

Christian Fellowship Evangelistic Church, Inc is a house of worship for congregants, a beacon of hope and support for the community, and a safe haven for community members, the disenfranchised, and members of the congregation.

### Message From Pastor Michael Kea

As we begin the month of April, I want to challenge us all to consider our role in God's kingdom as servants of one another. Jesus Himself told us that He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). And it is in this spirit that we are called to live out our faith.

A good servant is not someone who seeks the spotlight or looks for ways to advance their own interests. Rather, a good servant is one who humbly puts the needs of others before their own. They are willing to get their hands dirty, to roll up their sleeves and serve without expectation of reward or recognition.

In a world that often values power and prestige over humility and service, let us not be fooled into thinking that we must do things our own way. Instead, let us seek to follow the example of Jesus, who took on the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7) and gave His life for the sake of others.

As we go about our daily lives, I encourage you to ask yourself: "Am I serving others with a heart of love and humility?" Am I putting their needs before my own? Or am I too busy looking out for myself?

Let us strive to be servants who embody the spirit of Christ. Let us demonstrate His kindness, compassion, and generosity towards all people. And let us remember that our greatest reward is not in what others think of us, but in the joy and peace that comes from serving a loving God.

May we be servants who bring glory to Him as we serve one another with love and humility.

Amen.

# **SPOTLIGHT**

CFEC has four core values: Worship Christ, Word Committed, Welcome Community, and We Care. Last month's spotlight was an examination of CFEC's core value *Worship Christ* through the eyes of Deborah Williams, a member of our congregation. This month's spotlight delves into the core value *Welcome Community* with thoughts from Helene Weaver, another member of the CFEC congregation. When asked how she has witnessed CFEC demonstrating the *Welcome Community* core value, Sister Weaver responded, "CFEC demonstrates love and compassion not only to the community, but to each other also. Providing free internet to the community, providing numbers a person in need can text or call, donating free coats and clothes to the community and homeless shelters, hosting a community barbecue and parade, and having a Family and Friends Day where we get together and meet and greet each other are just some examples of how CFEC demonstrates their *Welcome Community* core value. All I can say is thank God for the love, support, and teaching we get from CFEC!"





Photo courtesy of Sister Helene Weaver

# RECENT EVENTS

**Pastor Bolden's Anniversary:** On Sunday, March 9, CFEC had the pleasure of celebrating the second anniversary of Dr. Melissa Bolden's installation as Assistant Pastor of Christian Fellowship. A special service was held in the afternoon. It was officiated by Minister Myra Rouse, Pastor of Little's Temple, and the sermon was delivered by Minister Renee Troublefield. No one in attendance can deny that the Spirit was in the house during that celebration! Pastor Bolden was presented with gifts, and a delicious meal was served after the service. It was a fitting tribute for a lady who gives of herself tirelessly to her church family. Pastor Bolden, we love you, and we are truly blessed to have you serve as our Assistant Pastor!

#### **Minister Renee Troublefield**

#### Pastor Bolden and husband, Terrance Bolden



Above Photos coutesy of Michelle Rouse



Photo of Pastor Bolden's anniversary cake and celebrants at Pastor Bolden's anniversary service are submitted courtesy of Sister Michelle Rouse.

**Church Appointment:** CFEC visited Creech Temple Church at 573 Perry Street in Trenton, NJ on March 23 2025. Pastor Ronald Carthan is the Pastor at Creech Temple. Pastor Michael Kea delivered the afternoon sermon.



Above photo of Pastor Michael Kea delivering sermon at Creech Temple submitted by Michelle Rouse.

**Gifting Community Member:** On the first Sunday in March, Pastor Michael Kea expanded the CFEC community effort by presenting a free laptop and cellphone to Curtis Fisher, a young man in our community. Thank God that we were able to gift something that have become critical in our society.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

O **Donations** in the form of special assessments are still being collected for CFEC's Building Fund. These donations do not take the place of your tithes. They are in addition to your tithes. Whatever you can spare will be greatly appreciated. It is only through God's continued grace and working together that CFEC can continue to complete dominion projects. You need not be a member to contribute. All contributions are greatly appreciated. **[REPRINT]** 

\*\*\*Contributions to our newsletter are encouraged. If you would like to include something in *CFEC: Say What Now???* email your copy to top1sg1@gmail.com NLT the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Community events, accomplishments of members, etc. We would be pleased to publish all uplifting copy. If possible, please include a photo, your name, and a number where you can be reached with all copy. It takes a village to make *CFEC: Say What Now???* a success!

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