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# STODDARD LIVES

Quarterly Edition - January 2024

## STODDARD'S MISSION:

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*Happy Holidays from the Stoddard Family!*

Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation, Inc. hosted its **Annual Holiday Open House and Worship Program** on **Thursday, December 14, 2023** at **Stoddard Baptist Global Care (SBGC)** and also on **Friday, December 15, 2023** at **Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home (SBNH)**.

The guest preacher at SBGC was Rev. David McIntosh-Peters, Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, WDC. Mr. Steve Nash, President and CEO of Stoddard's entities, served as the Master of Ceremonies. The guest preacher at SBNH was Bishop Regretta Ruffin, Senior Pastor of Greater New St. Paul Baptist Church, WDC. Mr. Winston Chaney, Radio Host of the "Sunday Morning Gospel Show" on station WHUR 96.3 FM, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

A special thank you to board members, program participants, honorary guests, staff, residents and community attendees for a successful and momentous occasion!



Mr. Steve Nash

Rev. David  
McIntosh-Peters

Mr. Winston Chaney

Bishop Regretta Ruffin





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**SBGC Holiday Open House Highlights**

Board members, staff, residents and guests enjoy a wonderful time of holiday fellowship.



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Sharing success of programs with our communities in order to encourage confidence in sustaining repetitive support, growth and utilization of services

**4 ways to support Stoddard**  
**Pray**

For the success of Stoddard, our residents, staff and our operations to achieve our mission

**Advocate**

Share the great work of Stoddard within your network of friends and family

**Participate**

Consider volunteering at Stoddard Baptist Home or Stoddard Baptist Global Care, attend our annual special events or host your own event(s) to benefit Stoddard

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Stoddard Baptist Global Care Highlights

Stoddard Baptist Global Care partnered with Casey Trees and hosted its Indigenous People’s Day event on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The event was held in the Rose Garden to improve the aesthetics and beauty of the outside grounds by planting new trees and improving the general landscape. This celebration was the beginning of a new era of beautifying the campus and promoting harmony with communities both inside and outside of the facility.

The theme was: “Let’s Plant Trees, Let’s Plant Hopes, Let’s Make a Difference”. The activities included the actual planting of trees, music, dancing and lots of fun with light refreshments served.



Mr. Steve Nash, President and CEO, and Ms. Sharline Everett, Administrator Liaison/ Event Coordinator, appreciate the attendance of Mr. Sam Bonar, Constituent Services Coordinator/Scheduler for Council Member Zachery Parker.

SBGC Staff and Residents enjoy the Christmas tree decorations that were created and arranged by Mr. Larry Faison, Director of Food and Nutritional Services.



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SBNH Holiday Open House Highlights

Board members, staff, residents and guests continue to have a joyful time of holiday fellowship.





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Board Corner

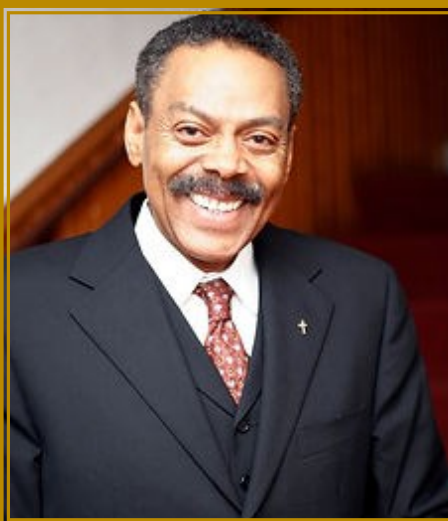
175th Church Anniversary

On **Sunday November 19, 2023, Second Baptist Church** celebrated its historic **175th Church Anniversary**. The church was formally established as one of two of the city’s oldest “African American churches”, which was conceived in 1827 and officially established as Second Baptist Church in 1848.

This anniversary underscores a milestone in African American history and their legacy of service. District historians say the church was a stop on the Underground Railroad and was a venue for historical icons including Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass and Sojourner Truth. The church is also the site of the founding of the National Baptist Convention and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Since 1997, Rev. Dr. James E. Terrell has served as the fourteenth Pastor of Second Baptist Church. He was Assistant to the Pastor of Second Baptist Church from 1991-1997. Rev. Terrell, along with the support and hard work of the church members, has consistently led Second Baptist Church’s commitment of service for future generations in downtown Washington, D.C., by seeking new ways to reach out to the community. Second Baptist Church continues as a legacy and symbol of the vibrant African American community.

