



The Builder

Druid Hills Baptist
Church

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LOVE GOD, SHARE CHRIST, SERVE PEOPLE, AND GROW IN FAITH

A note from our Pastor

by Mimi Walker

Happy New Year

2014 has been quite a year at DHBC. We made it through the "Snowpocalypse" of last winter, held multiple yard sales, and carried off a beautiful 100th Anniversary celebration. We welcomed Carra Hughes Greer in January as our Minister to Families. We said good bye to Daniel Stallings as he took on a new calling as pastor in Alabama and we have been blessed by Chris Massey taking on the music ministry for us this Fall. Long hours have been put in sorting and moving items from one space to another. And finally all of the plans that had been discussed in committee meetings and voted on in business meetings have gradually come to fruition.

2014 was a year of meeting and decision making and now 2015 will be a year of building and growing. Renovations are underway! The abatement of asbestos has been completed, and an electrical room has been set up with new and improved wiring. The upgraded plumbing is going in now, with new and refurbished restrooms on the first and second floors coming along nicely. The property sale will be finalized on January 8th and work on the new parking deck will begin after abatement is completed there. And we are truly grateful to our neighbors at Druid Hills

Methodist Church for taking us in and being so hospitable during this time of transition.

As a New Year begins we may feel displaced and unsure of the future. But I invite you remember that winter is a time of germination when seeds lie quietly underground preparing for Spring growth. If you drive around our church building in any direction you will notice new buildings popping up and old ones being transformed, young families walking dogs and pushing strollers, all signs of new life coming to these old neighborhoods. As the DHBC community we too could see this as a time of germination. The months ahead will provide an opportunity to pray and plan, to listen and learn, to share observations and ideas as to how we can respond to the changes taking place in our part of the city and be ready to reach out and meet the needs around us. We are the one historic church in the Poncey-Highland neighborhood and we believe God wants us to stay. Please join in as you are able, in worship, prayer and planning as we begin an exciting new year together.



What's happening this month?

Be sure to read about the many events going on in and around DHBC this month.

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Our Community Spotlight

Learn more about someone in our community.

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What's happening...

This month at DHBC

-Sunday, January 11: Communications Team will meet after worship – in the WORELCO classroom. Childcare will be provided in the nursery.

-Tuesday, January 13: Trustees will meet at 6:30 PM in the Druid Hills Methodist Conference room.

-Sunday, January 25: Deacons Meeting after worship at the home of Chuck & Leslie. Philip will send the food preparation list for this month.

-Wednesday, January 28: Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 PM.

-No Movie Night in January

****DHBC Renovation Worship Schedule****

We will continue worshipping together with Druid Hills Methodist Church each Sunday at 11:00 am, through the month of January.

Sunday School - We will have a Druid Hills Baptist Sunday School Class led by Chris Purser & Shirley Baskin in the WORECO Room. There is also an Adult class in the QUILLIAN Room we are invited to attend.



Parking - is available off of Briarcliff Rd. at St Charles, or from Ponce De Leon Ave. You can enter through the office door to the classrooms. This is also the accessible entrance to the sanctuary.

Giving - Please write **"Baptist"** on any offering envelope, then our deacons will assist in taking up and counting the offering each Sunday. You can also send your gifts to our church office or give online.

Children - will be with Carra & our nursery workers in the Infant & Children's Rooms.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Wednesday

7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal (Childcare provided)

Monthly

2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM Intown Movie Night
3rd Sunday, 12:15 PM Deacons' Meeting
3rd Monday, 6:30 PM Men's Shelter Meal
4th Wednesday, 7:00 PM Admin. Meetings



Dr. Robert Gibbs has been a part of the Druid Hills Baptist Church family since 1928. He began attending with his family at the age of nine. "Bobby" as he is

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Dr. Robert Gibbs, member of Druid Hills Baptist Church

known by friends and family reminisced about Mr. Johnson, the teacher for the Junior class when he arrived. Mr. Johnson gave his students personal attention that impressed Bobby as a boy and he was baptized here in 1934. During his high school years he delivered goods for The Highland Bakery driving the horse drawn cart through the Morningside and Virginia Highland neighborhoods for 50 cents a day.

He graduated from Georgia Tech in 1943 and had just moved to Memphis to start a new job when he was called up for active duty. Having participated in ROTC through his college years he quickly became a commissioned officer in the Navy and spent his 1st year on the destroyer USS Barry. He married Jeanne Osborne before entering submarine training then went on to be one of

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January Birthdays

Bennie Simmons 1/01 Sally Charles 1/09 Carole Strickland 1/10
 Sarah Thomas 1/12 Sherri Cameron 1/14 Lamar Kilgore 1/19
 Susan Scarbrough 1/22 Jasper Small 1/24 Jeremiah Warren 1/26
 Cody Heermans 1/29 Brian Greer 1/30

Please remember these special members:

Doris Berry * Steadman Burgess * Beth Carter * Lois Ellis * Ethel Jansson
 * Grace Jarrell * Mary Kerr * Harold Mote * John Phillips Moss Robertson
 * Richard and Georgia McClure * Gerald and Jeannine Pritcher * John &
 Carole Strickland

[cont... Our Community Spotlight, Mr. Bobby Gibbs]

one of the youngest submarine commanders in WWII. He operated out of Guam and then was stationed in Japan at the end of the war.

Bobby Gibbs returned to Atlanta and completed his Medical degree from Emory University. Their son Allen was born while he was serving with the Navy and Marilyn came into the world the day of Dr. Gibbs final exams at Emory. Bobby Gibbs loved practicing medicine and has continued to keep in touch with his patients over the years. He now lives at Clairmont Place where he enjoys singing in their choral group, visiting with Jeanne and Marilyn, and meeting the many interesting people who live there too. Dr. Bobby Gibbs loves swapping stories and he is a DHBC member you will be blessed by getting to know!



Trustees Note

Renovations are moving along well this month. Mimi has described the work that is going on now in her note. The Trustees will meet on January 13 to assess the progress and discuss the plans for phase 2. We will have a full report for you in February. Please continue to keep everyone involved in your prayers as we prepare for the future of DHBC.

WAYS YOU CAN SERVE



Volunteer @ Food Pantry

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry needs your support through volunteering and providing food. The Intown Food Pantry operates every Saturday at DHUMC located at 1200 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE. To learn more visit www.intowncm.org/volunteer/



Intown Movie Night

Every second Thursday of the month, DHBC hosts Intown Ministries' Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS

Men's Shelter Meal

Every third Monday of the month, DHBC provides the Men's Shelter meal in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner.

Druid Hills Baptist Church Ministry Team

Rev. Mimi Walker, Senior Pastor

Rev. Carra Hughes Greer, Minister to Families

Mr. Chris Massie, Interim Music Director

Mr. Jim O'Connell, Financial Secretary

Mr. Jim Wright, Facilities Management Director

Mrs. Leisa Smith, Church Pianist

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