

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(United Church of Christ)

Rev. Dr. Farrell J. Duncombe, Pastor

The Women's Fellowship

Presents a

**Harvest Sunday
Celebration**

**“Giving Thanks to
God for His Bountiful Blessings”**

Sunday, October 20, 2019

11:00 a.m.

*“The harvest truly is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.”*

Matthew 9:37



Our Guest Speaker

Dr. Quinton T. Ross, Jr.



Dr. Quinton T. Ross, Jr. is currently serving as the 15th president of Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama. Elected as a senator to the Alabama State Legislature in 2002, Dr. Ross was serving his fourth term as a senator when he became the president of Alabama State University. Prior to his selection as president of Alabama State University, he was employed by Trenholm State Community College where he served as Director of Adult Education. Later he became a manager of UniServe Organizing/Staff Consultant to Higher Education for the Alabama Education Association. Additionally, he had a rewarding career as an educator for the Montgomery Public School System in Montgomery, Alabama. There he served as a classroom teacher, administrative assistant, assistant principal, a high school principal as well as an educational specialist in the central office. He has also served as a statewide field representative for the Alabama Democratic Party and the Alabama Democratic Conference for a number of years, and has held key positions in numerous political campaigns to include co-chair of the State Advisory Committee for President Barack Obama's first election.

As a senator the Honorable Senator Ross distinguished himself as a true statesman. He was one of seven African Americans serving in the Alabama State Senate and in 2015 was elected as the first African American male Senate Minority Leader and was elected for a four-year term. During his service, he was an established legislative leader with an unwavering advocacy for public education and a dedication to issues dealing with child safety and the general welfare of all Alabamians. Throughout his tenure as a legislator, he served on numerous committees. These committees include Bank and Insurance, Confirmation, County and Municipal Government, Transportation and Energy, Military Affairs, and the powerful Finance and Taxation Education Committee. He was also vice-chair of the Education Youth Affairs Committee.

Dr. Ross has received numerous awards and recognitions and has been featured in many publications. He has been honored for his commitment to equity and quality education. He has received the Montgomery Advertiser King Spirit Award, K.E.E.P. Production's Young Legend Award, the Daring to Make a Difference Community Service Award, and the Alabama School Board Association's Power of One Award (2009). He has been recognized by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., locally, statewide, and by the district as Citizen of the Year (2011). Other awards include the Alabama Adult Education Director's Association 2012 Champion Award, 2015 Citizen of the Year for the Montgomery (AL) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theater, Sorority, Inc., and the 2016 Beloved Community Award from the Alabama State University Friends of the Theater. He was additionally selected by the Business Council of Alabama as a 2017 Business Champion.

Dr. Quinton T. Ross, Jr. is a graduate of Alabama State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science in 1992, a Master of Arts degree in Education in 1995, and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, Policy and Law in 2010. He holds professional memberships in several organizations. These organizations include but are not limited to the National Education Association, National Council of Higher Education, the Alabama Education Association, 100 Black Men, Inc., and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. His most notable accomplishment is that of a loving husband and father of two sons.



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638 High Street at Union Montgomery, AL 36106

Women's Fellowship

Annual Harvest Sunday Program

October 20, 2019

Mrs. Kenyetta Miller, Presiding



Prelude		Ronald Handy
Ministry In Song	“Harvest”	Male Chorus
Welcome		Mrs. Kenyetta Miller, President

Introit:

Leader: Welcome to this service of worship

People: We celebrate with thanksgiving and praise. As we rejoice, we also rededicate ourselves to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior

All: Praise be to God! Hallelujah! Amen.

Opening Hymn		Holy, Holy (p. 329 AAH)
Scripture and Prayer		Mrs. Linda Wilson
Musical Selection		Dr. Cordella Anderson
Responsive Reading	#48 (African American Hymnal) Thanksgiving	Mrs. Juanita Duncombe
*Gloria Patri		
Acknowledgements		Mrs. Bea Forniss
Reception of Tithes and Offerings		Pastor Farrell J. Duncombe
*Doxology and Prayer		
Introduction of Speaker		Mrs. Alisa Sinkfield
Musical Selection		Dr. Cordella Anderson
Guest Speaker		Dr. Quinton T. Ross, Jr.
Hymn of Invitation	Count Your Blessings (P. 533 AAH)	
Daring to Make a Difference Award		Mrs. Vanzetta McPherson
Special Presentation		Mrs. Velora Ford Harvest Program Chairman
Remarks and *Benediction		Rev. Dr. Farrell J. Duncombe
• (Standing)		