The Stoddard Family congratulates and honors Rev. Terrell and the Church Family for the many years of dedication and service in the community. Likewise, Rev. Terrell is appreciated for his faithful years of service as a Stoddard Baptist Nursing Home Board Member who currently serves as the Treasurer. May God greatly bless Rev. Terrell in his future endeavors as he continues to serve as a pastor and community leader within the Washington Metropolitan area.



Rev. Dr. James E. Terrell  
Pastor, Second Baptist Church

Dr. Grace H. Davis (center), the church’s oldest member, celebrated her 100th birthday on November 8th.

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HIGHLIGHTS at STODDARD BAPTIST GLOBAL CARE cont.



Residents enjoy fun and fellowship at **Christmas Party**.



Residents enjoy a **New Year's Eve Party** to celebrate 2024!



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**HIGHLIGHTS at STODDARD BAPTIST GLOBAL CARE cont.**



**Thanksgiving  
Blessing  
Luncheon  
and  
Program**



Mrs. Phyllis Brown, Chairperson, SBGC Board of Directors  
And Mr. Dennis Olaniyi, Administrator, SBGC



Mr. Larry Faison, Director of Food  
and Nutritional Services, SBGC

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**Board Corner cont.**

*Stoddard Baptist Home Day*

On **Monday, November 20, 2023**, members of The Missionary Baptist Ministers’ Conference of Washington, D.C. and Vicinity (MBMCWV) hosted the **Annual Stoddard Baptist Home Day** at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. where Rev. Freddie Davis is the Pastor. Rev. H. Lionel Edmonds, Pastor of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, WDC, served as the President of MBMCWV during this time. For over a century, The MBMCWV has hosted SBH Day to promote Stoddard’s mission and help raise necessary funds for the daily medical and assistance needed for Stoddard’s residents.

The guest preacher for the day was Rev. Dr. Vernon L. Miller, Sr., Pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church, WDC. Rev. Miller also serves as the Treasurer on the PESH Board of Directors. Rev. Dr. John M. Alexander, Jr., Member, Board of Directors, SBHF, SBNH, SBGC, faithfully serves as the Presiding Officer each year.



Rev. Freddie Davis



Rev. H. Lionel Edmonds



Rev. Dr. Vernon L. Miller, Sr.

The following Board Members celebrated their birthday during the fourth quarter of 2023:

**Dr. Grace H. Davis, Emerita**  
November 8th

**Rev. Carlos Younger**  
November 19th

**Ms. Sandy Watson**  
December 10th

**Rev. Dr. Edwin L. Jones, Sr.**  
December 24th

**Rev. Dr. John M. Alexander, Jr.**  
December 28th



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Employee Spotlight

## DC’s very own LTC Renaissance man

### STEVEN NASH

President and CEO, Stoddard Baptist

Steven Nash grew up hearing stories of his great-grandmother and her pennies from heaven. Her collection detailed donations she gathered for residents of Stoddard Baptist, a nursing facility in Washington, DC, where two of her children worked.

Flash forward 50 years and Nash is now an ordained deacon, father of three and self-professed “nature lover.” He’s also president and CEO of Stoddard Baptist Home Foundation, the longest serving African-American nursing home in the US – and the very place that meant so much to his great-grandmother.

Steven Nash was born in DC to a strict yet loving family. His parents pushed him to succeed academically and physically, nurturing his interest in science and football. When he was 5, his mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and entered a nursing home. She died six years later, an experience that Nash says spurred his interest in healthcare administration.

Eventually, he attended Princeton University. While the biology major explored a side interest in art, he was greatly moved by ceramics professor Toshiko Takaezu. She taught him how art could serve as a creative release and complement his scientific studies. Nash sought out such inspiration from all kinds of educators in his early life.

“No matter what happens in your life, no one can take your education from you,” he says. “The gifts that you are given by God really can be brought out by finding that curiosity.”

Nash carried this love for learning well into adult life. He enjoys practicing Spanish, horseback riding and golfing,

which he picked up to connect with his father before he died. Nash and his wife of 33 years, Ruth, also enjoy spending time with their children: a Fulbright scholar, a PhD candidate and a theater production professional. Nash jokingly maintains that his children received all of their intelligence from their mother.

Although he struggles to put a 51-year friendship into words, Nash’s childhood best friend, Jim Morrison III, says Nash is a “well-rounded, intelligent and caring person” who “builds lasting relationships with many.”

