

HARAMBE BAPTIST CHURCH 48th ANNIVERSARY
HARAMBE'S History Timeline: The Journey-Where we are and where
We've been

***Prayerfully Submitted: Billie June Whitley, History Booklet Author
& Stephanie Whitley, Church Clerk***

Board Members: Elder Richard Cottom (Vice Chairman), Deacon Osbourne Lewis, Bro Herman Graham, and Deaconess Edith Milner

***Administration: Church Administrator- Elder Richard Cottom,
Church Clerk-Stephanie Whitley***

Usher Board: Dee Allen, Liz Armstead, Pat Thomas, and Liz Dowdy

World Evangelization Ministry: Director-Billie June Whitley

Sunday school: Through the leadership of Deacon Osbourne Lewis.

Street Ministry: Through the leadership of Lorraine Beaton and Herman Graham

Soup Kitchen Ministry: Through the leadership of Elder Cottom

***Praise and Worship Ministry: Thorough the leadership of Bro Vann Delaine
and Sis Debbie Jones***

HBC Social Media Administrator: Stephanie Whitley
Facebook Page- Harambe Baptist Church-Christians Coming Together and
Instagram @hbcchewave, Coming soon- Harambe Baptist Church Official
Website

2024: BEHOLD IAM DOING A NEW THING Isaiah 43:18-19- The Lord, our God is sovereign. On June 23rd Pastor Jeffrey Harley resigned. Harambe needed to pray and seek the Lord's wisdom. The Lord was getting Harambe's attention...In August plans of A Solemn Assembly (Joel 1:14, 2:12-17) was put into motion through the leadership of Sis Pat-Graham-Thomas. Harambe continues to seek the Lord in prayer. With the loving assistance of ECC, our pulpit is covered with Preachers speaking from the Word and providing uplifting spiritual food. The Lord has been providing Harambe with many opportunities and partnerships. We continue to seek His guidance on every possible transitional step before taken. We believe His Word and remain confident His promises are True. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hebrews 13:8

-October 2023: There was no Anniversary theme for 2023, however, Pastor Emeritus Ted Johnson came to Harambe to deliver a profound and solemn message from the Lord. He preached from notes he made in his Bible over the years. Pastor Johnson urged Harambe in so many words, to "Do something". He reminded the congregation of its history how Harambe came to be. He mentioned moments over the years that felt uncertain at times, but God Always made a clear way for His purpose to remain steady and unshakable. We are to share the good news and be witnesses for Jesus! He spoke about how vital the Body of Christ is and how being on one accord is so very important. The Lord spoke through Pastor Johnson that day. Powerful Word.

-October 2021-2022: No Church Anniversary was scheduled for 2021. October 16, 2022 – Our Beloved Pastor Emeritus Ted Johnson brought a Word from the Lord tailor made for where we were at in the 46th Year Church Anniversary Celebration . The message was titled "After the Pandemic – What Do We Do Next?" Pastor Ted stated emphatically that we are to go preach the Gospel! Why? Because 1) The Church is Lionized – Gen 49:10 2) The Church is Authorized – Matt 28:19-20; 3) Weaponized – Eph 2:21-22; We, the church have everything that we need: We have the Great Commission – Matt 28:19-+20, the Great Commandment Matt 22:37-39; the Great Blue Print – Acts 1:8 The Great Gospel John 3:16; Matt 6:33 Acts 2:38-47;

-October 2019-2020 Anniversary Theme: Transformation: “Together We are Transformed” 2 Cor. 3:18; The Zoom Celebration Stream Live from Zoom on Facebook – October 18, 2020. Church History was authored by Sis Billie June Whitley and Sis Stephanie Whitley made a Concise Timeline which included expressions from Ministry Leaders.

