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COVID-19 TREATMENTS & VACCINES

WATCH ON DEMAND

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VIA Electronic Mail

Reverend Chester L. McGensy, D.D.
Senior Pastor
Family Community Church
2434 East Nees Avenue
Fresno, CA 93720

Dear Pastor McGensy,

On behalf of the National Medical Association, congratulations on your vision to host the upcoming Family Community Church PASTORS AND PHYSICIANS Town Hall Meeting, "Should Christians Take the COVID-19 Vaccine?"

The National Medical Association fully endorses the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. African Americans and other communities of color are far more likely to suffer from multiple co-morbidities, compromised immune systems and other epigenetic factors which lead to disparate outcomes from the COVID-19 infection. This leads to a greater risk of symptomatic infection and a higher probability of serious illness and death. For these reasons, the need to receive the vaccination is enormous.

As the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and their patients in the United States, the National Medical Association (NMA) is steadfast in its commitment to eliminating health disparities and promoting healthy lifestyles among African Americans and other underserved populations.

We are honored that you have selected members of the National Medical Association, including our immediate past president, Oliver Brooks, M.D., to be a part of your distinguished panel.

Best regards,

Mikki King Barker, DO

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Chairman, Board of Trustees 2020-2021
National Medical Association

Program

Scripture & Prayer Reverend Matthew Blackwood, MBA
Associate Minister, Family Community Church, Fresno, CA

Welcome..... Reverend Matthew Blackwood, MBA
Associate Minister, Family Community Church, Fresno, CA

Introduction of Pastors & Physicians..... Reverend Matthew Blackwood, MBA
Associate Minister, Family Community Church, Fresno, CA

VIDEO

Pastoral Panel Dialogue

Topics: Effects and Equity of COVID-19..... Reverend Chester L. McGensy, D.D.
Senior Pastor, Family Community Church, Fresno, CA

- Reverend Edward Coleman, Senior Pastor
- Reverend Edward Lee, Senior Pastor
- Reverend B.T. Lewis, Senior Pastor
- Reverend Kevin Stafford, D.D., Senior Pastor
- Reverend Angelus Wilson, D.D., Senior Pastor

VIDEO

Physicians Panel Dialogue

Topics: COVID-19 Medical Treatments and Vaccines..... Karen Ledee-Lewis, MSN, RN, FNP-C

- Denard Fobbs, M.D.
- Oliver Brooks, M.D.
- Ann-Gelle Carter, M.D., MS
- Eugene Egerton, M.D.
- Nichole Wiley, M.D.

Public Resources..... Shantay Davies-Balch, MBA
Director, African American Coalition COVID-19 Equity Project

Final Remarks..... Reverend Chester L. McGensy, D.D.
Senior Pastor, Family Community Church, Fresno, CA

Closing Prayer Reverend Matthew Blackwood, MBA
Associate Minister, Family Community Church, Fresno, CA

Pastor's Biographies



"A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simpleton never looks and suffers the consequences. Prov 27:12 TLB"

Reverend Chester L. McGensy, D.D., Senior Pastor

Reverend Chester L. McGensy, D.D., was born and reared in Fresno, California. He married Janetta on August 16, 1980. Janetta is a retired Principal after working for the Fresno Unified School District for 35 years. Reverend McGensy and Janetta have three sons, Chester Lee III, an MBA/JD graduate of The University of San Francisco; Jason Paul, a B.A. graduate of Pepperdine University in communication/film production, and Kevin James, a graduate of Fresno Pacific University with a BA Degree/Teaching Credential, and six adorable grandchildren.

On October 29, 1994, the Lord laid on Reverend McGensy's heart to start a new church in Central/North Fresno. On December 8, 1994, two families met in his home, and Family Community Church began. Family Community Church has grown spiritually and numerically over the past 25 years. Pastor McGensy also serves as president of Family Community Church Association (FCCA) with eight Family Community Churches in Kenya, East Africa.

Pastor McGensy has a heart for winning souls for Christ, a love for the City of Fresno, and people worldwide. The Lord has placed a vision in his heart for a global ministry.



"For the Lord grants wisdom! His every word is a treasure of knowledge and understanding. Prov 2:6-7 TLB"

Reverend Edward D. Coleman, Senior Pastor

Founder and senior pastor of Paraclete missionary Baptist Church, I, Edward Coleman was born on August 16, 1953, in Little Rock, Arkansas. I am one of four children.

