

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, UCC  
LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP  
BLACK HISTORY PROGRAM**

**CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF BLACK  
DOCTORS IN MONTGOMERY**



**Special Guest Speaker  
Dr. Brian C. Gary, MD  
February 4, 2024**

*First Congregational Christian Church, UCC  
Montgomery, Alabama  
Rev. Rodtric Robinson, Pastor*

## Our Guest Speaker



**Brian C. Gary, MD, FACS** is a native of Montgomery, Alabama, where he participated in accelerated academic programs and played multiple sports. In high school, he earned varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. In 1988, he was named to the All-Metro first team in football.

Dr. Gary committed to Tuskegee University on football and academic scholarships. During his collegiate athletic career, Dr. Gary received several awards including the 1990 Toyota Leadership Award, SIAC Academic All-Conference, and Team Captain Award. Recently, Dr. Gary was inducted into the Tuskegee University Hall of Fame, Class of 2023, for his contributions both on and off the field.

Dr. Gary received a B.S. in Biology in 1993 and a M.D. from Meharry Medical College in 2000. He completed general surgery training at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2006.

Dr. Gary returned to Montgomery to serve his community. He has been on staff at Jackson Hospital since 2006 where he has served in many capacities, including former Chief of Surgery, and currently, Chief of Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery. He also serves as Vice Chief of Staff.

Dr. Gary served on the State Board of Prosthetists and Orthotists appointed by the Governor for 8 years, Mayor Steven Reed's transition team, and the Montgomery Covid-19 task force. He serves the Masters program for Prosthetists and Orthotists at Alabama State University. He is on several boards including the Chamber of Commerce, the Montgomery Academy, and Central Alabama Sports Commission. He hosts students for STEM labs, medical lectures, and internships.

Dr. Gary was the inaugural recipient of Montgomery Community Heroes. He was selected as Tuskegee University's Distinguished Alumni for 2022. He also received the Community Leader award from Alabama State University. He has presented at Tuskegee University, Alabama State University and other universities as a guest lecturer. He recently gave Surgical Grand Rounds at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Dr. Gary is a Deacon of Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church. He is also a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc.

Dr. Gary's wife of 21 years is Helen, and his two children are Claire Elise (17) and Brian (Deuce) Jr.(14).



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, UCC

638 High Street at Union Montgomery, AL 36106

Laymen's Fellowship

Black History Program

February 4, 2024

Darryl Sinkfield, Master of Ceremony

Prelude	Musicians
Welcome/Occasion	Felix Parker
Invocation	Deacon Sam Martin
Music	Love City Fellowship Mass Choir Mr. Gerald Williams, Director
Offertory	Ushers
Introduction of Guest Speaker	Rev. Rodtric T. Robinson
Guest Speaker	Dr. Brian C. Gary, MD
Music	Love City Fellowship Mass Choir Mr. Gerald Williams, Director

## Presentation of Awards

Curtis Stewart

Cecil St. Clair Legacy Award

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Laymen's Appreciation Award

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| Recognition of Visitors and Guests | Darryl Sinkfield        |
| <i>"Lift Every Voice and Sing"</i> | Audience (Please Stand) |
| Remarks and Benediction            | Rev. Rodtric Robinson   |

### NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Congregational Christian Church and members of the Laymen's Fellowship welcome you to our Annual Black History Program. Please join us immediately following the service in the Fellowship Hall for a reception as we honor our guest speaker and Black History Month honorees.

# OUR HONOREES



## **DR. KYNARD ADAMS, M.D.**

Dr. Kynard Adams is a Family Practice specialist in Montgomery, Alabama. He attended and graduated from University of Mississippi School Of Medicine in 1980, having over 45 years of diverse experience, especially in Family Practice. He is affiliated with many hospitals including Baptist Medical Center East, Baptist Medical Center South, Jackson Hospital & Clinic Inc. Dr. Kynard L Adams also cooperates with other doctors and physicians in medical groups including Adams Family Practice Pc.

### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING MEDICAL SCHOOL**

University Of Mississippi School of Medicine  
Graduated 1977

University Of Mississippi School of Medicine

### **RESIDENCY**

University Hospital



## **DR. WESLEY H. BARRY, JR. M.D, F.A.C.S, F.S.S.C.**

Dr. Wesley Barry has over 37 years' experience and has performed over **30,000** operations. He is very versatile and multifaceted. He is an old-fashioned trained surgeon. He can perform all of these types of operations because of that experience.