Romans 8:28-29; Romans 12:2; Galatians 4:19; Philippians 3:20-21

-October 2017-2018 Anniversary Theme: “Insurgency: Restoring the Kingdom Message” Mark 1:14 Matthew 9:35 Matthew 24:14 Acts 1:3 Acts 28:30-31. Through the power of prayer...praying collectively, individually, and seeking the Lord consistently for direction and a word from him. The Lord taught us the importance of prayer and to deny ourselves completely for His Will. To wait for Him and Him only. There were many turns, ups and downs...all necessary for the strengthening of Faith. We Praise the Lord for keeping us and continuing to strengthen this Ecclesia for the work that is ahead. For His Glory!

-2017: *“By the Holy Spirit your perspective on the life of the church is being changed to align with mine. Open your heart to my work that you may SEE who is alive and who is dead. Who is open to the work of my Spirit and who resists it? This is New Birth. This is why Jesus delays; He is not here to fix the church, but to resurrect It.”*; 41st Anniversary Theme: Repent, Renew, Redirect Mark 1:15, Romans 12:1-2, Isaiah 30:20c-21 Rev Theodore Johnson brings the Word of God at Sunday service.

-2015-2016: September 2015, Pastor Jeff Harley became Harambe's under shepherd; 2015 39th Anniversary Theme: “Through the Power of Prayer God has Kept HBC” 2 Chronicles 7:14, Isaiah 56:7, Matt. 21:13; Deaconess Edith Milner appointed 2015; Deacon Richard Cottom Ordained as Elder in 2015; February 2016 Installation of Pastor Jeffrey S Harley and receiving of Annette Harley (Lady Annette) and their children Aaron, Arianna and Isaac as First Family. Praise the Lord! Pastor Jeff prepares Harambe to repent and renew the mind and spirit to be in tune with the Holy Spirit and allow Christ to live his life through us

individually. Teaching us how to be 100-fold Christians, Abiding in Christ; Missions shifted to World Evangelism; 2016 40th Anniversary Theme: “Called to Be a House of Prayer-The Power of a Praying Church” Acts 4:23-35 Rev Theodore Johnson brings the Word of God on Anniversary Sunday service.

-2014: A year of reflection, a Solemn Assembly; studied the Henry Blackaby’s “Experiencing God, Fasting and Praying” Ministries still remaining strong and some added like Nursing Home Ministry; Interim Pastor Bishop Edwards; Ministries grew-Music Ministry with 4 choirs, Praise and Worship Director Vann Delaine, Ushers-Liz Armstead, Lorraine Beaton, Pat Thomas and Liz Dowdy.

-2008-2013: From 2006-2010, Harambe was with No Pastor, no Shepard but still pulling together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ; 2010 Deacon Cottom becomes Church Administrator; 2010 Elder Anthony Sangster became pastor then later resigned in 2011; 2011-2013 being held together by Faith and Hope in Jesus Christ; Most ministries remained consistent and strong: Soup Kitchen-Richard Cottom and Sis Laverne, the Word of God is given along with a Hearty meal every week. Under the guidance of Sis Lorraine Beaton, Harambe become a partner with Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger and participates in the Walk Against Hunger where funds and grants can be or the needs of the Soup Kitchen; VBS-Bro Graham; Missions-Billie June Whitley.

-2007: 31st Anniversary Theme:” Continue the Vision and Complete the Assignment” Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8, 2:42-46; Children Church started back up as a result of not many youth attending Sunday school; The Lord continued to give wisdom and direction to the Board of Directors and Deacons; The Triune God continued to lead the Congregation to steadfast. He continued to use them for His Glory.

Loving one another and praying for one another. Remaining Hot for the Lord! (Revelation 3:15-16) The Lord led Harambe’s Missions Team to adopt the Sine-Kane Village in Mekhe W. Senegal. Team: Elder Richard Cottom, Bro. Herman Graham, Dea. Wallace Turner, Lorraine Beaton, Sis Billie June Whitley, Team Leader and Director.

