#### Serving God & Serving People

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Ministerial Staff, Mount Pleasant Church Family, Music Ministry, Families, Relatives, Friends, and special guests for sharing in this special occasion.

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## The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me. Psalm 138:8

# Serving God & Serving People Ordination celebration

Sunday, January 23, 2022 | 3:00 p.m.

Host:

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH 6477 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, VA 22312



**WORSHIP SERVICE** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

**HYMN OF PRAISE & WORSHIP** 

SCRIPTURAL READING Rev. Jessie Reynolds

PRAYER Minister Angela Sheppard

> WELCOME Rev. Margaret Barr

OFFERING/PRAYER Minister Linda Hayes

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE Rev. Dr. Vonda Batts

RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION COUNCIL

Rev. Dwight Cokely

REPORT FROM ORDINATION COUNCIL Rev. Arthur D. Jackson

INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER
Rev. Monica Teal

HYMN OF PREPARATION

#### Minister Dr. George "Duke" Duncan, Jr.



Minister Duncan strives to serve God wholeheartedly with a passion for helping young adults grow into strong disciples of Jesus Christ. Since joining the First Baptist Church, Manassas (FBCM) Family, Min. Duncan has grown in discipleship through serving in many capacities to include photography program lead, vacation Bible school director, Minister of Information Technology, Sunday school teacher, youth men

ministry lead, and chorist. Minister Duncan's service extended beyond FBCM by supporting the Northern Virginia Baptist Association and providing photography support to Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement and Howard University Divinity School.

After completing Lincoln High School in East Saint Louis, IL, where he was born and raised, Duke enlisted in the United States Air Force and retired after 20 years of honorable service as an intelligence analyst. He received many awards to include National Reconnaissance Office Bronze Medal Award, Department of State Meritorious Award, and NRO Deputy Director of Military Staff Senior NCO of the Year.

Dr. Duncan gives God the glory for his formal education which includes a Doctor of Ministry (Howard University), Master of Divinity (Regent University), Master of Science in Information Assurance, (George Mason University); Master of Science in Information Systems, (American University); and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Park University).

George enters 23 years of service at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). He serves as a cyber security professional supporting U.S. national defense and oversees cyber security engineers worldwide.

His interests include cycling, relaxing on the beach, and riding jeeps. Duke's greatest love is the gospel of Jesus Christ, which he enjoys discussing with his spiritual father, Dr. George W. Farmer. He thanks God for the grace and mercy extended to his family and the gift of salvation. Min Duncan considers it beyond an honor to serve in the clergy. He is the proud parent of Brianni Duncan, a George Mason University Master's Degree student, and they reside in Gainesville, VA.

#### Minister Cornella Carter-Taylor



Minister Cornella Carter-Taylor joined the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (MPBC) family in March 1989. She was licensed to preach by MPBC on April 2, 2006. In addition to the ministry of preaching, she has shared her gifts of prayer, teaching, mentoring, and compassion through service to MPBC's Church School, Thursday Night Bible Classes, Church-Wide Institutes, the Lay Encouragement and

Discipleship Ministry (L.E.A.D.), and Women's Ministry.

Minister Carter-Taylor whole-heartedly accepted the call to move "Beyond the Walls" to bring hope and comfort to hurting people — in particular, the victims of abuse and domestic violence. In her 12-years of volunteer service with the Alexandria Office on Women's Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP), Speakers Bureau and Sexual Assault and Awareness Program (SARA), she counseled victims and assisted the Alexandria Police Department. She delivered lessons on the battle against domestic violence to businesses, civic groups, local churches, and schools.

In 1997, she was nominated for the Alexandria Volunteer of the Year award, a prestigious service honor even if one does not win. Also, through the auspices of the late Rev. Dr. Lee Earl, she was blessed to be a platform speaker with the late revered Dorothy Height.

Through the blessings of being an Army-brat, wonderful Foreign Service, civil service, and private industry life, God honed the gifts and skills now used to aid His people. Seeking to ever learn, she has attained higher education through American and Regent Universities, and other professional studies.

It is her strong desire to share the Gospel of Christ and His love with all — especially, those in desperate need of a kind word of hope. Along with Psalm 18:46, she holds dear the words of Corrie Ten Boom: "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."



### PREACHED WORD Reverend Dr. Augustus (Gus) Henderson Senior Pastor, Christian Way Baptist Church, Falls Church, VA

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

**ACT OF ORDINATION** 

PRESENTATION OF MINISTER CANDIDATES

CHARGE TO CANDIDATES
Rev. Roy Thomas

ORDINATION PRAYER Rev. Eugene Pearson

PRESENTATION OF HYMNALS Rev. Eugene Pearson

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Rev. Dr. Kenneth Nixon, Jr. Deacon Ronald Hampton

ORDINATION CERTIFICATES FOR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Carl M. Johnson, Pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Keith Savage, Pastor, First Baptist Church Manassas

CANDIDATE REMARKS

CLOSING HYMN AND BENEDICTION

#### Rev. Dr. Augustus Henderson

Reverend Dr. Augustus (Gus) Henderson serves as the Senior Pastor of Christian Way Baptist Church (CWBC) located in Falls Church, Virginia. A native of Arlington, Virginia, specifically the Green Valley community, he currently resides in Fort Washington, Maryland.



Pastor Henderson earned a Master of Theology degree and received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the Wilbur H. Waters School of Religion and Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He presently serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors at the seminary.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel in June 1980 and was ordained in June 1994 at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Pastor Henderson currently serves as the Moderator for the Northern Virginia Baptist Association, Inc. He formerly served as President of the Baptist Ministers Conference of Northern Virginia and Vicinity.

Pastor Henderson's favorite scripture is II Corinthians 5:17 "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