Relocated to Fresno, California in 1969 and united with the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Pastor E. M. Daniels. I accepted Christ into my life at the age of 17.

I also served as a deacon/Board of Directors member for 29 years at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Also serve in the capacity as a youth Sunday school teacher/superintendent and in various evangelism outreach ministries.

I received my religious training in Christian education from California Southern Baptist/Mid-Valley Seminary Extension.

In 1972 God bless me with a beautiful wife of my youth, my middle-age and now in my senior years to Kathy L. Coleman. We have been married now for over 48 years and God has blessed us with five children and nine grandchildren.

My heart and passion is to serve my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to faithfully reach out with the good news of the gospel to a lost and dying world. To see marriages and relationships that have been broken restored by the grace of God.

Reverend Edward B. Lee, Jr., Senior Pastor

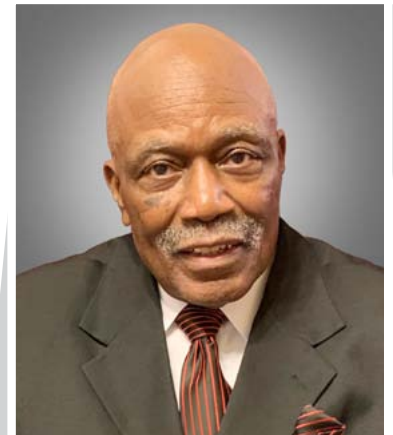
Edward Bernard Lee, Jr., was born on October 5, 1947, in Lunenburg, VA. He is the oldest of five children of Bernard and Alice Lee.

Rev. Lee and his wife, Beatrice, have been married for 54 years; God blessed them with two beautiful children, Kevin & Dayatra. The family has grown to nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He is a Vietnam Veteran serving in the USAF, with three tours of duty in Vietnam. After moving to Fresno, he served as a chaplain at the Fresno County Jail for ten years.

Mt. Olive Baptist church called him to serve as their pastor in July of 1997 to the present, where he continues to serve the kingdom of God and this community.

His heart is to give God his BEST, working in outreach to our community and abroad. God is good!



"So be careful how you act; these are difficult days. Don't be fools; be wise: make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good. Eph 5:15-17 TLB"

Reverend Booker Taliaferro Lewis II, Senior Pastor

Pastor Booker Taliaferro Lewis II has served as the under-shepherd of the Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church of Fresno, California since August of 2003. Under his dynamic and progressive leadership, Rising Star has become a solid, influential ministry with an effective mission presence locally and abroad. Rising Star is committed to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ while adhering to our Isaiah 17 mandate to 'Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke oppression; to defend those unable to defend themselves and plead for people in our most vulnerable communities'.

Pastor Lewis was born in 1960 and his formation deeply influenced by his parents and being raised in the Greenville, Texas experience of that decade. He has been married to Latisha Kaytrine Lewis since 1983. They have three children: Shamika Tayawn Lewis, Booker Taliaferro Lewis III, and Shanise La'Shaa Lewis. Pastor Lewis has matriculated at California State University, Fresno and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary formally located in Mill Valley, CA.

Amidst his many roles in community service, Pastor Lewis serves as the Chairman of the African American Clergy Caucus, the Fresno City Wide Revival Committee, Moderator Emeritus of First Northern Central District Baptist Association, President of the West Fresno Faith Based Organization, member of the Fresno Chapter of the NAACP and our local chapter of BAPAC.

Pastor Lewis is an active missionary locally, in Haiti, and in Jamaica. His leadership in our community bodes well for the reputation of Rising Star locally and abroad.

Pastor B. T. Lewis II is renowned for extraordinary leadership, community bridge building, impactful preaching, sound biblical teaching, executing a people and family focused plan of ministry, exemplifying integrity, with a desire to emulate the mind and life of Christ. His leadership has been described as 'visionary and cutting edge'. His uncommon style has been touted as essential to challenging the Church to fulfill her mission in this generation.



"How much better is wisdom than gold, and understanding than silver! Prov 16:16 TLB"



***“All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock.
Matt 7:24-25 TLB”***

Reverend Kevin E. Stafford, D.D., Senior Pastor

Pastor Kevin E. Stafford was born in Los Angeles, CA to the late Dr. E.E. Stafford and Mrs. Catherine Stafford. Kevin accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior in 1978. He was baptized by his father at the Paradise Baptist Church of Los Angeles, in the same year.