- **2003-2006:** Harambe adopts a Wolof people group in West Africa under the leadership of Sis Billie June Whitley; Block Party on Woodlawn St. sponsored by Harambe and Southern Baptist-450 people in attendance; Sis Pat Thomas initiated and hosted Women’s Group Fellowships at her home; Sis Pat along with Sis Edith Milner worked with Harambe’s youth with weekly Bible study; Over Comers Ministry began under the Leadership of Deacon Wingate; 19th Annual Missions Conference occurred; In 2006 the Dismissal of Rev Alston as Pastor; 2006 30th Anniversary Theme: “By Faith-No Limits, No Boundaries, Just Increase” Job 8:6-7, Heb. 6:10-15, 11:1-6

-2000-2002: For 2 years Harambe had guest Speakers and Ministers to preach on Sundays; Pastor Search committee was formed; July 2002 Rev Cleveland Alston and Darlene Alston were installed as Pastor and First Family of Harambe Baptist Church.

Early Years-Strengthening and Training:

The Lord set a path for Harambe to serve his eternal purpose and Pastor Theodore Johnson picked up his cross and answered when the Lord called him to serve in 1976 to lead Harambe and set the foundation for what God has in store. His eternal purpose, is Our Purpose! Harambe was birthed and sustained through the power of Prayer. He allowed us to be in several situations where we had to depend on Him completely. Pastor Johnson taught consistently that Prayer is the Work. When one

goes to God in Prayer, one must go in Faith. (Hebrews 1:6) We started with very few members, then grew to 200 and through the years down to a few again, and fewer. BUT GOD. Our lights, water, oil...Never shut off. Support for our missionaries never ceased. The Triune God taught us to trust and obey as He built the House on a firm foundation. For His Glory!

-1999: Sis Liz Dowdy becomes HBC Clerk; 23rd Anniversary Theme- “Surrender All, Bring Your Stuff to the Alter” Joel 2:12-14; Ex. 36:1-7; December 1999 The Lord called on His “Moses” of Harambe, Pastor Johnson to take another assignment with Southern Baptist. Our God is sovereign. All things are done according to His Will. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding” Proverbs 3:5

-1987-1998: State Liquor Store next door to Harambe closed and was later purchased by Harambe; In 1990 and a few years beyond, Ministries continued to grow-Soup Kitchen, VBS, World Missions, Sunday School, Bible Study, Prayer Meetings, Praise and Worship, Usher Board, Men’s Group and Outreach, Women’s Group, and Deacon Board; 1995 Anniversary Theme: “Deny Yourself and Follow Me” Matt. 16:24-25; 1998 22nd Anniversary Theme: “Move In Unity-Continue the Vision”; Pastor Johnson begun a radio ministry on WTMR

-1986: Celebrated 5 years of being on Chew Ave; Evangelism and Street Evangelism started under the leadership of Bro Herman Graham; Pastor Johnson and Harambe developed a special relationship with Cheltenham Baptist Church in Dresher, PA Pastor Glen Blossom, and became sister churches.

1981: 5th Anniversary Theme: “That all the people of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is none else” 1 Kings 8:60; Pastor Theodore Johnson, a Great Man of God, become full time Pastor with First Lady Mary Johnson by his side; Harambe moved to 5648 Chew Ave as a permanent dwelling place.

-1980: 4th Anniversary Theme: “There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also has ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest.” Hebrews 4:9-11

-1977: One Year Anniversary Theme: “Redeeming the Time Because the Days are Evil” Ephesians 5:16; Harambe was incorporated January 7th 1977. Ministries: Deacon Board, Congregation of 117 members, Sunday School of 108 members, 2 Usher Boards (Jr. and Sr.), 3 Choirs, Church Nursery, Teen Group, Women’s Group, Prayer Cells and Missions committee.

