



*Two Thousand Twenty-Three*

# Beaux & Debutantes for Christ

*"I Believe in a  
Brighter Day"*

*The moon will shine like the sun, and the sunlight will be seven times brighter,  
like the light of seven full days, when the LORD binds up the bruises of his  
people and heals the wounds he inflicted. Isaiah 30:26*

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MT. HEBRON MBC  
GARLAND TX, 75040



# **Congratulations to Mt. Hebron's 2023 Graduating Seniors**

Charles Dewayne Alexander, II

Donovon Lynn Baker

Trinity LeChelle Hines

Charlie Knighten

Jeremiah DeVon Jones

Karsyn Nicole Lott

Christian Alexander McKendall

Ta'Marques Javon McNeal

Ary'ana Nelson

J'Qualyn Nelson

Mikaylin Neveah Louise Winters

Braylon Kamden Wood



# **Mt. Hebron Baptist Church 2022 Scholarship Recipients**

**Elijah Frederick Ellis**

Dallas College Eastfield Campus, Mesquite, Texas

**Enoch Franklin Ellis**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

**Giavonna Monet Hayes**

University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

**Darrick Arnaz Howard, II**

Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

**Jacob Gregory Pumphrey**

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Tallahassee, Florida

**Hailey Deanna Williams**

Texas Women's University, Denton, Texas

**Rachel Alexandria Yankson**

Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas



# “I Believe In A Brighter Day”

Congratulations Beaux and Debutantes for Christ of 2023!



"I Believe in a Brighter Day" is an awesome theme for your milestone. It's all about looking forward to a future filled with hope and endless possibilities. And let's not forget Isaiah 30:26, which talks about the sun's light shining seven times brighter. Talk about a bright outlook!

As you step into this next chapter, remember to embrace the excitement and adventure that awaits. Life's too short for stuffiness and dull routines. Chase your dreams fearlessly, and don't be afraid to take risks along the way.

You've got what it takes to make a difference in this world. Believe in yourselves, follow your passions, build a trusted network of friends and associates, and let your light shine brightly!

But remember, you are not alone in this journey. Keep your faith in God strong. He will guide you through every challenge and celebrate every victory with you. Trust in His plan for your lives, and lean on Him in times of need.

Now, here's a challenge for you: Take this moment of celebration and use it as fuel to pursue greatness. Step out of your comfort zone, try new things, and never settle for mediocrity. The world needs your unique talents and perspectives. Go out there and make an impact, fueled by your faith!

Congratulations again, and here's to an amazing journey ahead!

Kevin B. Bullard  
Interim Pastor



## “I Believe In A Brighter Day”

As you approach yet another milestone, I would like to both congratulate and encourage you. You have spent the last 13 years learning academically, spiritually and personally. You’ve been through good times and bad, obstacles and challenges, worked hard and learned from your mistakes. On the way down the next path, it is important that you remember how you got there. It was not on your own efforts.



You were created in the image of God and as a part of His sovereign plan. He gifted you with your intelligence, your sense of humor, your strength, your artistic abilities and your athleticism. Most importantly, He gifted you with your soul. A soul that belongs to Him and equips you to make decisions that honor Him and bring others to Him through your light.

Remember to intentionally take time daily to feed your soul with His Word, serve others like He serves you, forgive others as He forgives us, spend daily time in prayer, hold on to your values, go to God with your questions and consult Him before you decide. These things amplify your light. For you are the light needed to brighten tomorrow.

Kim Vallair  
Children & Youth Team Leader



## Reflections



Mrs. Dorothy Wesley first presented the idea of the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program to the Scholarship Ministry in 1978. She had gotten the idea from her home church in Los Angeles, California. In 1979 the Debutantes for Christ began as a program which provided spiritual development for the young ladies of Mt. Hebron, ages 13-19. The young men of the Mt. first participated in the program as Beaux for Christ in 1995. For twelve years, the program included competitive awards for Miss/Mr. Congeniality and Volunteer Service. The youth with the highest grade point average, the most volunteer service hours, and the Debutante soliciting the most funds received the Beaux/Debutante for Christ award and reigned for a period of two years. Today, the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program generates funds used to support activities of the Scholarship Ministry at Mt. Hebron. The program funds activities such as retreats, career and