A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following service

In Memory Of

Deceased Member

Essie Buskey

Teresa Coston

Amanda Grayson

Marie Hamilton

Faustine Jones

Eloise Moore

Jean Pendarvis

Ann Pickens

Carrie Robinson

Estella St. Clair

Remembered by

Janet Buskey, Susan Farley

Jacqueline Grimes, Cecilia Thomas

Alice Grayson

Viola Jordan

Bea Forniss

Timothy White

Jessalyn Pendarvis

Juan Ford

Dorothy Riggins-Allen

Janet St. Clair

Francis Lewis

Remembered by

Gloria Lawrence Thomas, Eudora Lawrence Lee, Wilma Lawrence Thomas, Linda Lawrence

Brenda Lawrence Martin, Jerldine Lawrence Burks, Jo Ann Carter



Remembered by The Women's Fellowship

Mary Ann Bell

Alice Ragland

Josephine Shaw

Elizabeth Stephens

Ruby Vinson

Contributions

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Vanzetta McPherson ~ In memory of Thomas McPherson, Jr.

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Mr. Leslie Williams

Mrs. Kathy Mayes (In memory of Joey White)

Ms. Sharilyn Harding (In memory of Velma Ridgeway Harding)

Responsive Reading

#48 Thanksgiving

Old Testament: Ps. 92:1-4; Ezra 3 :10-11; 1 Chr. 29:10-13

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

When the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, the priests in their vestments were stationed to praise the LORD with trumpets,

And the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, according to the directions of King David of Israel;

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel."

And all the people responded with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever.

Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours;

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might;

And it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.



Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings; name them one by one, And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

Chorus

Count your blessings;
Name them one by one.
Count your blessings;
See what God hath done.
Count your blessings;
Name them one by one.
Count your many blessings;
See what God hath done.

Text: Johnson Oatman Jr., 1856–1922

Music: Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921

2019 Daring To Make A Difference Honoree



Dr. James B. Oliver is the director of bands at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama. He received a Bachelor's in Music Education from Alabama State University, a Master's of Education from Wright State University, and a Doctorate in Education from Northcentral University.

He began his career in 1980 as a band instructor in Dayton, Ohio Public School System, and under his leadership the band received numerous awards. In 1988 he became interim band director at Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio and was offered the full-time position in 1989. During his 12-year tenure at CSU, the *Marching Marauders* traveled to Europe to perform at various events which were televised. These travels included the 1991 World League of American Football in Spain and England and again for the World Bowl of American Football League.

Dr. Oliver began his career at Alabama State University in 2000. He has built an outstanding and solid band program which includes *The Mighty Marching Hornets*, *The ASU Concert Band*, and the ASU pep bands. Under his leadership the band has received countless competitive awards to include the Outstanding Symphonic Band Award, Outstanding Jazz Band Award, City of Montgomery Certificate of Recognition, and the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award given by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Since he became the director, *The Mighty Marching Hornets* have appeared in the entertainment genres of television, movies, and videos. These include *The Ellen Degeneres Show* (2007), *MTV VMA Awards* (2013), Robin Thicke music video, *Give it 2 U*, *Lifetime Network Reality Show "Bama Style"* (2015) which is soon to be released Tri Star Pictures, *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*, and *America's Got Talent*. Additionally, the band has participated in the 2007 Honda Invitational Battle of the Bands Show case in the Georgia Dome, the 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade, Pasadena, California, and Show Time at the Apollo Bronx, New York.

Dr. Oliver is a strong advocate for music programs and has built a reputation as an outstanding, caring, and highly professional director of bands at Alabama State University. On September 24, 2014, he received from the Office of the Mayor of the City of Montgomery a Proclamation declaring "Director James Oliver Day."

Past Daring to Make a Difference Honorees

Centennial Hill Gardening Project

The John F. Knight, Sr. Family

Montgomery Habitat for Humanity

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

Troy State University Montgomery

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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Congregational Christian Church and members of the Women's Fellowship welcome you to this special Harvest Sunday Service. We thank you for sharing this program of thanksgiving for God's bountiful blessing, and we are delighted by your presence. Please join us immediately following service in the Fellowship Hall for a reception as we honor our special guest.