-1976 The Journey begins: The Lord works within individuals first to fulfil His purpose. That is exactly what happened when a group of Christians corporately came together to form a new Branch of Zion. The Lord had already chosen His “Moses” and His “Joshua” for this particular Body of Christ. He gave Harambe “Moses” first! (He would later reveal “Joshua” in His time, the Right time)...To God be the Glory! Theodore Johnson, with the support of his Wife Mary Johnson, answered the call from the Lord to lead a unique body of believers and become Pastor (October 1976). The name “Harambe”, Swahili for “pull together” was suggested by Richard Cottom. Harambe Baptist Church would meet to worship every Sunday in a Masonic Hall on Champlost St.

MINISTRIES UPDATES OVER THE YEARS:

WORLD EVANGELIZATION TEAM MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

MEMORIAL UNTO THE LORD FOR HARAMBE'S 33 YEARS OF MISSIONS IN WORLD EVANGELIZATION – June 10, 2020 (During W.E. Prayer Session)
THEME - “Occupy ‘til I Come!” Luke 19:12-13

MEMORIAL UNTO THE LORD FOR HARAMBE'S 34 YEARS OF MISSIONS IN WORLD EVANGELIZATION – JUNE 9, 2021 (During W.E. Prayer Session) **THEME – Renew Our Commitment: “Make Disciples. Love One Another !**
Matthew 28:19-20 John 13:34-35 NKJV

NO MEMORIAL UNTO THE LORD FOR 35 YEARS OF MISSIONS IN WORLD EVANGELIZATION WAS DONE BUT WE PREVAILED IN PRAYER FOR: His Path and Plan June 8, 2022 (to serve our Community, Sine-Kane Village, Missionaries, and complete the assignments and ministries of Harambe Baptist Church during and after Covid19).

HARAMBE'S 36TH WORLD EVANGELIZATION MISSIONS CELEBRATION – June 14, 2023 -THEME - “God's Global Purpose: That People May know Him”
Romans 9:17 ESV John 3:16 KJV - Wednesday Kick-off: June 14 at 6pm - Speaker: Bro Joe Jeter (Virtual); Saturday A Study: June 17 at 11am – 1:00pm
”Global Purpose - Fulfilling God's Heart For the World.” Faith Promise Sunday June 18 - Missionary C. Jeter to Speak (At Church)

HARAMBE'S 37th W.E. CELEBRATION – TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!

Due to Evangelism Summer Outreach– Picnic and VBS, we abbreviated our missions emphasis **To a Faith Promise Sunday June 16th (AM Worship)** We made a commemoration unto the Lord for 37 years of His Faithfulness to Keep us focused on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Asking Him to forgive us for our slothfulness and partial disobedience.

THEME: “Recommitting to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission” Matthew

22:37-40 AMPC Matthew 28:19-20 AMPC. **Speaker** Missionary Catherine Jeter **Faith Promise Sunday**, Praise God, was an opportunity to Renew OUR Faith Promise Commitment as we prayed asking God the amount that he wanted each person to trust Him to give during the new Fiscal year months ahead.

SINE-KANE VILLAGE COVID 19 Interrupted our Short-Term Missions Trips (STMT) after

2018 with a team consisting of Billie June Whitley, Rev Jeff Harley and 2 members from Bethel Deliverance Church, Ruth Weldon and Robin Johnson, went with on a vision trip to report to their missions team concerning MIS Adopt a Village (AAV) Ministry Project. We did a Medical Clinic. Covid did not disrupt the love, relationship and mission that God ordained for Harambe to reach the families with the Gospel through Word and Deed. We connected by zoom, did medical clinics through Bartime Hospital Staff. We continue to believe God for the Medical Clinic Construction Foundation was laid 2 or 3years ago (Money in MIS Acct from Harambe's past projects). Sent money for Rice and Oil. a) Construction Cost to Complete Medical Center (Hut) = \$20,000 MIS Adm Fee=\$3000 (We have the option to send Adm Fee later) MIS Policy: Full amount for construction in MIS Acct to begin. Current Amount in Medical Center Account - \$12,021.57 (as of May 18, 2024 Financial Report per Sis Dowdy; Missionary Afolabi donated \$100 July 13, 2024 and recently an anonymous donor gave \$500 Total (as of 10/16/2024) : 12,621.57 Amount Needed: \$7378.43. Praise the Lord! Please pray that the Lord gives us the funds to complete by the end of 2024 and calls a team and gives the resources for a STMT to Senegal in 2025.