college seminars, the children's lock-in, college tours, tutoring, cultural activities for the children and youth of Mt. Hebron and scholarships for youth who graduate from high school and enroll in a college/university or trade school. Today, the Beaux and Debutantes have an opportunity to receive the Dorothy Wesley Scholarship, The Beaux and Debutantes Award, and the Volunteer Service Award. Mt. Hebron's past reigning debutantes are Jackie Young, 1979, Michelle Young, 1980, Yolanda Davis, 1981, Carla Wood, 1982, Tiffany Davis, 1983, Shonna Signater, 1985, Kindralyn Banks, 1987, Tiffanie Coleman, 1989, Tabitha Hayes, 1991, Adrian Signater, 1993, Vangee S. Creft, 1995, and Barbara Clark, 1997.

The Beaux and Debutantes for Christ program has evolved and is now a ministry to high school seniors. The Program continues to provide for the spiritual development of the Beaux and Debutantes and serves as a means of financing scholarly activities for students in kindergarten through high school. The Program includes the participation of any high school senior who commits to the requirements of the Program. High school seniors participating in the Program must complete volunteer service/community service hours, a thirteen-week Bible study course, become involved in a church ministry and solicit contributions for Mt. Hebron's scholarship fund. Because of the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program, Mt. Hebron offers the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Scholarship, the Beaux and Debutantes Scholarship and the Dorothy Wesley Scholarship to students who graduate from high school and enroll full-time in a post-secondary institution. The program continues to thrive and has provided scholarships to hundreds of youth who have gone to college, graduated, and are now productive members of our society serving where they are planted in the cause of Christ.



## **Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Queens**

1979 Jackie Young

1980 Michelle Young

1981 Yolanda Davis

1982 Carla Wood

1983 Tiffany Davis

1985 Shonna Signater

1987 Kindralyn Banks

1989 Tiffanie Coleman

1991 Tabitha Hayes

1993 Adrian Signater

1995 Vangee S. Creft

1997 Barbara Clark



## **Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Recipients**

1999 Alana Marie Lyons

2010 Jacqueline Ronee' Pleasant

1999 Robert Lee Hurd, Jr.

2011 Jusiah Lynn Prowell

2000 Jacquelyn Evette Barnett

2012 Erin Ayan Gaddis

2001 Jonathan Kyle Miller

2013 Justin Ray Herman

2002 Tiffany Nicole Bride

2014 Lexi Arielle Wesley

2003 Jasmine Anthea Smutherman

2015 Tatiyonna Nashae Hawkins

2004 Shatise Shamel Prowell

2016 Brianna Renee Natania Buford

2005 Janae Alexandria Bride

2017 Caleb Michael Wesley

2006 Kayli Anais Klass

2018 Gracen Maxwell Abu

2007 Kobrin Wade Brown

2019 Daunte Craig Gaiter

2008 Lawrence Jonathan Jackson

2020 Sarah Marie Pumphrey

2009 Lauren Nicole Taylor

2021 MarcAnthony Josiah Abernathy

2022 Elijah Frederick Ellis





## **Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller Volunteer Service Award**

- 2007 Jasmine Renee' Pleasant
- 2008 Danielle LaDon White
- 2009 Brandie Arielle Butler
- 2010 Jacqueline Ronee' Pleasant
- 2011 Dacia YaKira Kings
- 2012 Frederick Berry, II
- 2013 D'Andrea Leshae Foreman
- 2014 Jaalah Raeann Herman
- 2015 Kayla Shaun Dukes
- 2016 Taylor Nicole Young
- 2017 Kenedi Saummone Johnson
- 2018 Jordyn Whitley
- 2019 Jaida Crowley
- 2019 Sacha Braggs
- 2020 Kennedy Renee' Lott
- 2021 Konner Aleese Lott
- 2022 Hailey Deanna Williams