Pastor Stafford accepted his call to preach the Gospel of Jesus in November 1990. He was licensed in December of 1990 and served as Associate Minister at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church under his father, Dr. E.E. Stafford.

Pastor Stafford received his Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree in Psychology from Chapman University in Orange, CA. He received his Master of Divinity (M.Div.) Degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling, from Interdenominational Theological Center (Morehouse School of Religion) in Atlanta, Georgia. In early 2004, Pastor Stafford received a Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) Degree from the New Freedom Bible College of Belleville, Illinois. He has completed all classroom requirements and has only to complete his Thesis Project, earning him the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) Degree in Pastoral Skills for the 21st Century, from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts.

Pastor Stafford served for a season as Youth Pastor at the Orchard Knob Baptist Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, under Pastor Harold K. Lester. He served as Senior Pastor of the Greater Morning Star Baptist Church of Mt. Clemens, Michigan for just short of 6 years, where he grew the membership from about 240 to over 900 persons. He then returned home to California, serving as the Assistant Pastor of the Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles, CA until accepting the call to the Senior Pastorate of the Zion Baptist Evangelistic Temple (ZBET) in January of 2003.

In July of 2019, Pastor Stafford was called by the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Fresno, CA to serve as the senior pastor. On the third Sunday in August of 2019, he and his family began their new ministry journey in their new assignment at Fellowship.

In May of 2011, Pastor Stafford co-wrote, recorded and released his first music CD project, called “Get After It”, available on iTunes, cdbaby.com, amazon.com and many other music venues. Later, in December of the same year 2011, the Lord blessed Pastor Stafford to write and release his first book, entitled “Driving Out the kINGS”, with AuthorHouse Publishing (ISBN 978-1-4634-1058-2).

Pastor Stafford is happily married to the lovely Lady Margina E. Stafford. Together, they are the proud parents of seven beautiful children.

Reverend Angulus D. Wilson, Ph.D., D.Min, Senior Pastor

Dr. Angulus Wilson, PhD, was called by the Lord into the Gospel ministry in 1991. He is married to the beautiful Sharon Wilson, and together they have three sons whom he loves dearly. Compelled to work with people in need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; Wilson has labored in National and International Rev. Wilson is the proud Senior pastor of the New Beginnings Community Baptist Church of Fresno Ca.

He has matriculated through several Universities of higher learning, Fresno Pacific University, Wheaton College, Birmingham Theological seminary, and the Ecclesia University of Divinity International. Brother Angulus has a passion for making disciples and equipping saints for the work of ministry.

He is the president and founder of the Angelos Biblical Institute, a school of evangelism to help the church to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. Angulus has planted three churches, help to start several others, served Christian Universities such as Samford University of Birmingham Alabama, Wheaton College of Wheaton Illinois, and Fresno Pacific University of Fresno California. He travels internationally preaching and teaching Gods word through networks, mission agencies and biblical conferences.

As the founder of ABI he longs for new frontiers to share the good news of the gospel with the church. He has a heart for evangelism and equipping the saints for the work of the ministry. Pastor Wilson is a friend to the preacher, and servant of the Kingdom.. Angulus Wilson, PhD, D.Min was called by the Lord into the Gospel ministry in 1991. He is married to the beautiful Sharon Wilson, and together they have three sons whom he loves dearly. Compelled to work with people in need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; Wilson has labored in National and International Rev. Wilson is the proud Senior pastor of the New Beginnings Community Baptist Church of Fresno Ca.

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"Humility and reverence for the Lord will make you both wise and honored. Prov 15:33 TLB"

Physician's Biographies



Denard M. Fobbs, M.D.

Surgeon and Integrative Wellness Care

Denard M. Fobbs, M.D. is a graduate of Morehouse College and Howard University College of Medicine. His residency training in surgery was at Baylor College of Medicine, and his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology was at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Fobbs retired his Obstetrics (OB) practice fifteen years ago and currently focuses on advanced, laser-assisted minimally invasive surgery and integrative wellness care with an emphasis on natural hormone balance. He is a native of Houston, Texas.



Oliver Tate Brooks, M.D.