EVANGELISM

HARAMBE'S COMMUNITY SUMMER OUTREACH 2019 was the last VBS before COVID 19.

Community Picnic in 2022 was the first summer outreach ministry that the Lord afforded us after the Covid pandemic. Praise the Lord that He afforded us to host a Community Picnic on Harambe's grounds, with co-laborers: Minister Ting of Trinity Church & members grilling and doing whatever we needed; ECC with Bishop Wade donating food for give away; KIM with Rev Ferrel doing BP Checks. Harambe's Steering team and members did an outstanding job with family

HARAMBE SUMMER EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH 2023

Community Picnic July 15th 12-4pm VBS July 31st – August 4th 9:30am-12:30pm

Community Picnic Coordinator - Sis Pat Graham-Thomas; Director of VBS Outreach/Food Coordinator - Sis Anita Moore -Wynne and Food Assistant, Sis Katie Parris; and World Evangelization Director – Sis Billie June Whitley Facilitator. Praise the Lord Minister Ting of Trinity Church & members; Members of ECC, KIM and host of others that Sis Pat has reached out to, joined us again for Community Picnic. The Lord orchestrated simultaneously and defined the Action Steps for both outreaches to exude the Good Works that He placed in us before the foundation of the world. Thanks to the Summer Outreach Steering Team who came Committed to completing their Action Steps and ready to immediately Switch to the VBS Outreach July 31-August 4, 2023: Sisters Cece Pat Anita Freddie Sis Liz A. Lorraine Dee Billie Dea Edie Bro Vann and Minister Ting. I Praise God for your consistently meeting and signing up to participate in Harambe Summer Outreach Ministry with your Good Works. I thank the Lord for you and all that you do for the Kingdom as we, Harambe and other members of the communities of the Body of Christ Co-labor together with God to bring the Hope and the Love of Jesus to our Harambe Community.

HARAMBE SUMMER EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH 2024 Praise the Lord for Community Picnic – July 13th 12 Noon –Community Picnic Coordinator - Sis Pat GrahamThomas. Thank you Summer Outreach Steering Team who came showed up on April 7th and followed through with Action Steps and much more! Our co-laborers were Minister Ting & Trinity Church co-labored, loaned 2 Grills and monetary donations. ECC and Bishop Wade donated food. KIM and Rev Ferrel donated BP checks and more. Sis Shyrece Mahan donated her expertise with the Food. VBS – Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) – July 29-August 2, 2024 2:30 – 5:00PM Coordinator – Sis Billie June Whitley Praise the Lord for orchestrating the Steering Team to use their good works for the Picnic and VBS simultaneously. Food Technician - Sis Liz Armstead. Assisting CEF: Sisters Pat Thomas, Dee Allen, CeCe Benson, Lorraine Beaton, Billie June Whitley and Brother Graham. Closing exercise for 5 students was during morning Worship on Aug 4th. Students received Certificates and \$10 Chik Fila Gift cards.

HARAMBE STREET MEETINGS: World Evangelization Team Prayed for

God's path to renew this ministry. After 7 plus years of non-function. Sis Lorraine Beaton was led of the Lord to coordinate the ministry. The first Street Meeting was held on June 30th. The current schedule is every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 11am – 1pm. Praise the Lord!