## **2022 Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Recipient**



**Elijah Frederick Ellis**  
**Son of Rev. Frederick and Karen Ellis**

Dallas College Eastfield Campus  
Mesquite, Texas





# Programme

“I Believe in a Brighter Day” Isaiah 30:26

Musical Prelude

**Entrance of Future Beaux and Debutantes**

**Entrance of Parents**

Invocation

**Giavonna Monet Hayes**, 2022 Debutante  
University of North Texas

Greeting

**Rachel Yankson**, 2022 Debutante  
Texas Southern University

**Presentation of 2023 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ**

Rev. Kevin and Cetelia Bullard

*Beau Charles Dewayne Alexander, II*

*Beau Christian Alexander McKendall*

*Beau Donovan Lynn Baker*

*Beau Ta'Marques Javon McNeal*

*Debutante Trinity LeChelle Hines*

*Debutante Mikaylin Neveah Louise Winters*

*Beau Jeremiah DeVon Jones*

*Beau Braylon Kamden Wood*

## Testimonies

### Beaux and Debutantes

Tribute to Beaux and Debutantes, Mt Hebron Dance Ministry

“My God is Awesome,” Charles Jenkins

Reflections

**Elijah Frederick Ellis**  
2022 Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Award Recipient  
Eastfield College, Dallas, Texas

Expressions of Love

**Rev. Frederick and Karen Ellis**  
Parents of Beau Elijah Frederick Ellis

Prayer of Dedication

**Rev. Kevin Bullard, Interim Pastor**  
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Tribute in Song

2023 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ  
“Brighter Day,” Kirk Franklin



# Programme

Mt. Hebron Baptist Church Scholarship Award

**Inshahllah Muhammad**, 2020 Debutante  
Texas Tech University

**Tevvon Hines**, 2016 Beau  
Syracuse University Graduate School

Dorothy Wesley Scholarship Award

**Rev. Eric and Terri Wesley**, Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller Volunteer Service Award

**James Barnett**, Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

## Passing of the Baton

Presentation of the Charge

**Trinity LeChelle Hines**, 2023 Debutante

Acceptance of the Charge

**Hannah McClean**, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Rising Senior

Invitation to Christ

**Rev. Eric Wesley**  
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Recognitions of Former Beaux and Debutantes

**Dr. Joyce E. Kyle Miller**  
Beaux and Debutantes Program Coordinator

Remarks

**Beverly Clemmons-Beasley**,  
Beaux and Debutantes Co-coordinator  
**Karen Jackson**, Chairperson, Beaux and Debutantes

Photography Session

**Kenneth Brown, Sr.**

## Audience Please Remain Seated

Remarks/Benediction

**Rev. Kevin Bullard**, Interim Pastor  
Mt. Hebron Baptist Church

Recessional

2023 Beaux and Debutantes for Christ

## Audience Please Remain Seated



My son, Charles Alexander, brother of Aniya, was born on November 5, 2004, in Lufkin Texas. In 2005, he moved back to Dallas Texas with his mother and his sister. From birth he has always been a calm, peaceful child, very intelligent beyond his years. I was always running to the emergency room when I was pregnant with Charles because he never kicked or moved much in my belly and I worried if he was ok versus his sister who completed full back flips on a daily basis when I was pregnant with her. He is an introvert who does not like loudness or too much noise, yet has adapted to his sister and me since that is literally our personalities (bless his heart).



Charles had a five-year plan laid out for his life at the age of 6. It has changed over the years, but he always knew he would be successful when he became an adult. In school, he always excelled highly in math and his vocabulary was full of words that at times I had to look up in the dictionary. He was often bullied by other kids because he did not talk like they did, and he was quiet and sensitive when it came to his feelings and emotions. He was different and unique and was not ashamed of that.

He made the track team in high school participating in the high jump. He decided in his senior year he wanted to pursue entrepreneurship involving real estate and investing. He wants to be his own boss and educate others on how to grow and maintain wealth through investing and real estate.

Charles has always had a passion for entrepreneurship, real estate and investing, which is what he will be pursuing after graduation.

Charles excelled in academics at a very young age and loved the Lord at a very young age. He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at the age of nine, and has been on that journey with Christ ever since.

CeCe McClain, Mother



*Charles Dewayne Alexander, II*





Our grandson, Donovan Lynn Baker has attended Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church since 2007. He accepted Christ at the age of 12. Donovan is escorted this evening by his grandmother Bonita Rodgers and his mother Nicole Baker. Donovan is a graduating senior of North Forney High School. While attending North Forney High School, his activities included football, basketball, track and he studied Electrical Technology. At Mt. Hebron he participated in the Beaux and Debutantes program and attended Kids Across America. After graduation, Donovan plans to attend Penn State World Campus, studying Software Engineering. His favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 2:9; “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”



Darrell and Bonita Rodgers, Grandfather and Grandmother





*Donovon Lynn Baker*





Our daughter, Trinity LeChelle Hines, was born to be a leader and star for God. The youngest and only girl of three, she would soon start leaving her mark on the world with her many God given talents. She has always had a love for God and the arts from a very young age. She started dancing at the age of three and danced until the age of sixteen. Memorizing and spitting verses for God at the age of six in AWANA's, she won the highest award for her age group. Trinity was born in Texas, but has lived in Louisiana and North Carolina. Even as a child, she was very versatile and could make friends and find her place wherever she landed. She is a true friend to all and advocates for others before she would herself.