### *Board Certified, American Board of Surgery*

- **MD:** Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
- **BS:** University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- **Residency:** General Surgery, Ochsner Clinic, New Orleans, LA, and Charity Hospital-Tulane, New Orleans, LA
- **Senior Resident:** Surgery, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Chicago, IL
- **Chief Resident:** Surgery, Mt. Sinai Medical Center, Chicago, IL

- **Adjunct Clinical Professor:** School of Allied Health, University of South Alabama
- **Fellow:** American College of Surgeons, Southeastern Surgical Congress

### *Memberships*

- American Medical Association
- National Medical Association
- American Society of General Surgeons
- Southern Medical Association
- Medical Association of Alabama
- Montgomery Surgical Society
- Capital City Medical Society
- Montgomery County Medical Society

### *Honors and Distinctions*

- Recognized by the Consumer Research Council of Alabama as one of "America's Top Surgeons" (2009, 2012 and 2013).  
Jackson Hospital: Board of Trustees (2005-2008), Chief of Staff (2004-2005), and Chief of Surgery (2002-2004)



### **DR. JOHN A. JERNIGAN, M.D.**

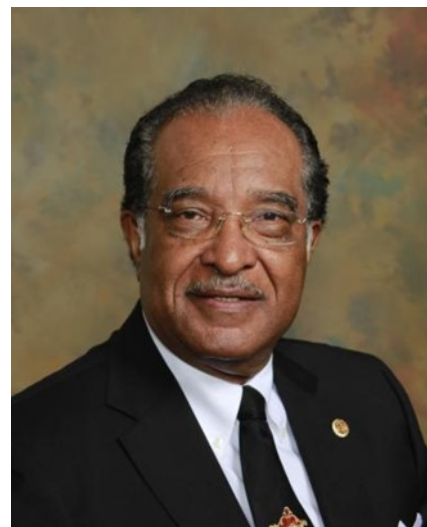
Dr. John Albert Jernigan, MD is a health care provider primarily located in Montgomery, AL. He has 44 years of experience. His specialties include Internal Medicine. Dr. Jernigan is affiliated with **Jackson Hospital & Clinic Inc.** He speaks English and Spanish.

John Jernigan, was Auburn University's first black pre-med student.

Growing up on a farm in nearby Union Springs, Dr. John Jernigan dreamed of a career using his mind, rather than just his hands. His high school's valedictorian, he entered Auburn University as its first African-American pre-med student. Dr. Jernigan quickly became a role model on campus serving as a Resident Advisor for his dorm, before earning a degree in chemistry. A graduate of the University of Florida College of Medicine, Dr. Jernigan opened Mulberry Medical Associates in Montgomery in 1984, at a time where African-American doctors numbered one for every 8,000 people.

He has served as a clinical assistant professor in UAB's Internal Medicine Residency Program, and has trained countless physicians as well as more than 30 nurse practitioners through programs at Troy University, Samford University and UAB. He stays active in research and conducts clinical trials on new drugs at the Mulberry Clinical Research Center. Dr. Jernigan has been an active member of the Medical Association of Alabama and the American Society of Internal Medicine, and he has served as vice president of the Alabama State Medical Association. He is a past president and vice president of the Montgomery County Medical Association and a volunteer for the Auburn University Cooperative Extension Service.

Dr. Jernigan is committed to his alma mater and serves on the boards of both the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and the Auburn University Foundation. He has served as keynote speaker for COSAM'S Summer Bridge luncheon and has established scholarships in multiple areas. Dr. Jernigan is the proud father of sons John Arbry and Jacob, both Auburn graduates.



### **DR. ROOSEVELT Mc CORVEY, M.D.**

Dr. Roosevelt McCorvey, MD is an obstetrics & gynecology specialist in Montgomery, AL and has over 51 years of experience in the medical field. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson University Sidney Kimmel Medical College in 1973. He is affiliated with Baptist Medical Center South. He speaks English and Spanish.

University Of Maryland Medical System  
Residency

Sidney Kimmel Medical College At Thomas Jefferson University  
Graduated in 1973.



## **BEVERLY A. STOudemire-HOWLETT, M.D.** **Since 1984 (40 Years)**

Dr. Beverly A. Stoudemire-Howlett, a highly esteemed cardiologist in Montgomery, AL, renowned for her exceptional medical expertise. She holds board certification in Cardiovascular Disease from the prestigious American Board of Internal Medicine and possesses a special interest in both internal medicine and cardiovascular diseases. Dr. Beverly earned her medical degree from the University of South Alabama School of Medicine in 1984, embarking on a journey of medical excellence. Her commitment to advanced training is evident through her completed residency at the University of South Alabama, internships at Howard University and the University of South Alabama, and fellowship training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. As a testament to her dedication to the medical profession, Dr. Beverly A. Stoudemire-Howlett is a valued member of various esteemed medical societies, including the National Medical Society, American Heart

Association, American Medical Association, and the Montgomery County Medical Society. Her proficiency in languages extends to both English and Spanish, further enhancing her ability to communicate effectively with a diverse range of patients. Dr. Beverly's unwavering commitment to providing top-notch patient care and her extensive involvement in the medical community have earned her a well-deserved reputation as one of the best cardiologists in the region.