Nash’s heart of gold has allowed him to make many friends, some in high places. Last December, he was asked to lead a televised mass with Wilton Cardinal Gregory, the first Black cardinal in the Catholic Church. “I fell over when they called me!” recalled Nash, who also befriended Nobel Prize recipient Bishop Desmond Tutu at a LeadingAge conference after the two met in a VIP lounge.

For someone like Nash, who has had an illustrious career, pursued numerous passions and even crossed paths with some of his idols, it may seem like life is complete. He says, however, he still has much to look forward to, particularly with regard to growing Stoddard. His goal is to keep it running for another 120 years, despite the occasional setback.

“My Dad would always tell me that life is full of valleys and mountains,” Nash says. “You’ll be in a valley sometimes and your job is to get out of that valley as quick as you can to get to that mountaintop.”

As for the climb, Nash is still on his way to yet another peak.

— ANJALI BYJU

### RESUME

- 1983 Earns BS in biology at Princeton University
- 1983 Becomes a tech at nursing home pharmacy
- 1991 Named grant administrator for DC Office on Aging
- 1994 Obtains nursing home administrator license
- 1994 Works at Collington Episcopal Life Care Center
- 1994 Serves as administrator at Asbury Methodist Village
- 1998 Appointed VP of the DC Health Care Association
- 1999-2012 Chairs DC Board of Nursing Home Administration
- 2001 Named administrator, Stoddard Baptist Home
- 2007 Becomes president and CEO of Stoddard Baptist
- 2015 Ordained as permanent deacon, Archdiocese of DC
- 2016 Named Dr. Herbert Shore Outstanding Mentor
- 2017-2018 Chairman of the LeadingAge DC board



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HIGHLIGHTS at STODDARD BAPTIST GLOBAL CARE



In October, staff members promote initiatives for **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.



Staff and residents enjoy fun and fellowship during **October Wangdangdoodle Activity**.



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HIGHLIGHTS at STODDARD BAPTIST NURSING HOME cont.



The **Annual Holiday Open House and Program** is a joyous occasion of fellowship and fine dining.

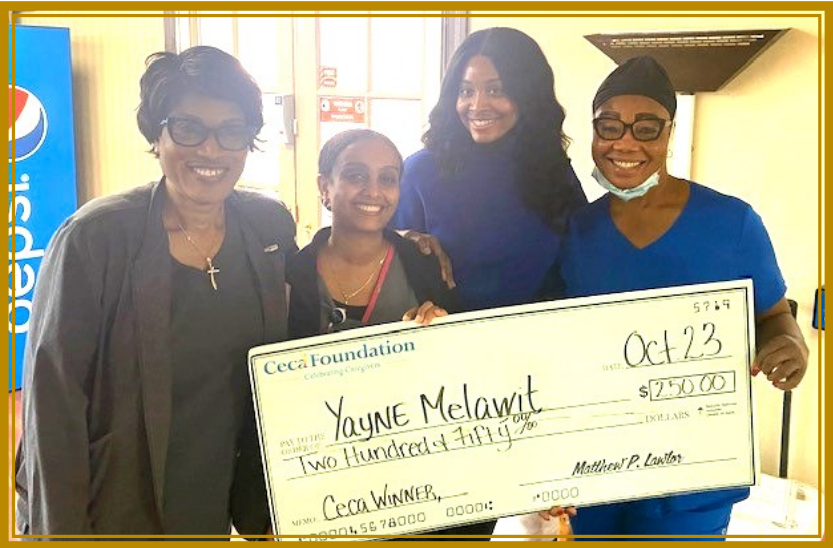
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SBGC Ceca Award Winners - October, November and December 2023

The **Ceca Foundation** was established to celebrate caregiver excellence, and promote quality patient care by providing healthcare institutions with the funding, tools and best practices to recognize their outstanding caregivers. Stoddard is honored to have the Ceca Foundation as a partner in our mission.



**October** - Yayne Melawit  
Registered Nurse



**November** - Juliette Tasse  
Certified Nursing Assistant



**December** - Mary Abara  
Certified Nursing Assistant



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**HIGHLIGHTS at STODDARD BAPTIST NURSING HOME**



Residents and staff enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship at Thanksgiving Luncheon.



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Residents celebrated the Spirit of Joy with a wonderful Christmas Celebration.