Chief Medical Officer

Oliver Tate Brooks, M.D., received his undergraduate degree in biology from Morehouse College. Dr. Brooks is Chief Medical Officer and past Chief of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine at Watts Healthcare Corporation in Los Angeles, California. Dr. Brooks is also the Medical Director for L.A. Care Health Plan, one of the nation's largest Medicaid managed care plans whose mission is "to provide access to quality health care for Los Angeles County's vulnerable and low-income communities and residents."

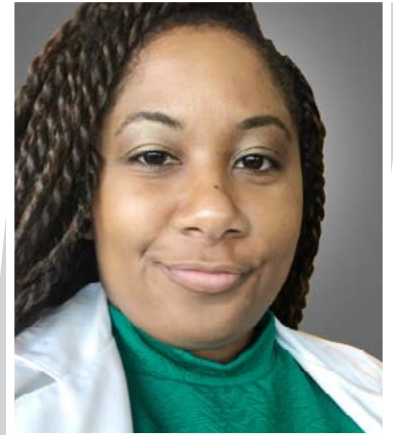
Dr. Brooks is the immediate Past President of the National Medical Association (NMA) and is a present Board member and Past President of the California Immunization Coalition and Chairman of the Immunize LA Families Coalition. In June 2020, Dr. Brooks asked to and joined the ACIP COVID-19 Work Group discussing and making recommendations to the ACIP regarding (potential) COVID-19 vaccine prioritization. Dr. Brooks also has joined the Health and Human Services (HHS) COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force charged with developing the release of a (potential) COVID-19 vaccine. He is Co-Chair of the C.A. State COVID-19 Vaccine Development Work Group, charged by the Governor with determining the allocation of COVID-19 vaccine in C.A.

Dr. Brooks is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi (the Boule) fraternities. He is married to his wife of 32 years, Lisa, and has two children, Alana and Joseph.

Ann-Gelle Carter, M.D., MS.

Chief Resident Physician

Dr. Ann-Gelle Carter, M.D., MS completed her graduate school training at Indiana University, followed by medical school training at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). During her undergraduate medical education, she was very active in the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians and the University of Illinois at Chicago's Student National Medical Association. Dr. Carter relocated to California in 2018 to pursue her residency training at Kaweah Delta Health Care District, where she has served as Chief Resident Physician in the Department of Family Medicine since 2019. Her current scope of practice in family medicine includes pediatric, adult, geriatric, and women's health care in the Central Valley of California.



W. Eugene Egerton, M.D.,

Chief Medical Officer

Dr. "Gene" Egerton joined Saint Agnes as Chief Medical Officer in August 2016. Throughout his career, Dr. Egerton has served in various health care leadership roles and led a distinguished career in the U.S. Army Medical Command, achieving the rank of Colonel before retiring after 23 years of service. Before coming to Saint Agnes, Dr. Egerton served as a Healthcare Executive and Independent Consultant, and Chief Executive of Trinity Transition Consultants, LLC, in Havre de Grace, Maryland. He's also held the title of Chief Medical Officer at University of Maryland Medical Center - Midtown Campus in Baltimore. Board-certified in Pediatrics, Dr. Egerton completed a fellowship and residency training in Adolescent Medicine at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, Texas, and earned his medical degree from the University of North Carolina.



Mylea Nichole Wiley, M.D.

Hospitalist

Dr. Nichole Wiley was born in Fresno, CA, to Paul and Dr. Shirley Wiley, who both stressed education achievement from the beginning of her educational career. She attended St. Therese Elementary School and graduated from San Joaquin Memorial High. Dr. Wiley graduated from the University of California, Davis. She attended Ross University School of Medicine and completed an Internal Medicine residency at The Chicago Medical School in Chicago, IL. Dr. Wiley has practiced Hospital Medicine since graduation from residency and now practices as a private Hospitalist at Clovis Community Hospital.



Program Participant's Biographies



Karen Ledee-Lewis, MSN, RN, FNP-C

Nurse Practitioner

Karen has been a Nurse Practitioner for greater than 20 years graduating from CSU, Fresno. The majority of her care has been in underserved communities. Karen is currently providing care to high-risk populations in the Family Health and Urgent Care settings. She is a patient advocate and educator who has served as a preceptor and mentor to Nurse Practitioner Students.