## **DR. DINA A. WINSTON-DOCTSON, M.D.**

Dr. Dina A. Winston-Doctson, MD is a health care provider primarily located in Montgomery, AL. **She has 36 years of experience.** Her specialties include Pediatrics. Dr. Winston-Doctson is affiliated with **Baptist Medical Center South.**

Dr. Winston is a native of Montgomery and received her early education in the Montgomery Public School System. She received a B.S. in Microbiology at the University of Alabama. She is a member of the Medical Association of Alabama. She is also on the Central YMCA Board of Directors and the Montgomery Academy Board of Directors. She enjoys spending time with her family, especially her three daughters.



# Capital City Medical Society

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# **First Congregational Christian Church**

## **Laymen's Fellowship**

The purpose of the Laymen's Fellowship is to join men of faith in a common purpose for God. We believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we promote the mission of His Church. We support charitable, religious and educational programs of the Church and the community.

## **Membership**

Darryl Sinkfield, President

George Lee, Vice President

Curtis Stewart, Treasurer

Leon Forniss, Secretary

William Grimes, Chaplain

Rev. Rodtric T. Robinson

Gaston Andrews

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Roosevelt Gooden

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Jermaine Harding

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Sam Martin

Felix Parker

Marcus Payne

Radley Porterfield

Lomorris Stanley

Thornton Warmack

Theodore White, Sr.

## Alabama's first Black Doctors and their Lasting Legacies



Several of Alabama's earliest Black doctors gathered in the early 1900s.



Cornelius N. Dorsette (1852?-1897) is often identified as the first licensed or certified black physician in [Alabama](#). He maintained a long-time practice in [Montgomery, Montgomery County](#), where he spent the majority of his life. In addition to his successful medical practice, Dorsette owned an office building, operated a drug store, and established the first hospital for blacks in the state. He supported other black professionals in the city and was active in the [Republican Party](#). Although he is often described as the first black physician in the state, he was one of several who practiced in the 1880s.



**Dr. Lottie Blake.** Born in Virginia in 1876, she saw her grandmother treat people with folk medicine.

As a young woman, she joined the Seventh-day Adventist church and worked as a nurse. At age 26, she became the first Black member of the church to become a physician. She practiced medicine in [#Birmingham](#) and treated orphans after an epidemic broke out in an orphanage in [#Huntsville](#). She later started a nursing program there.

Dr. Blake and her husband then worked as missionaries in Panama, Haiti and Jamaica. When he died, her children went to live with her family who left the church due to newly imposed segregation policies.

Dr. Blake remained with the church, reunited with her children and continued to practice medicine. She retired in 1957 at age 81.



Dr. Burgess Scruggs born a slave in 1860 in Madison County, [#Alabama](#), he was a graduate of Meharry Medical School in Nashville and opened his practice in Huntsville in 1879, making him one of the very first Black doctors in the state. He owned both city property and a farm

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Dr. George Augustus Weaver, born in 1872 in Tuscaloosa, Dr. Weaver was the principal of a school for Black students in Gadsden and then attended Howard University. He graduated from Howard University with a medical degree in 1899 and interned at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Weaver returned to Tuscaloosa in 1900 and was a surgeon at Stillman Hospital. He made his personal library available for Black students to use in their studies.

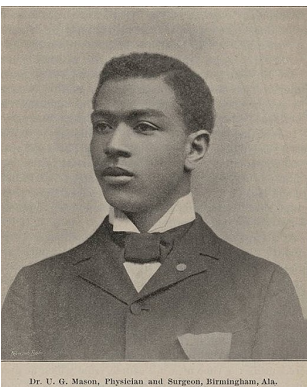


Dr. Halle Tanner Dillon Johnson, the first woman white or Black to be licensed as a physician in Alabama. Born in Pittsburgh in 1864, she came to Alabama after graduating from medical school in Pennsylvania in 1891, and suddenly becoming a widow when her husband died when she was a 24-year-old mother.

Her medical licensure examination began in [#Montgomery](#) on August 17, 1891, and concluded on August 25. During those days, she was examined on 10 subjects by 10 different examiners.

She passed and was responsible for the health care of the school's 450 students and 30 faculty and staff. She also established a training school for nurses and founded the Lafayette Dispensary to serve the health care needs

of local residents, often mixing medicines herself for their use. She also taught two classes each day.



Dr. Ulysses Grant Mason born in 1872 in [#Birmingham](#). He began practicing medicine in Birmingham in 1895 and completed a special course in surgery at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland in 1899.

Dr. Mason organized the Provident Hospital and later the Home Hospital at the Alabama Orphans and Old Folks' Home, and he helped found two banks for Black people as well as aiding in building 16th Street Baptist Church. He was a delegate to Republican National Conventions in 1908 and 1912. Dr. Mason died in 1933 at age 60 .

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing  
Till earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun  
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
Till now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand.  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.