After relocating back to Texas, Trinity attended Keeley Elementary where she received the President's Award signed by President Obama for receiving all A's throughout Elementary School. She started singing in the honor choir at Keeley but Brandenburg Middle School is where she found her voice and the hidden talent of acting. Also, she was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Brandenburg. In middle school, her journey with the lord continued to grow with her participation in Mt. Hebron's children and youth ministry, Kids Across America, and Stoney Creek Camps.

Trinity transitioned to Sachse High School where she continued to develop her talents and leadership skills. She will be graduating with honors and has left her mark on Sachse High School through singing, acting, and leading. In her high school career, she has landed many roles and four leads in plays and musicals. As

a choir member of Acapella and the show choir, Mane Attraction, she has competed and earned awards. A few of her successes and leadership roles are listed below:

**Garland ISD Solo and Ensemble competition** - Division 1 rating (2019-2022), State qualifier (2022), Division 1 Ensemble (2022)

**Bella Moxi Dance** - Gold rated Teen Jazz (2021), Bella Moxi Dance - Gold rated Senior Contemporary Duo (2021)

**Outstanding Musical Theatre Student** (2021)

**Texas Thespian IE** - National Qualifier, Solo Musical (2021-Present)

**Texas Theatre Scholar** (2023)

**Triple Crown Award for Fine Art** (2023)

**GISD Fine Arts Award of Excellence** (2023)

**Choir Vice President** (2022-2023)

**ITS President** - Troupe 6712 (2022-2023)

**Black Student Association Officer** - Vice President (2021-2022), President (2022-2023)

**National Honor Society** (2021-Present)

Over the years as a member of the Mt., she has participated in the children's and youth ministry (AWANA, Kids Across America, Stoney Creek Camp, Children and Youth Choir, Dance Ministry, and Children's Church Volunteer). Her love for the arts and children will land her at Prairie View A&M University in the fall to double major in Child Psychology and Musical Performance. Our family and friends are very proud of her and look forward to seeing the amazing work that God has planned for her future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Rev Marcus and MeChelle Hines, Father and Mother



*Trinity LeChelle Hines*





Jeremiah, you have gracefully crossed many stages of your life, confidently and courageously, as my mind flashes back to when you were one-year old. I see you in your favorite blue outfit with your favorite colorful boots that you wore with everything. Your curly hair was all over the place and you kept walking all over the house, as if you wanted everyone to see your boots. You seemed so happy those days.



I remember the challenging middle school years where kids hurled insults and hurt your heart. With resiliency you navigated through rejection and learned important lessons about friendship.

High school brought endless leadership opportunities and growth. And here we are at the end and our calendar is filled with events: the final fall and spring tennis tournaments, tennis banquet, prom, Beaux and Debutantes program, senior breakfast/day trips, and college tours. You blissfully walk through each event while I cry tears of joy.

Success and enjoying life to the fullest are my greatest prayers for you after you graduate. You may experience challenging situations in your life; remember that your dad and I are a phone call away. Please keep in mind: God will be there for you; always pray and trust in Him and allow Him to move in your life. Never ever give up on your goals and dreams!!!

We love you to the moon and back!

Lamar Jones and Rosie Henry, Father and Mother



*Jeremiah DeVon Jones*





Christian Alexander McKendall is the youngest son of Christopher and Laurie McKendall.



