



The Builder

DHBC Church @ Ponce & Highland

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

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A note from our Pastor

by Mimi Walker

DHBC is the Church at Ponce & Highland and we returned to our corner in March to celebrate the life of long time member Steadman Burgess. Our first worship service in our sanctuary took place on March 15. There is still quite a bit of construction to watch out for, but the progress we can see is wonderful.

Completely renovated restrooms are up and running and 99% complete. A new restroom has been added accessible from the hallway and the parlor. New drinking fountains are built into the wall. Two split HVAC units retained from the old social hall are being installed for the parlor. And there is a kid's size restroom off of the Nursery. The hallways are brighter as new lights have been installed, along with new doors, and countertops in the new break room. Finishing touches for the Nursery are in

process, while walls in hallways have been primed, awaiting a final coat.

Next is the elevator and work has begun with excavation underway now to bring it down to the theatre level. Also the new central HVAC system for the sanctuary, nursery, children's room, and foyer areas is almost complete. Once the elevator is in place we will have a new entrance and reception area close to Highland Ave.

It is exciting to see changes taking place each week. Our Easter celebration will be especially meaningful as we prayerfully contemplate and anticipate the many ways the God is making all things new, in our midst and around the world.



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

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Learn more about Elias Crosby.

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What's happening...

This month at DHBC

*** Good Friday:** Service of Contemplation, led by the DHBC Choir – **Friday, April 3** at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary. Childcare is provided in the Parlor.

***Kids' Egg Roll & Hunt: Saturday, April 4** from 10:00 AM - Noon at Springdale Park playground. Bring a dozen prize stuffed eggs and a basket.

***Community Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 5** – 7:00am – at the Eastside Beltline.

*** DHBC Easter Sunday Worship: Sunday, April 5** – 11:00 am. If you have flowers in your garden bring some for the Easter Cross.

***Movie Night: Thursday, April 9** - Food and a Movie for our neighbors in need. Set up at 6:00. We will continue to meet in the DHMC fellowship hall – volunteers welcome.

***Deacon's Meeting: Sunday, April 19** after worship in the Parlor.

***April Family Picnic: Sunday, April 12** after worship @ The Dogwood Festival. More details to come from Miss Carra.

***DHBC & Lakewood Shared Worship: Friday, April 24** at 7:00pm. Come join us as DHBC & Lakewood Church of Hope – build bonds of friendship through worship and community involvement.

***Save the Date:** ICM Arts & Eats fundraiser **May 8** at 4:00pm.



REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship

Wednesday

7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

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



Our Community Spotlight

Meet Elias N. Crosby, McAfee Graduate and Chaplain

By the age of twelve, I had accepted God as a real source in my life. This was based on a personal understanding of God's word, and a consciousness of Jesus' presents. It was time to publicly acknowledge God in my life and to join the body of Christ through my home church. After joining, Antioch Baptist Church in Pensacola Florida, I was baptized and immediately serviced as a junior usher for many years.

After graduating from the University of West Florida, I left Florida headed to Atlanta, Georgia armed with a B.A. in Social Work along with a minor in Business Administration. I spent about twenty years in banking and finance. I was blessed to serve in various positions for many years at a Baptist Church in Atlanta. When I left, it was like a call to the unknown. God was molding and shaping me with a great force.

This was truly a wilderness experience. Over time, I found myself standing before God with only these two words being said, "I Surrender!" I accepted my call into the ministry of serving God's people. In 2005, I entered the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University along with the school of counseling which I received a dual Master's degree in 2013.

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April Birthdays

4/4 Julius Davenport 4/6 June Zwald 4/10 Ann Dowdy
 4/11 Abby Winkles 4/19 Casey Heermans 4/28 Chuck Warren
 4/30 Mimi Walker

Please pray for our special members:

Doris Berry * 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 * Harold and June Zwald

Community Spotlight cont.

After graduating from Mercer University, I served as a Chaplain resident at Emory University Hospital for one year. Currently, I am a Chaplain PRN at Emory University Hospital. I also serve as a Licensed Psychotherapist (LAPC). These accomplishments fulfilled the inward need to be tooled for the journey. Then, I felt led to Druid Hills Baptist Church because there was a call to serve in a house that served God's humanity. My calling is to serve God; therefore, serving God is based on my desire to serve His people with compassion!

Communication Team Update

While our building is under renovation, our Communication Team has also been working diligently to renovate our "marketing tools." While it seems more business-like than something a church would do, it's crucial for our church to update, refresh, and bring new life to the ways we communicate who we are to the world outside our church walls.

Over the next few weeks, our Communication Team will be surveying and talking with members of our church to get an idea of our identity and how we want to share who we are with our neighbors. We will be working toward creating a new logo for our church, as well as, other marketing images, a church tag-line (or motto, identity statement), along with other social media communication tools. We are inviting you to participate in this process with us and will provide ways for you to do so.

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. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve dinner. This month we will be hosting at DHUMC at 6:00 PM in their Fellowship Hall.



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. Contact Allen Jones at allen.jones@dhbc.org for more information.

Church @ Ponce & Highland 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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