



Harvest Sunday Celebration

Sponsored By

The Women's Fellowship

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024
2:00 P. M.

Rev. Rodtric T. Robinson, Pastor
First Congregational Christian Church, UCC
638 High Street at Union, Montgomery, 36104

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.” Matthew 9:37

Annual Harvest Celebration Guest Speaker

Rev. Jamal E. Browder, Sr.



Rev. Jamal E. Browder, Sr. is a native of Boston, MA. He was born to Janet L. Browder and Jamie Maddox in 1984.

In 1994, Rev. Browder confessed Christ and was baptized at the tender age of 10 at Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of his late grandfather, Rev. George W. O'Neal, Jr. Within this family of believers, he served as musician, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday school and as a deacon.

Rev. Browder graduated from the Boston Public School System. He also graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Finance from Alabama State University. Rev. Browder is also named among the Who's Who Honor Society. He is a graduate of Selma University with a Master's in Pastoral Theology and Leadership.

During his tenure at Alabama State University he served under the late Rev. Rufus L. Tolbert at New Center Missionary Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama as Choir Director, Men's Ministry Leader and as a Sunday School teacher.

In 2005, the Holy Spirit directed Rev. Browder's footsteps in joining Pastor Edward J. Nettles and the Freewill Missionary Baptist Church. While there, he served in the Music Ministry, Christian Education Department, and in the Men's Ministry as a coach of the "Enough is Enough Campaign." Rev. Browder confessed his calling and received his ministerial license on October 20, 2006 and was ordained October 5, 2008.

Rev. Browder serves as Chaplain for Amedisys Hospice, and Chaplain for E. G. Cummings Memorial. He is a member of the Board of Directors for Leadership Montgomery and is a graduate of its Torchbearers Class XIII.

Rev. Browder is married to Nakita Willis Browder and together they have 4 children: Jeremiah, Jayden, Raina and Jamal Jr. In September 2010 Rev. Browder was called to pastor North Star Missionary Baptist Church; where they are Exalting the Savior, Educating the Saints, and Evangelizing the Sinner.

Rev. Browder's hobbies include reading, basketball, fishing and he loves spending as much time as possible with his family. Rev. Browder believes "family is everything." His goal is to advance his education in the field of ministry and biblical studies so that his gift of preaching, teaching and pastoring may be certified and that God will be glorified, and the body of Christ may be edified.

Rev. Browder says: ***"to God be the glory for the great things He has done, is doing, and will do." Ephesians 3:20***



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, UCC

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Women's Fellowship Annual Harvest Sunday Program

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President Dr. Sibyl St. Clair, Presiding

Prelude		Belinda Stanley Carolyn Olivari
Ministry In Song	CHS Chamber Choir	Dr. Henry Terry, Director
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		My Tribute
Welcome		Ms. Cecilia Thomas
Scripture and Prayer		Minister Corliss Robinson
Responsive Reading	#48 (African American Hymnal) Thanksgiving	Ms. Iris Gibbs
Acknowledgements		Ms. Evelyn Lyle
Offering		
Musical Selection	CHS Chamber Choir	Dr. Henry Terry, Director
Introduction of Speaker		Rev. Rodtric T. Robinson, Pastor
Guest Speaker		Pastor Jamal E. Browder, Sr.
Musical Selection	CHS Chamber Choir	Dr. Henry Terry, Director
Daring to Make a Difference Award		Mrs. Kenyetta Miller
Remarks and *Benediction		Rev. Rodtric T. Robinson, Pastor
* (Standing)		

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

2024 Daring To Make A Difference Honoree



Pastor Ken Austin



Pastor Ken Austin and his wife, Thomasina, were assigned to Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, in October 1983. As part of Ken's Air Force assignment, he chose to serve the Montgomery Juvenile Family Court, mentoring and guiding children in the Family Court System. Thomasina returned to school, earned her Master's Degree, and began teaching at Alabama State University, where she has educated and inspired students for more than 30 years, leaving a lasting impact on many.

Ken served honorably in the United States Air Force until 1993. In 2004, the Austins' concern for the poor in West Montgomery led them to plant ****New Walk of Life Church**** and establish a ministry called ****MAP (Ministry About People)****. This ministry soon grew, and they transformed a vacant home into ****Mercy House****, which now provides over 2,500 hot meals weekly, along with clothing, hot showers, and laundry services for those in need. In 2018, New Walk of Life Church officially incorporated Mercy House as a 501(c)(3) to enhance its community service. Today, the ministry offers after-school tutoring, adult education, and employs Care Coordinators who work full-time to serve those in need.

Pastor Ken and his team believe that loving the poor means empowering them to escape poverty and become responsible, productive citizens. Ken serves as the Senior Pastor of New Walk of Life Church and oversees multiple outreach ministries, including Mercy House, the MAP Center, the Pathway House, the Family Participation Program, the Indoor Recreation Hub, the MAP Youth Navigation Center, and the Consolidated Homeless Service Center. Coming soon to the community will be the Manna House and the Servant Leadership House. He also serves on several boards, such as Valiant Cross Academy, Carastar Mental Health Authority, Montgomery Area Homeless Coalition, the Heart of Alabama Foodbank, Samaritan Counseling, House to House, Montgomery Bible Institute, Cadence Bank and King Canvas.

A spiritual leader for the city, Pastor Austin is an Elder among a group of Senior Pastors in Montgomery who have collectively served the River Region for over 181 years. He is also a member of the Montgomery Police Department's Good Shepherd Program and has organized ongoing "Prayer Walks" through the "O.U.R. Montgomery Steering Committee" to unite the community against violence and crime. Pastor Austin is a tireless advocate for eradicating homelessness as part of "Mayor Reed's Homeless Task Force" and uses his CDL to transport children to school, embodying his commitment to education and service.

Married for 41 years to Thomasina, his sweetheart of 46 years, they have three biological children and three more whom they have welcomed into their family. Pastor Austin has been recognized for his leadership with awards such as the Montgomery Advertiser Hero of the Month, Alpha Phi Alpha Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award, Leadership Montgomery Unity Award, and Citizen of the Year in 2021 by both Delta Sigma Theta and Kappa Alpha Psi. In 2023, the River Region Ethics in Business and Public Service Awarded Pastor Ken Austin the Maury Smith Excellence in Professional Ethics Award. Pastor Ken Austin's mission is deeply rooted in serving the least among us, especially disadvantaged youth, for whom he offers not just resources, but his time, care, and personal presence.

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.



My Tribute



How can I say thanks
for the things You have done for me?
Things so undeserved
Yet You gave to prove Your love for me
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude
All that I am and ever hope to be
I owe it all to Thee

To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done

Just let me live my life
Let it pleasing, Lord to Thee
And if I gain any praise
Let it go to Calvary

With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory

Past Daring to Make a Difference Honorees



Centennial Hill Gardening Project

Mrs. Maricia Woodham

The John F. Knight, Sr. Family

Mr. Reginald McKenzie Miller

Montgomery Habitat for Humanity

Ms. Timikel Blakely Sharpe

Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mrs. Sheyann Webb Christburg

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Mrs. Katie Grimes Franklin

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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 blessings, 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.