Christian is currently a Senior at Rowlett High School PTECH Academy. At his school, Christian is an active member in The Rowlett High School Technology Magnet Program. Christian is an Eagle Scout representing Troop 1020. Christian is an active member of Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church where he serves with the youth ministry and the AV ministry. Christian is a charter teen member with the Greater Frisco Chapter of Jack and Jill. He is a current teen member with the Northeast Dallas Chapter of Jack and Jill and has been in Jack and Jill for 16 years. After High School, Christian will attend Morehouse College along with Georgia Institute of Technology majoring in Biomedical engineering. He will continue his post-secondary education receiving a PhD in Biomedical engineering. His goal is to become a commissioned officer in the United States Air Force and serve as a software developer, designing devices that are useful in

the healthcare industry. He hopes to utilize this skill to achieve as many accomplishments as God has in store for him. Christian's favorite inspirational quote is "Don't aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference"- Denzel Washington. Christian was presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Beautillion sponsored by the Dallas Chapter of Jack and Jill. This program allowed Christian to continue to soar and associate with other likeminded peers learning and taking active involvement in the growth of their lives and their community. He is extremely motivated about his future and encourages all young men squander not the advantages God has afforded us. Christian would like to thank his family, friends, and well-wishers for supporting him through this passage into manhood.

Chris and Laurie McKendall, Father and Mother



*Christian Alexander McKendall*





It is with great honor that we present beaux Ta'Marques Javon McNeal. Ta'Marques, affectionately known as Tee or T-Mac, was born on December 23, 2004. He is a graduating senior from Garland High School. Ta'Marques is the son of Lee & Tamara McNeal and Ashley Derrick.



Ta'Marques is a product of Garland Independent School District and truly embodies the "GISD Effect." He has consistently done well academically and is a friend to all. Tee has a warm personality and will work hard to make people laugh or put a smile on someone's face.

It seems that as soon as Tee could walk, his dad put a football in his hands and the rest is history. Ta'Marques has a heart for football and has played since he was two years old. Along with football, Tee also showed interest in music during his elementary and middle school years and played the trombone. Although he liked playing an instrument, playing football was the love of his life. He not only played for the Mesquite Hornets football team, with his dad as the coach, but also played for Brandenburg Middle School simultaneously.

During his time at Garland High School, Ta'Marques became a member of the varsity football team during his sophomore year. He has always shown himself to be a servant leader and was able to exhibit this even more during his senior year as captain of the football team. Tee has received many accolades for his stellar football playing on the field but has also received acknowledgement for the mentorship he provides to young men off the field. After aging out of playing with the Mesquite Hornets, he decided that he wanted to mentor those that came after him and follow in his dad's footsteps. For the past 3 years he has served as an assistant coach for the Mesquite Hornets football team and also encourages the players to excel in their academic careers.

Ta'Marques accepted Christ at the age of 10 and was baptized at Shiloh Baptist Church. He became a member of Mt. Hebron in 2021. He enjoys attending youth services as well as youth bible study and always says that he wants to know more about God. Tee's favorite scripture is Psalm 118:6, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" As Ta'Marques enters the Naval Academy, he plans to continue his football career and pursue a degree in IT/Cybersecurity. We know that he will stand on this scripture as he leans on God. We are incredibly proud of Ta'Marques and the young man that he has become. We look forward to seeing his continued growth in the Lord and watching him walk in the purpose that God has for him.

We love you so much Tee!

Lee and Tamara McNeal, Father and Mother





*Ta'Marques Javon McNeal*





Mikaylin Neveah Louise Winters was born at Antelope Valley Hospital on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2005, at 9:08 A.M. in Lancaster, California. Much of her family still lives there. She and her family were members of the Growing Valley Baptist Church in California which was pastored by her late great grandfather, Walter Forte Jr. In June of 2011, when Mikaylin was 5 years old, she along with her older brothers, moved to Texas with her mother because of her job relocation. She was baptized at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Terrell, Texas at the age of 7.



Mikaylin attended Blackburn Elementary in Forney, Texas. She has always been active and involved in sports. She loves and played basketball for a few years. It was during her elementary school years where Mikaylin started playing basketball. It was also in elementary school that she found her love for choir. She continued to be involved in both, choir and basketball, as she transitioned to Brown Middle School in Forney. As a freshman high school student at North Forney High School, Mikaylin had to stop all extracurricular activities due to complications from a surgery on her legs. Her journey through recovery has lasted through most of her high school years and is continuing on even today. She currently attends high school at Texas Connections Academy with Houston ISD virtually.

Being raised in the church, Mikaylin developed a love for music, especially gospel. A few of her favorite gospel artists are Marvin Sapp, Fred Hammond, and Anthony Brown. Currently, she participates in the Youth Praise team and volunteers in the Kid's Cave. She also enjoys watching Anime, reading, writing and playing games with her family. She has been teaching herself the Korean language. Mikaylin is very close to her two older brothers and loves being an Auntie.