Organizations have invited her to contribute to key conversations promoting the health and wellness of patients thru physician education and awareness campaigns. Her latest invitation was with Western University School of Medicine, and The White Coats for Black Lives Committee, were the discussion served to shed light on the disparities in health that BIPOC individuals face in health care settings while devising solutions for positive patient outcomes. Prior she served as a panelist with Family Community Church during their Unity Symposium, which aimed to promote ideas and solutions for all Americans to live in Unity through Humility and Dignity. She currently teaches a monthly virtual wellness class as a part of her church's ministry, and she is writing her first book.

Karen is the mother of three adult children who all serve the community in their respective vocations. One of her favorite quotes is, "Look for something positive in each day, even if some days, you have to look a little harder."



Shantay R. Davies-Balch, M.B.A.

Director, African American Coalition COVID-19 Equity Project

Shantay R. Davies-Balch is a native of Fresno, California, where she has dedicated her career to improving health outcomes for all women and babies, with an emphasis on Black women and babies who tend to have the worst health outcomes. Shantay is a certified lactation educator, doula, and certified newborn care specialist, with an expertise in premature birth, infant and maternal mortality, and breastfeeding. Shantay is President and CEO of BLACKWellness a Prosperity Center, the first CBO in Fresno County established to address the specific Black Maternal Child Health Crisis. is the Primary Community Investigator for a fatherhood/doula research pilot in partnership with UCSF and a member of the Black Maternal Infant Health Statewide Advisory to develop the first comprehensive statewide report on the status of Black women and babies in 30 years. Shantay is also an active member of Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA). Lastly, Shantay serves on the GO Fresno Schools Leadership Council, she is a First 5 Fresno County appointed Commissioner, and Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Board Member.

Currently, one of Shantay's most formidable accomplishments is leading the COVID-19 response in the African-American community across Fresno county.

Shantay graduated Summa Cum Laude from Fresno Pacific University with a degree in Healthcare Administration. She also received her Master's in Business Administration from Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School, with a specialty in Healthcare Management, and in 2018, U.S. Senator Kamala Harris formally recognized Shantay for her leadership in addressing Black Maternal Health by presenting her with a 40 Under 40 award.

Resources

SOCIAL RESOURCES

AFRICAN AMERICAN COALITION

<https://www.africanamericancoalition.org/info-and-community-resource-center/>

FRESNO COUNTY FOOD MAP

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/about-us/fresno-county-food-map>

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA FOOD BANK

<https://ccfoodbank.secure.force.com/G2G>

SCHOOL MEAL LOCATIONS

<https://www.fresnounified.org/school-meal-locations/>

SANCTUARY TRANSITIONAL & YOUTH SHELTER

<https://fresnoeoc.org/transitional-shelter/>

<https://fresnoeoc.org/sanctuary-youth-shelter/>

MEDICAL RESOURCES

AFRICAN AMERICAN COALITION TESTING EVENTS

<https://www.africanamericancoalition.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

COVID-19 TESTING FEEDBACK

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-health/covid-19/covid-19-testing-feedback>

THE DISABILITY EQUITY PROJECT

<https://www.dep.fresno.com>

CHURCH RESOURCE

CHURCH COVID-19 ASSISTANCE

www.churchcovid19.com

Thank You!

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Tim 1:7, NKJV

Grace & Peace!

Thank you for being part of the change within our Fresno/ Clovis community. Given the disproportionate number of cases and deaths associated with COVID-19 in predominantly communities of color, we needed to have an intentional outreach to our community. This forum has provided feedback from crucial pastors and physicians, given their position as trusted community leaders. Many in our community were Skeptical regarding participating in the available vaccination processes, based on historical experiences and public misinformation. Consequently, this Town Hall's goal was to alleviate many of those fears, replace them with correct impartial information, bolster confidence, and educate our community to increase engagement.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the supporters of the Pastors & Physicians Town Hall for all they have done to make this event a great success and benefit for the community and city we all love.

Without the love, prayers, and tireless support of the community volunteers, along with all the church leadership community medical doctors, and their teams in our community, this would not have been possible.

We are showing by example that as pastors, physicians, individuals, and a community of faith, we care about the health, well-being and making where we live a better and safer place for all Americans.

We are so fortunate and blessed to live in such a caring and compassionate community with a deep understanding and commitment to public health.

Love Always,
Family Community Church