

In 1990 Deacon Wesley Hawkins was appointed Chairman of the Deacon Board. God called Deacon Warren Watkins, Jr., to preach the gospel and on May 31, 1991 he was licensed through the Shining Star Baptist Church.

Through the vision of our Pastor and God's continued endowment, we acquired the land south of the church. This land provides additional parking for our members and guest. Wall-to-wall carpet and a new ladies room were installed. Other additions included new chandeliers, ceiling fans and refurbishment of the pews.

In 1992, additional members were added to the Deacon, Deaconess and Trustee Boards. Deacon Raymond Miller, Jr., was appointed Chairman of the Deacon Board. We were fortunate to purchase a baby grand piano and a 15 passenger van.

The following year, we were blessed with six more Deacons and three Associate Ministers, rev. Sister Kathy Kornegay, who the Lord called home, Rev. Larry Vaughn and Rev. Joseph Tilmon. In that same year Rev Tilmon was ordained. In July of 1996, Sister Audria Poindexter Crowder was licensed to preach the gospel.

On February 9, 1997, Pastor Flowers was presented the Pastor of the Month Award after being selected as part of the Pastor of the Month Program sponsored by Murry's, a local retail food company in our community.

A decision to renovate the church was initiated. Spiritually, God was still blessing and adding to the church. The ministerial staff was increased with the addition on Minister Sean Limes, who was licensed to preach the gospel in 1998. The Deacon Board was blessed with three Deacons: James Roberts, ShaDaroil Pierce and John Green. Brother Reginald Fortune and Brother Craig Key became Deacon Trainees. Rev. Flowers had a vision to start a Radio Ministry in the Washington Metropolitan area and also in North Carolina. We are pleased to announce that we were able to feed the hungry through our Food Ministry. God has richly blessed us with many new additions to the church; a new electric piano, drums, a computer, a printer, microphones, folding chairs, refrigerator, stove, a front door and file cabinets. In January 1998, Deacon Zebedee Smith was appointed Chairman of the Deacon Board and Deacon Preston Hunter was appointed Vice Chairman.

In January 1999, Deaconess Barbara Kidwell was elected President of the Deaconess Board and Deaconess Virdell Smith was elected as Vice president. In Addition to new members, God is still calling his people to preach the gospel. On June 11, 1999, Brother Craig Key preached his initial sermon and was licensed through Shining Star Missionary Baptist Church. Also in 1999, God allowed us to purchase the building and the land south of our current parking area, which was later used by the United Baptist College and Seminary Extension School of Southern Maryland.

In August 1999, Deacon James Roberts was appointed Chairman of the Deacon Board and Deacon ShaDaroil Pierce was appointed Vice Chairman. As we moved into the new millennium, year 2000, our

Church was blessed with the addition of one new Deacon, Herman Pickett and three new Deaconesses: Angela Key, Antonia Brown, and Marie Pickett.

The Lord continued to bless Shining Star in 2001. We moved to the final stages of our remodeling plans. We were blessed to have Deaconess Pearlline Thompson unite with Shining Star and our Deaconess Ministry. Then in July, 2001 Deacon Wilson Young was appointed Vice Chairman of the Deacon Ministry. In December 2001 the Lord blessed us with another Minister – Minister Helen Young united with Shining Star and became an associate Minister of Shining Star in 2002.

As the year 2002 began, the space adjacent to the Bible College was rented to Q's Barber Shop. We were still in the midst of securing permits to begin our renovation, But God didn't allow us to wait too long because by early spring we received the permits and began our renovation process. In addition to our Deaconess Board: Deaconess Doris Atkins and Deaconess Betty McCarty.

In addition to the remodeling, we were mandated by the City of Seat Pleasant to paint and install awnings on the FAD building, the school and the barber shop. Renovation of the Sanctuary began in August of 2002 and was completed in early January 2003. During the time of renovation, we were able to use the Faith Center to worship and on Sunday, January 19, 2003, we marched into our newly renovated Sanctuary. Pastor Flowers informed us that 2003 brought other changes to Shining Star as he announced that our Church had officially become part of the Freewill Baptist Convention under the leadership of Bishop Robert J. Gay, Pastor of St. Matthews Unison Freewill Baptist Church, New Haven, Connecticut. In addition to the church becoming Freewill Baptist, Pastor Flowers was elevated from Reverend to Elder.

In 2004, God continued to add to our Church. In addition to many new members, our ministerial staff was increased with the addition of Rev. Albert Curry. Our Deaconess Ministry was also increased with the addition of Sister Lillian Terry.

During the first half of 2005, our Ministerial staff was increased with the addition of Lloyd Petty and Rev. Donald Gordon. In April of 2005, Rev. Gordon was called home to be with the Lord

We entered 2006; we did so with great anticipation and excitement to do God's work. The two major projects were paving the parking lot and the beautification of the Church's surrounding by the planting of trees and flowers which was completed. Also this year brought another minister to the ministerial staff of Shining Star, Rev. William Hampton and another mother to the Mother's Board, 93 – year old Mother Georgia Shay. Our Deacon and Deaconess Ministries also saw increases with the addition of Deacon Roland Talley, Deaconess Mary Talley, Deaconess Johnnie Spann and Deaconess Betty Spann.

New Carpet and cabinets were installed in the FAD Center in 2006. What is great about the cabinets is the fact that they were handmade and installed by one of our trustees, Brother Alfred Presbury. With the able assistance and encouragement from his wife, Sister Joan Presbury, the cabinet making and installation took place without a problem.

Again in 2007, we entered with great anticipation and excitement on Sunday, February 18, 2007, Sister Yolanda Flowers-Barns preached her initial sermon, "It's time to Cross Over." In addition, God added yet another Minister to the ministerial Staff, Minister Lois Vaughn and added to the Mother's Board were Deaconess Jackie Petty and Mother Martha Sharpe. Because 2007 was the church's 25th Anniversary- Silver anniversary- plans were made for an unforgettable celebration and on July 28, 2007, a gala banquet was held at the Camelot of Upper Marlboro, MD, to celebrate and honor our Pastor and First Lady for 25 years of glorious and dedicated service to God and to the people of God. Pastor Shirley Caesar was our special guest.

As we entered 2008, we did so with faith, hope, and love. God continued to add to his church. On Saturday, January 19, 2008, Deacon ShaDaroil Pierce preached his initial sermon and in May, Rev. Ronald Reid joined the ministerial staff. Also out of the congregation came another who would bless the church with her ministry of Web designing, Sister Vera Standard.

In early 2010, we were pleased to have Evangelist Paige join the Ministerial staff. We realize most of all that God has continued to bless Shining Star. He has sent several new members to contribute to the spread of his gospel and we are grateful. As we continue to press towards the mark of the high calling, we solicit your prayers and support that we remain committed to our call.

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