



# 2022 FMBC Highlights

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## *Announcement*

Despite the continued challenges of a global pandemic, the disruptions to cultural norms and the shifts in spiritual and faith practices, the hand of God continues to be upon the Freewill Ministry and church family.

We are reminded that in all things, we must give Thanks and place our Trust in the Father as we persevere and keep our eyes on the assignment He has given our house; to ***Engage, Equip*** and ***Empower*** His people. In pursuit of the Vision, let's do so by sharing in both the Great Commission and Great Commandment.

This review serves as an opportunity for members of our ministry to celebrate the Kingdom work that has been done and look forward to fulfilling together, the Kingdom work that lies ahead.

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## Ministry in Action

**Serve Day** - In June, Freewill completed its first “SERVE DAY” of the year, helping to clean and organize what will eventually become the **Reality & Truth Family Shelter**. Painting, Gardening, Organizing and more are just some of the work done and impact made.

**Feeding** - Each 1<sup>st</sup> Monday throughout the year, members of our ministry prepared and served hot meals to those in need. Led by Pastor Tammie Jones, ministry groups and members signed up to be a blessing by giving out almost 800 meals over 2022.

**Radical Praise** - The FMBC Kid’s & Youth Ministry was relaunched and what a time we have had. From dedicated and revamped space; to Sunday morning services and even our Trunk or Treat Happy Hallelujah event, we have made and will continue to make the Kids & Youth of FMBC a priority in our ministry.

**Women’s Ministry** - This year we celebrated the relaunch of the FMBC Women’s Ministry, now known as “**Kingdom Women Rising**.” This relaunch was led with an incredible Women’s Conference that blessed the hearts and minds of FMBC Members and Friends as our ladies Waged War and declared We WIN!

“**KINGDOM**  
Assignment is  
what Freewill has  
been called to  
fulfill”

## Celebration Service

*(A special Thanks to those who helped plan these celebrations)*

- ❖ After a 2-year delay, the FMBC family was proud to honor the 30+ years of service given to this ministry and beyond by Pastor Edward J. & Sis. Beverly Nettles. On June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated their legacy with a black-tie banquet and Sunday service in their honor.
- ❖ While he has served faithfully and fully as the new Pastor of Freewill since July 1, 2020, on Sunday, July 10, 2022, FMBC officially Installed Pastor Quentin Q. Byrd as it’s 4<sup>th</sup> Senior Pastor. He and his wife (*our lovely first-lady*) Dr. Consuela Byrd are excited to serve.
- ❖ On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, the FMBC family celebrated our Minister of Music, Kenny Jones for 30+ years of service. Kenny and his wife Pastor Tammie are blessings to our ministry.

## Benevolence & Outreach

Throughout the years, Freewill has consistently impacted the community and those in need. This year, we’re proud of the many efforts taken to help fulfill our Kingdom Assignment:

- FMBC was able to help families have a Happy Holiday season with our **Toy Drive**. Members modeled the heart of the Father by GIVING, which allowed us to donate toys to Thelma S. Morris Elementary, a partner in education and Mary Ellen’s Hearth, a women’s shelter.
- Our Food Bank ministry continued to bless families giving out over 1,100 food bags. Additionally, our Benevolence Ministry was able to provide financial assistance to almost **100** families. Support was also shared with widows and countless sick members.
- FMBC continued to sow financial seeds & contributions to other Ministries, Schools and Non-Profits committed to fulfilling Kingdom calling! We were also blessed to donate 20 pews and pulpit furniture to another local ministry.



## Facilities Investment & Improvement

In 2022, we were able to identify and address some areas of need within the buildings and grounds of our campus. A few investments/improvements made are as follows:

- ✓ New HVAC system in the administrative and classroom area. This system replaced two units that were over 25-years old.
- ✓ New additional lighting in the women’s restroom located in the lobby of the main sanctuary.
- ✓ The FMBC campus was re-keyed and electronic entry pads were installed to help with improved security and building accessibility.
- ✓ New Window Art was installed at the entrance of the Youth Center. Additionally, there was a complete lobby transformation to make the space more youth friendly.
- ✓ New concrete was poured at the entrance of the main sanctuary to eliminate a tripping hazard caused by settlement and a shift in elevation.

## New Staff & Leadership



Tuwanna Barnett was welcomed as the new FMBC Administrative Assistant.



Nikki Nettles & Cedric Jenkins were welcomed as the new Tech-Arts Ministry leads.



Dea. Robert Allen was welcomed as a new member of the Trustee Ministry.

## Financial Update

2022 was yet another exceptional year. Because of the generosity of you our members, revenues are up and exceed the previous year with an almost 15% YoY increase. We continue to be Thankful to all of our leaders, members and friends who sow seeds into our ministry and who have committed to being a Vision Partner with FMBC.

This year ...

- We had **965** givers who gave **7,711** gifts
- We continued our Vision Offering with members faithfully giving towards these efforts.

Our FMBC Trustees continue to work in partnership with other ministry leaders to ensure that our church is both financially sound and stable. Protocols and procedures are being reviewed, updated and implemented, allowing us to accomplish Ministry Vision efforts and initiatives.

## Looking Ahead to 2023

We are so Thankful to all of the FMBC leaders and Volunteers who serve in various capacities. It is in-part because of your commitment that we are able to be the ministry God has called us to be. As we progress into 2023, just a few areas we are believing God in:

- 🏗️ We will hire a full-time Youth Pastor. This person will help us transform our Youth Ministry through partnering with parents, guardians and our young people to offer an innovative and relevant ministry.
- 🏗️ We will continue to pursue greater community involvement addressing some of the systemic needs and issues like housing, violence and poverty plaguing the community that sits in our church shadows.
- 🏗️ We will provide On-Demand ministry and biblical resources to the FMBC members.