and other engaging activities on third Sundays.

Zoom link used for all sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88033716838>

Meeting ID: 880 3371 6838

Ministry during a pandemic

Queen Street Baptist Church continues in worship, stewardship and evangelism, despite suspending in-person worship March 15, 2020 because of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. While the church may have closed its doors — the work of the church has continued unabated. **We're preparing for online ministry throughout 2021.** This unprecedented period requires the church to re-imagine how we do what we do. Thank you for your faithful Christian service!

The purpose of this newsletter is to update you on some of what we've been doing these extremely challenging times.

First and foremost, we continue to worship God as the church — but now we're doing it online. We've established a new YouTube channel — [myqueenstreet](#) — and premier our services every Sunday at our regular 10 a.m. worship time. It also premieres on our new website: [myqueenstreet.com](#). We've also established a prayer-line that meets Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. (609-663-1261). Additionally, ministry leaders teleconference every Tuesday at 11 a.m. We desire to keep the congregation informed and involved.

Faithful giving during challenging times

Queen Street has been blessed by your faithful giving during this challenging past year. Because of your giving, we have been able to meet our obligations.

"Drive Thru" giving provides an opportunity for members to come to the church on first and third Sundays to bring their offerings. They get an opportunity to talk with Pastor Porter, Deacon Boyd, and others who may come out. This has been very successful. Look to receive your Annual Giving Report. — *Sister Ann P. Ambrose, Treasurer*

Church prepares for post-COVID-19

Greetings from the Building Fund team. Although church has been closed for in-person worship, the building team has been actively working alongside the facility and health ministries.

We now have the new Q Infirmary- which will enable the Nursing Ministry to conduct basic diagnostic procedures privately and attend emergencies safely.

The team has helped to facilitate the cleaning and disinfecting of the rooms in the family life center as well as the second floor.

All the carpeted areas have received professional cleaning.

Necessary PPE has been purchased to include gloves, masks, sanitizer stations, thermometers, and a disinfectant sprayer gun.

A check point has been set up to monitor those who enter, as well as signs throughout the church as safety reminders. We are following CDC guidelines and recommendations from Church Mutual Insurance.

The team would like to thank all contributors to the building fund. We encourage everyone to give generously to support the upkeep of the buildings.

— Sister Emily Land, Building Fund Leader

Helping Hands Ministry at A Glance

Mid Mar-August 2020 Helping Hands closed due to COVID-19

August 15, 2020 COVID-19 Testing in conjunction with the City of Norfolk

Total households-280

Total Individual in Those households-715

September 5, 2020 Community Day

Total households-115

Total Individual in Those households-312

October 2020 (Grab & Go Bags)

Total households-34

Total Individual in Those households-117

November 2020 (Grab & Go Bags and Thanksgiving baskets)

Total households-53

Total Individual in Those households-186

December 2020 (Grab & Go Bags and Christmas baskets)

Total households-67

Total Individual in Those households-107

Total for the year 2020

Total households-549

Total Individual in Those households-1,437

— Gayle Spencer-Ridley, Assistant Coordinator

The Women's Ministry is "Reclaiming Unity"

Celebrating Women's Day 2020 with the leadership of Chairperson, Alexis Miles was a blessing and a milestone for us to rejoice. Our theme was "Reclaiming Unity," with Romans 15:5-6 being our scripture of focus. Rev. Kimberly Clark of St. Paul's Baptist Church Richmond, VA was guest preacher for the virtual service. Our ministry also had the opportunity to help with the preparation and distribution of Thanksgiving baskets to our church family and community.

We remembered various church family members with a card, text, email or call when special situations arose, to show our love and concern. Also during the pandemic, the women of the church checked in on each other with a call or text. — Sisters Effie Epps and Arianna Briggs, Ministry Leaders