MISSIONS

HARAMBE SINE-KANE VILLAGE: Provided SineKane Family Needs: Food Project: Praise the Lord \$3414 sent bought Rice and oil for 48 families. May 31st A Zoom Visitation with SineKane/Ngor/Matt/Jim and Mutual Love and Greetings was shared. **Medical Clinic Construction Fund, continues – Pray: Proverbs 19:17** Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE: Wednesday Kick-off: June 14 at 6pm (Virtual) Rev Paul Jeter will be in Liberia - Waiting for Bro Joe Jeter's response. (Virtual) Saturday A Study: June 17 at 11am – 1:00pm "Global Purpose - Fulfilling God's Heart For the World." (Virtual) Faith Promise: Sunday June 18 Missionary C. Jeter to Speak (At Church) Confirmed

FAITH PROMISE – Praise the Lord! He Continues to Supply Support our 10 Units of missionaries! Sis Roberta Cooper (a former member) generously supports our Faith Promise Missions Fund often! Thank you Sister Roberta!

UPDATE:

SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY continues under the leadership of Elder Richard Cottom. Sister Laverne Sanders continues to keep the ministry going with the help of Minister Ting and Trinity Church donating Chinese Dinners and supplements. Helpers are Sis CeCe Benson, Liz Armstead, Birdell Brooks and Anita Wynne. Also, Brother Wally Turner and Bro Graham. Even during the Pandemic, Carry-out meals were given. Praise the Lord for their perseverance! Please continue to pray for Elder Cottom's Healing. Isaiah 53:5

HARAMBE BAPTIST CHURCH 2018/2019 Highlights and Ministries:

The Lord adds to our Harambe Ecclesia: New Members: *Bro. Bernard Rucker (A former member), Sister Toi Campbell and Christopher Biehn (New Members).* Praise His Holy Name!

Nursing Home Ministry: *Elder Cottom, Bro Herman Graham, Dea. Osbourne Lewis, Bro Vann Delaine, Sis Liz Armstead, Sis Birdell Brooks, Lorraine Beaton, and Cecelia Benson.* The Lord continues to send members of HBC out to give the Word to Bethesda Nursing Home.

Sunday school: Celebrates 43 years of God's faithfulness teaching men, women, boys and girls the word of God. Under the leadership of *Deacon Osbourne Lewis*- "The Lord could have placed me anywhere else but he chose to have me at Harambe not only to receive blessings but to be a blessing, I love you all for loving me, let us continue to pull together." *Submitted By Deacon Osbourne Lewis*

Soup Kitchen Ministry: Under the leadership of *Elder Cottom. Sis Laverne Saunders* continues to feed individuals with Hearty meals and Spiritual Food Every Tuesday. *Sis Lorraine Beaton* manages the Clothing Boutique with the assistance of *Sis Liz Armstead*. Faithful members of HBC also volunteer to assist in the ministry as well, Sisters *Birdell Brooks, Cecelia Benson, and Anita*. "We are blessed that doing the devotion that Elder gives, the Word is bringing some of the people to attend our Sunday Service. Also I will continue to give my all to the people that come in early. I call them my early birds. We are so blessed with the respect, the laughter and joy that The Good Lord give us!"- *Sis Laverne Saunders*

HARAMBE's Fight Against Hunger Walk Team: Harambe walked against hunger in April 2019. There were 24 anointed adult walkers, and 2 Blessed children. We give the Lord high praise, for His enabling power to HARAMBE's walkers. Raised \$2,132.18; we received a check for \$1,812.35, 85% of \$2,132.18. Thank You Jesus! – *Submitted by Sis. Lorraine Beaton*

