First Baptist Church of Annapolis Reverend Louis J. Boston, Pastor 2021 Annual Report December 31, 2021

Name of Organization: <u>Deaconess Ministry</u>

**Purpose:** To support the Deacon Ministry in providing spiritual and administrative support to the Pastor in the performance of his duties; to also support the Deacon Ministry in reaching out to sick and shut-in members, bereaved members; to assist with baptism and communion; and to also provide spiritual support and encouragement to all our First Baptist Church members; we also strive to serve and to lend support when needed to the other ministries within the church.

**2021 Officers and Members:** Lynda Gross (Chair), Essie Ross, Tryphina James, Debbie McClure, Vancie Hackett, Perlina Scott, Clara McClure

NOTE: It is with heavy hearts that our ministry lost two devoted members during the year – Deaconess Alice James and Deaconess Karen Simms; they will be greatly missed.

Finances: Income for the Year: N/A

## **Completed Projects 2021:**

Deacon/Deaconess Ministry conducted a very successful 128<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Service in the sanctuary on November 14, 2021 featuring Rev. Dr. Cleveland T.A. Mason III, Pastor of Perkins Square Baptist Church in Baltimore, MD as our guest speaker.

Deacon/Deaconess Ministry celebrated our Annual Deacon/Deaconess Day Service on November 28, 2021 in the sanctuary. Our very own Deacon Wallace Williams was our guest speaker.

**Incomplete Projects from 2021:** 

None

## Plans for the New Year 2022:

We look forward to our return to the sanctuary and implementing our standard programs whether virtually, in the sanctuary or both. In the meantime, we will continue to provide services and support as required and needed to our Pastor, Ministerial Staff and the First Baptist Church members through prayers, calls, cards, text, emails, Zoom, etc. Our goal for 2022 will be to support the mission and vision of First Baptist Church.

**Comments/Recommendations:** Though we returned to the sanctuary in August 2021 but are now back to Zoom Services due to Covid-19 challenges, let us continue to remain hopeful knowing that God is with us and HE will see us through. He is faithful and He will sustain us for such a time as this!!!!

**Chairman Signature:** 

Deaconess Deborah McClure (for Deaconess Lynda Gross, Chair)

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