From a young age, Mikaylin has always been interested in many various professions. However after graduation, she currently plans to pursue the field of Psychology. She is considering Eastfield or Cedar Valley Junior College with a plan to transfer to University of Texas, Arlington or University of North Texas, Dallas. Mikaylin desires to graduate from and earn her college degrees debt free.

Her life is guided by the scripture, Psalms 23:4; "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

Laneesha Cayce, Mother



*Mikaylin Neveah Louise Winters*





“Behold, children are a heritage and gift from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.” ~ Psalms 127:3



Braylon Kamden Wood is the oldest son of Marcus and Virenda Wood. His infancy and toddler years were rooted in the love of parents, grandparents, caregivers, extended family, neighbors, and friends that formed our village.

During his elementary attendance at Kimberlin Academy, Braylon excelled academically and enjoyed various activities including recess soccer matches and 5th grade camp with friends. He achieved first place in a division of UIL academic competition and enjoyed performing in his 5th grade Motown musical. During these years he also developed an interest in and played team sports including soccer, baseball, and basketball. He continued to receive early biblical teaching in Sunday School.

His middle school years at Austin Academy furthered his development. Braylon continued to thrive in academic endeavors, and he discovered an affinity for his musical gifts. After an initial year in beginning band, he participated in both Honors band and Jazz band. He earned distinctions as a top trombonist in district and regional competitions and performed at a national conference in Nevada. During these years, he also continued his love of sports in basketball and baseball. Most importantly, he accepted Jesus as his savior and was baptized. His spiritual foundation expanded in Mt.

Hebron’s youth ministry, Vacation Bible School, and Camp Stoney Creek.

The next phase of his journey took Braylon to Garland High School. At Garland, he continued to grow in physical, emotional, social, and spiritual aspects. Despite the challenges of a pandemic, Braylon was blessed to balance participation in band, basketball, and a rigorous academic curriculum. He strengthened established bonds and forged new friendships. In addition, he was inducted into the National Honor Society, attended summer engineering camps, and worked at a sports facility. Youth ministry fostered life application of Christian teaching and Braylon continues to serve in the Youth Ushers Ministry and volunteer.

An introspective, yet fun loving individual, we are thankful for God’s unique creation of Braylon. He is a blessing to us as parents, a positive role model for his brother Caleb, and a loyal friend. Some of Braylon’s favorite experiences surround enjoying music, sports, and travel. He has visited numerous states and aspires to travel to other countries. A recipient of several scholarship offers, Braylon plans to study biomedical engineering. We pray for continued spiritual growth and God’s protection and blessings as Braylon progresses to college and the years beyond.

Marcus and Dr. Virenda Wood, Father and Mother



*Braylon Kamden Wood*





## Platinum Plus

Antoine & Kimberly Abernathy

Carla Lee Allen

Mary Frances Austin

Mark & Beverly Clemmons Beasley

Edward & Doris Charles

Peter & Doris Harris

Patricia Henderson

Marcus & MeChelle Hines

Yvonne Hunter

Laura Johnson

Philip & Pamela Klass

Harold & Troy Landry

David & Ethelene Lyons

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Dennye Williams

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Gwen Clemmons

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## Gold

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David Arthur and Helen Dorsey

Edna Moss Ball

Dorothy Douglas

Cathy Bates

Caroline Gordon

James D. & Nechell Bonds

Lovey Green

George and Cheryl Branch

Congratulations Braylon! We love you! Darryl and  
Niyah Griffin

James & Valerie Bride

Ladon M Jones-Hall

Bill & Dana Brooks

Henry & Felicia Hammons

Deborah Byrd

Justin & Hannah Herman



## Gold

Alexander Howard	Billie Rodgers
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Linda Lee	Ricky & Kathy Shavers
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Helen Juanita Walls Pace	Margarine Terry
Keenan & Stephanie Paris	Michele Terry
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Lawrence & Dorian Price	Janice Williams
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Cleve Young	

## Silver

Larry & Maggie Brooks	Arthur & Mae Cook
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## Silver

