

Set The Captives Free Outreach Center

EXPANSION

“GIVING BACK WHAT WE O.W.E.”

5-Year Effective Visionary Statement

2022-2027



Pastors Linwood & Karen Bethea

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“EXPANSION!”

Psalm 128:1-2 King James Version

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.
For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be,
and it shall be well with thee.

Greetings

It is so hard to believe that 21 years have passed since we opened our doors on April 9, 2000. What’s not hard to believe is that God has been faithful and fulfilled what He promised! He has truly done exceeding and abundantly above all that we could have asked or thought. (Ephesians 3:20) When we first began in conference room 125 at the then Comfort Inn on Security Blvd, we had no idea we would end up back on Security Blvd. in a totally different way. Zechariah 4:10 tells us not to despise small beginnings. These twenty-one years have been filled with the goodness of God, the faithfulness of God, the direction of the Lord, and God’s amazing people! STCF, together we have been able to feed the hungry, visit the sick, cloth those who needed it, win the lost to Jesus, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! At this phase of our growth as a ministry we are required to EXPAND and further SERVE THE COMMUNITY. The same favor that was on Nehemiah to rebuild the wall is upon us. We have been expanded and our influence increased! We are blessed to be a blessing! Let’s run on together and see what God will do in this next season.

With much love and gratitude to an amazing congregation,
Pastors Linwood and Karen Bethea

Mission Statement

Mission: To fill people so full of the Word of God that it liberates every area of their lives, spirit, soul and body.

Vision: Based upon 1 Thessalonians 5:23, “Whole Is Our Goal” is our goal as a ministry. To accomplish this, we will address the totality of man: spiritually, economically, physically, psychologically, educationally, and socially.



Outreach

In conjunction with the Liberty Community Development Corporation, and community, Set the Captives Free Outreach Center will continue to expand programs and services to our primary catchment area and beyond by/through:

- Expanding our Food Pantry, in partnership with the Maryland Food Bank and Trader Joe's to address food insecurity.
- Providing a Freezing Weather Shelter for the west side of the county in partnership with the Baltimore County Health Department.
- Continuing our annual O.W.E Fest in conjunction with Feed the Children International and the Department of Social Services.
- Developing a partnership with the Woodlawn Health Clinic now located on the first floor of the O.W.E. Center.
- By continuing to support local, national, and international causes through our missions ministry.
- Continuing our two annual blood drives in partnership with the Red Cross.



Worship

We will continue offering formal Christian religious education, services, and outreaches in accordance with our Tenets of Faith. We will continue to have and enhance:

- Effective Vision, given by God and shared by the Pastor and leaders, that will give us direction and purpose as a church and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Effective Worship and Biblical Instruction for all ages.
- An Effective Leadership that is empowered to carry out their area of responsibility in the ministry in and out of the church building.
- An Effective Membership that has embraced and is engaged in the vision.
- Effective growth that will be manifested in new membership and documented in every age group of the congregation.
- We will continue to implement various evangelistic strategies.
- Expand our global reach through our E-Church Initiatives.
- We will expand our STCF Pastoral Alliance to include covering for churches as well as plant new ones.

Education

We will continue to form partnerships, provide programs, as well as support and initiate projects that enhance the quality of life for our community and the citizens of Maryland. We will:

- Expand our current partnership with the Liberty Community Development Corporation and support its educational initiatives.
- Partner with HUD and other organizations to increase home ownership.
- Promote educational attainment for our (PCA) Primary Catch Man Area.
- Partner with local law enforcement and other organizations that promote crime prevention and incarceration avoidance for our PCA.
- Continue to address the need for Financial Literacy through workshops, courses, and special events.
- Partner with city, county, and national agencies to assist with job preparation and employment opportunities such as Job Corp and the like.
- Expand our girls and boys mentoring programs to prepare participants for wholesome adulthood.
- Continue to address Health and Wellness with an emphasis on the education and prevention of: Heart Disease, Cancer, Diabetes, STD's and HIV.
- Partner with the STEM Center of Excellence and like programs to address the shortfall of S.T.E.M professionals in the workforce. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.)

