

The Charles B. Walker Culture Club of Zion Baptist Church

. The focus of the ministry is to educate students and empower the suffering. This dual focus clearly fits within the mission statement of Zion Baptist Church. Biblical scriptures supporting this ministry include *Matthew 25:34-40; Acts 2:42, 46, 47 and Acts 20:35.*

The Charles B. Walker Culture Club was established at Zion Baptist Church in 1956 by the late Richard J. Barnes (1934-1964) and was named in honor of the late Deacon Charles Beverly Walker (1868-1956

On September 21, 1956, The CBWCC was chartered with sixteen founding members and the Founder, Richard J. Barnes, was elected as the first president of the CBWCC.

Over the years, the club has been the innovator of many activities at the church. In realizing the ambition of the founding members, the club has worked arduously and persistently.

Among a few of the club's accomplishments are the annual scholarship awards funded by some of our activities; the establishment of strategic partnerships within the local area as an outreach component of the church and organizing trips across the United States as well as Europe, the Caribbean Islands and Africa.

In addition, in the area of performing arts, the club has presented outstanding singing groups, choirs, religious jazz, fashion shows, and at one time, "Tiny Tot Weddings" depicting the traditional dress and culture of other ethnic groups and countries. All of this has made for exciting and enjoyable experiences for our members, their families and the community at-large.

All of our activities are open to everyone-you do not need to be a member of the club or the church.

We support annually: St. Ann's Child and Family Center (Christmas Project); DC Child and Family Services (Back to School Book bag project, Thanksgiving Basket project, Christmas basket project, Prom attire for senior high students).

We also support our own sick and shut-in members with calls, cards and visits to encourage them. We have a "Helping Hands" component that provides members with transportation to and from appointments, stay with members while they are recuperating from medical procedures and generally assist family with care.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND CATEGORIES

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP- We reach out and share our stewardship with new members to the church and community. We attend trainings and workshops to better our own understanding of the "WORD" so we can tell others.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH- We sponsor and/or support activities and events for seniors and youth.

EDUCATION-We provide scholarship funds to several students yearly pursuing higher education.

ETHNIC AWARENESS- We sponsor Black History Programs annually to encourage diversity, tolerance, and understanding amongst each other and the community at large.

PERFORMING ARTS- We sponsor programs that bring art, music and dance to our members and friends. We also present our youth at community events to showcase their talents and creativity.

RECREATIONAL-We sponsor many fellowship activities and events that we share with others.

TRAVEL-We sponsor trips to various destinations for educational, recreational and philanthropic outcomes. Proceeds from trips fund our scholarship programs.

We meet at 6:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall on the second Friday in September to November, January, and March to May. In February, June, July August and December we have other activities.

OUR MOTTO: *"Through Christian Service, We remain friends forever."*

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