Michael & Pamela Gaiter	Kerren McNeal
Carolyn Hamilton	Joan Rauls Merklelove
Carl Harris	Gwendolyn Pullum
Faye Jones	Lelia Rhynes
Laura “YaYa” Cooper-Jones	Steven & Shirlene Singleton
George & Eletha Williams Jones	Jason L. Smith
James and Stella Jones	Julian & Mary Stephens
Nettie Malcolm	Sade & Terrance Stunstle
Travis and Kim Matthewson	Derrick & LaNell Titus
Genice May	Yolanda Turner
Marquis & Lynae McClean	Roddrick & Tamara West
Chonda Williams	

## Bronze

Connie Arrington	Wilma Charles
James & Melba Barnett	James & Hughlene Dixon
Keisha Bates	Charlotte Dorhan
Morris & Linda Bell	Bertha Ellis
Broach Family	Victoria Estrada
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## Bronze

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# The Scholarship Ministry

The Scholarship Ministry of the Mt Hebron Missionary Baptist Church was formed by Barbara Davis in 1977 under the pastorship of Rev. W.J. Davis. The first members of this Committee were T.C. Walls, Joyce Miller, and Barbara Davis. The purpose of the Committee was to provide recognition graduation tokens and scholarships for the high school graduates of the church. Overhearing the Committee's discussion regarding sources of funding, Dorothy Wesley offered the idea of the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program as a means of providing the funds. Dorothy first became aware of the program on one of her visits to her home church in Los Angeles, California. She described the program and brought copies of printed programs from Los Angeles. The first Debutantes Program was presented in 1979 at Mt. Hebron's 209 East Avenue D location. Funds were solicited by the debutantes, but all youth were the recipients of the scholarships. Eventually, boys became a part of the program. The first beaux were presented in 1995. Dorothy thought that a program requiring the kind of time and energy as the Debutantes program should only be presented every other year, and so the program was presented biennially from 1983 until 1999. Today, the Program is an annual program designed for high school graduating seniors. The growth in membership of the Mt. provides a ready pool of workers who annually make this program a reality. Dorothy would be proud. Over the years, as the Scholarship Committee focused on how to increase the number of youth who would pursue a post-secondary education and qualify for the scholarship, an annual retreat, initially designed for the girls, was created. The retreat addressed what the Bible says about premarital sexual relations. Various women of the Mt. became a part of this effort. Gwen Clemmons, Joyce Guthrie, Frances Smith, Chris Shane, Willie Bogar, Joyce Miller, Patricia Fenceroy and others. Mt Lebanon and other Baptist encampments were the sites of the first weekend retreats. When the location at 901 Dairy Road was built, the overnight, weekend retreats were held at the facility. The women shared their dating experiences as teenagers with the youth and emphasized the ever presence of temptations and the importance of knowing how to use biblical teachings to yield not to those temptations.

The activities of the Scholarship Ministry were expanded as the church operated without an organized youth ministry; the ministry always focused on spiritual and education-related activities designed to expand the scholarly horizons of the youth. To this end, organized visits to the symphony, ballet performances of the Nutcracker Suite, the theater, the Dallas Museum of Art, the zoo, the South Dallas Cultural Center, the African American Museum of Dallas, the International Cultural Center and the Science Place became important experiences for the girls and boys at Mt. Hebron.

In recent years, the activities of the Scholarship Ministry have included college tours for all grade levels, Kindergarten through 12th grade, the Spring Break Teen Summit and the Children's Lock-In. Born in 1979, the Scholarship Ministry serves as an example of a youth ministry that emerged from the heart and mind of a single member of Mt. Hebron. The creative energies of another member gave rise to the Beaux and Debutantes for Christ Program. Through the combined efforts of countless members of the Mt., this Program continues to fund scholarly activities for all youth of Mt. Hebron. Over the years, this program through the members of Mt. Hebron has provided scholarships and encouragement to hundreds of young people. The legacy is to foster a college-going and graduating culture of youth who keep God first, lead others to Christ and encourage the pursuit of education beyond high school.



# Future Beaux and Debutantes for Christ

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## Thank You

On behalf of our Interim Pastor, Rev, Kevin Bullard, the graduating seniors, past, current and future Beaux and Debutantes for Christ participants and their parents, along with the Scholarship Ministry, we sincerely thank each of you who have contributed to the scholarship fund. We recognize it takes a village to raise a child and your support and financial contributions are great examples of your commitment to our youth's success. Without your unselfish gifts to this ministry we would not be able to make the financial investment into the lives of each recipient. Thank you for being villagers who are, "Into What God is Up To"!

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Ushers  
Future Beaux and Debutantes  
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