I.M.P.A.C. T. Inspired Millennials Passionately Abiding in Christ

Together: Praise the Lord, for we are doing a new thing!! Impact Youth Ministry was born in 2018, out of a need to further encourage, empower and elevate the youth of Harambe Baptist Church. To the glory of God, the leaders of Impact have been able to congregate a number of times during this short period to cultivate a ministry that not only develops the youth in our Ecclesia, but also effects the surrounding community by ministering the word of God through various forms of outreach. From leading worship for the residents of Bethesda Nursing Home through praise dancing to performing with the Praise and Worship Team for numerous services and events, this ministry has certainly had a tremendous IMPACT despite its short history, and will undoubtedly continue to do so. Our primary focus is to raise up a generation of youth that will mature into effectual leaders who are unashamed of the gospel and set apart from worldly pursuits; ones who will lean into the voice of God who intends to guide them into abundant life, rather than the voice of the enemy who intends to destroy them. We put this into practice by enabling our youth to lead the services once a month, participating on the usher board and leading in worship and prayer. We are sure to celebrate all accomplishments and milestones, emphasizing the importance of graduation and furthering education. We continuously highlight the need for their voices to be heard, encouraging all ideas brought forward to enhance their experience as a part of this ministry. In fact, one of our junior youth leaders has expressed interest in submitting a proposal to the team with ideas on how we should move forward hosting monthly seminars and inviting VBS students and community youth residents to grow with us.

As we move forward, we are excited about the direction in which the Lord is leading the I.M.P.A.C.T. Youth Ministry. We give God the glory for all that we have done and are looking forward with bold and Godly hope to everything we are sure to accomplish in our future. We are dedicated to developing our youth, reaching the lost within our community and building meaningful relationships, all while having fun doing it! We desire to have a ministry not only filled with enthusiastic youth, but one that is led and directed by them.

“And don’t be intimidated by those who are older than you; simply be the example they need to see by being faithful and true in all that you do. Speak the truth and live a life of purity and authentic love as you remain strong in your faith.” 1 Timothy 4:12 (TPT) – *Submitted by Sis. Freddie DeLaine*

Mother & Daughter Tea Ministry: The past year the Lord blessed us with the theme “I Am Loved”. We want women to know that God loves them unconditionally. We use the book *The Day I Met Jesus: The Revealing Diaries of Five Women from the Gospels* written by Frank Viola and Mary DeMuth. In 11/2018, *The Diary of the Samaritan Woman* was presented. In 05/2019, the woman who loved much- “The diary of the prostitute” was presented. We had a great panel discussion at each session. Women opened up about how they can relate to these biblical women- feeling broken, imperfect, unloved and without hope. They shared their own encounter with Jesus Christ who changed their lives. On 11/16/19, we will have our first Mother and Daughter Tea “I Am Loved” conference. God is truly blessing this ministry. *Submitted by Sis. Annette Harley and Deaconess Edith Millner*

Praise and Worship: Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. What a privilege it is to minister unto to Lord through Harambe Baptist Ecclesia’s Music Ministry. Through the leadership of *Bro. Vann DeLaine* and *Sis. Debbie Jones*, the *Praise and Worship Team*, the *Victory Choir*, the *Male Chorus*, the *Young Adult Praise Team*, and the *United Voices* have been ministering through song at every service. The Victory Choir has been doing outreach at Bethesda Nursing Home. The Praise and Worship Team led the congregation in Worship at the Greatest Love Affair.

The IMPACT Youth Ministry along with the Praise and Worship Team rendered selections at the Mother and Daughter Tea. United Voices, the Male Chorus and the Victory Choir led the congregation in musical worship at Harambe’s Church Anniversary Service. We are honored to use God’s music to set an atmosphere of praise unto the Lord. As we embark upon another year, we dedicate every service unto the Lord! *Submitted by Bro. Vann DeLaine*

Praise Dance: For His Glory! “Break forth with dancing! Make music and sing God’s praises with the rhythm of drums!” Psalms 149:3 (TPT) May the Lord continue to use us to be a witness of His Grace & Love by dancing before the Lord with all our might, giving Praise for All He has done, currently doing, and

will do! And may He bless us with the anointing of the Holy Spirit as we give Praise. AMEN *Submitted by Stephanie Whitley*

World Evangelization Ministry: We are called to be Witnesses (Acts 1:8).

