

OUR CHURCH MISSION

To offer CHRIST to EVERY man, woman, boy, and girl

We are on the move for CHRIST every second, every minute, every hour.

We are Bible-based, Holy-Spirit-led, and Heaven-bound.

OUR PURPOSE

To faithfully live by the word of God and to promote and encourage one's Christian spiritual enrichment and growth

OUR I.M.P.A.C.T. (GOAL)

Implementing Membership Programs
Accomplishing Christ's Teaching

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES AND SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

Members and Visitors Church School, Sundays at 8:45 AM

Worship Service, Sundays at 10:00 AM

Holy Communion, every 3rd Sunday at 10:00 AM

Youth Worship Service, every 1st Sunday at 10:00 AM

Youth Church School, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9:00 AM
Teleconference Center: (701) 791-9572

Inspirational Moment, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:00 AM

Midday Devotion, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 Noon
Teleconference Center: (701) 791-9572

Adult Bible Study: Thursdays at 6:30 PM
Teleconference Center: (701) 791-9572

REV. DR. GENERAL S. HAY, JR. SENIOR PASTOR

Rev. Lillian Mitchell
Rev. Antonio Powell
Evang. Ella Chisholm
Rev. Niwar Davis

The pastor is available for spiritual counseling and prayer by request.

Please call Deacon Earl Green, Church Administrator, at **843.295.8328**.



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CURRENT DEACONS

Deacon Ronald Fennell, Chairman
Deacon Arthur Champen, Vice Chairman
Deacon Thomas Aiken, Sr; Chairman, Trustee
Deacon Richard Mitchell, Emeritus

FORMER DEACONS

Dea. Ceasar Jones
Dea. Joe Riley
Dea. Stephen Hamilton
Dea. John Riley
Dea. Simon Grant
Dea. John Grant
Dea. Peter Grayson
Dea. Ben Waters
Dea. Edward Murray
Dea. Stephen Campbell
Dea. John Campbell
Dea. Williams Jones
Dea. Richard Jones
Dea. Naaman Singleton
Dea. Gilbert Miller
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Dea. Christopher Green, Jr.

FORMER PASTORS

Rev. Abraham Murchinson
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Rev. B.W. Williams
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CHURCH AFFILIATIONS

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Association, Inc.
SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education
Beaufort County Youth Conference

OUR MITCHELVILLE HISTORY

The First African Baptist Church was organized in the Village of Mitchelville on Sunday, August 17, 1862. An article published in the *New South Newspaper*, dated August 30, 1862, outlined the official ordination of Rev. Abraham Murchinson as the church's first pastor. It was reported that the number of members present at the service was 120, 70 of whom were professing Christians under the rule of their late masters, while the others had been converted and baptized since the military occupation of the island. The order of service for the ordination was as follows: ordination sermon - Chaplain H.S. Wayland, 7th Connecticut Volunteers; charge to the candidate - Chaplain W.C. Patterson, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry; ordination prayer and right hand of fellowship - Chaplain H. Hovey, Volunteer Engineers; and charge to the church - Chaplain Whitehead, 97th Pennsylvania Volunteers. The following men served as deacons under Rev. Murchinson: Ceasar Jones, Jim Riley, Stephen Hamilton, John Riley and Simon Grant.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HISTORIC FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

On this faith Christ built His Church, and it has endured through generations.

After enslaved people in the Sea Islands were freed in 1862, they founded Mitchelville and built homes, schools, shops and churches. The First African Baptist Church was established there on August 17, 1862 with twenty-five members and Reverend Abraham Murchison as its first minister.

In the 1880s, the Church relocated to its current ten-acre site and became Crossroads Baptist Church. It is known as the fountainhead of Baptist churches in the Hilton Head and Bluffton area.

In 2012, we celebrated our Sesquicentennial with ceremonies, a walk to Mitchelville, the unveiling of a historical marker and events honoring the past, present and future.

We welcome all to worship with us and remain grateful for God's continued blessings.