Missions is Witnessing cross - cultural outside of your local congregation to obey the Great Commission by proclaiming the gospel of Christ, making disciples and gathering these disciples into local churches. **Evangelism** is Witnessing within your own culture and sometimes in your local church. Teaching is good. A vision is better caught than taught - Jesus called His disciples and they learned from doing. We have been Witnessing from our Jerusalem to Uttermost parts of the world for most years of our existence; We changed our “Missions Conference Banner” to “World Evangelization” several years ago; The real turning point was at least two years ago when Pastor Jeff asked me to head up Evangelism outreach with Great Commission Baptist Church in the West Oaklane part of the City. Knowing I could not do both, it was the Lord who had already shifted our paradigm to World Evangelization, we just needed to acknowledge it! Finally, using “Missions Moment” to inform of our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria Witnessing, i.e. Walk on Hunger, Soup Kitchen Clothing Boutique, etc. demonstrates that we are a World Evangelization, Acts 1:8 Church! So let’s be clear! Our identity is what Jesus called us to be! We are called to be Witnesses in the World: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8). Pastor Jeff’s new position as Director of CDC Lord willing, takes our Evangelism to another level with the foundation of Soup Kitchen, Clothes Boutique and Street Witnessing. *Submitted by Billie June Whitley*

Cross-culture on the Missions field, our Triune God directed the Go-Team to not journey to Senegal in March of 2019. The Lord supplied funds for a successful Health Clinic in our absence. In Pastor’s illness, the Lord afforded us a pause to listen closely for further instructions which was stay and seek Him in prayer to see His Glory with a moment by moment dependence and commitment for deeper intimacy with Him; To trust Him to supply the largest expenses of our history in Senegal Ministry - \$70,000 to be used for the Senegal Ministry 2020Go-Team, Health Hut and MIS. Once again making His Vision clear: That Harambe reach the World with the Gospel from our

Jerusalem to the Uttermost Parts of the World, Holistically and when necessary use WORDS! Our **World Evangelization 3 Day Conference** in June 2019 **Theme:** “I Have Other Sheep That Are Not in This Fold” - John 10:16
Breakout Sessions: Overview of Theme – Billie June Whitley and How Will Jesus Gather the Sheep? Up Front and Personal – Aundrae and Sheila Cassell/Ambassadors Fellowship.

Every 2nd Wed Missions and Evangelism Fast and Prayer continues. Faith Promise with this small and Powerful Ecclesia’s Faith to give over and above our tithes to continues, supporting 12 Missionaries and the Senegal Ministry! Pastor Jeff Harley, Sis Lorraine Beaton, Bro Herman Graham and Sis Billie June Whitley (Director) continues to serve the Lord and our Harambe Ecclesia as World Evangelization Team to bring Him the Greatest Glory! *Submitted by Billie June Whitley*

VBS 2019: Theme: *Super Training With Jesus University* – Ephesians 6:11 The Lord orchestrated an Amazing week for both our children and volunteers. The children gave an outstanding Closing exercise as they reviewed what they learned through music and movement, displaying the beautiful Crafts designed by Sis Altha! There were 24 students enrolled, averaging 17-19 per day!

Director: *Billie June Whitley*, **Support Team:**

Bro Herman Graham, Sis Lorraine Beaton, Sis Cecelia Benson, Sis Pat Thomas (Coordinated HBC 1st VBS Field Day), Sis Laverne Saunders, Deaconess Edith Milliner, Sis Liz Armstead, Sis Altha Blackston (Second Macedonia), Bro. Zachary Hughes (Enon Church), Rev. Darnella and Rachel Smalls. To God be all the Glory!

Special Thanks to my Harambe Family for Supporting CGEMS and me in Prayer and Finances for 22 years!

February 2019 was our 20th Greatest Love Affair and you have been a Huge Blessing in all of them! Big Thanks! I love and appreciate you so much!

~Billie June Whitley