

Ordination Service



And The Charge To Serve!

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

John 15:16 KJV



October 28-29, 2023

St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria

7730 Fordson Road
Alexandria, VA 22306
Pastor Charles A. Hall

Greetings All,

It is an honor and a pleasure to welcome each of you here today to celebrate the consecration of four men whom the Lord is sitting aside for His service and His Kingdom at the St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria.

Today represents the culmination of a lengthy and rewarding journey for these men over many years. Each of these men have shown themselves to be obedient to the call of God on their lives, and each has made personal sacrifices to fulfill the requirements for the positions in which they are being ordained for today.

Each man has demonstrated and maintains an honorable report within the body of St. John, the community, and their prospective families. As their Pastor, I have witnessed their spiritual growth and maturity. All these men have dedicated themselves to studying the Word of God on a regular basis. This has not been an easy ordeal; I have witnessed times of struggle and times of pain. However, I have felt the spiritual presence of God with them in every step along the way. Over the past few years, I have watched closely how each of them has surrender increasingly more of themselves to Christ, and as a result I have seen the manifestation of Christ in their daily walk with Him. I have not only witnessed the growth of these men individually, but I have also witnessed the spiritual growth within their prospective families as well. Each of these men continues to walk with a humbled and meek spirit, while fulfilling their various tasks and assignments, since they were called and chosen for the positions in which they have now been ordained.

I am proud to call Reverend Myron Contee, Deacon William Mayfield Jr., Deacon Freddie Sellers, and Deacon Charles Jones Jr., my brethren in Christ, and my co-laborers for the uplifting of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Somebody say...Jesus!!

Pastor Charles A. Hall

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 KJV

The Ordination Class of 2023



*Minister Myron Contee, Deacon Charles Jones Jr.
Deacon Freddie Sellers, Deacon William Mayfield Jr.*

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
Colossians 3:23-24 KJV

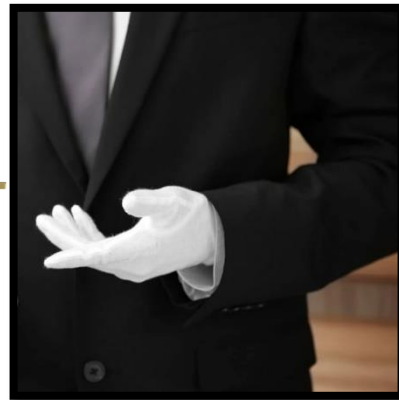


*Instructor & Catechizer Pastor Charles A. Hall &
Deacon Vincent Stewart*

Meet the Candidates

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John 15:16 KJV



For many are called, but few are chosen. Matthew 22:14 KJV

CHOSEN

ANOINTED

CALLED

APPOINTED

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Philippians 1:6 KJV

Deacon William Mayfield Jr.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

To God Be The Glory for All of the thoughts He had for me! I thank God for His Now Faith that is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, because I never imagined being afforded such a prestigious honor as being set aside as one of God's and the Church's Servant Leaders. When I look back over my life, and I think things over, I can truly say that I have been Blessed! All I can say is thank you, God for the gift of this assignment, and thank you to Pastor Charles A. Hall, for being a true Man of God, and having an attentive ear to the unction of Holy Spirit, to lead and guide this branch of Zion called the St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria!

Before the foundation of the world, God promised Brother Mayfield to his loving parents, William and Edna Mayfield, who were grounded in the word of God. Brother Mayfield not only lived in the Church, but he also lived and grew up three floors above the Glad Tidings Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York, which was co-pastored by his great aunt, Marie, and her husband, Fitz Carter. Brother Mayfield's dear Sister, Ruth Mayfield Ellerbe, nephew, Ronald Ellerbe, Jr, niece, Renee Ellerbe McCleod and our close Cousin core of Constance Boseman, Phyllis Johnson, Clifton "Brother" Johnson (deceased), and my Brother from another Mother, Ronald Prescott, remained dedicated to always encourage each other's Spirit, based on our Biblical teachings from the Church and in all our endeavors.

Brother Mayfield discovered his heart of servitude at a young age through volunteerism and continued serving in his adult years by being employed in several public service positions, until retiring in mid-2020's. In the early 2000's, Brother Mayfield began serving in the St. John Baptist Church as an Usher and received certifications from the State of Virginia and National training curricula. Brother Mayfield was selected and confirmed by the congregation to serve as a Trustee, and Trustee Ministry Lead. In 2012, under the leadership and tenure of Pastor Charles A. Hall, Brother Mayfield was presented to the congregation and was selected to continue serving as a Trustee and as the Church Treasurer of the St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria. In 2016, through the unction of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Hall announced God's desire for him to train, instruct and Ordain his Minister and three brothers from our congregation. By the Grace of God, Brother Mayfield was selected as one of the brothers to be set aside to serve our God, His Church, and His children. The Bible says in Proverbs 18:22, that, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord," and God has certainly Blessed me by sending me my Wife, Deaconess Hope R. Mayfield, over forty years ago! I thank God for our Children, Keshia (deceased), Marcus, William Tres', III, Tiffany and Trevor, who have given us the Blessing and legacy of 12 Grandchildren and one Great-Grandson. (Brittany, Elijah, Brandon, Jaden, Xavier, William True, IV, Mazi Hope, Nori, Cruz, Zaire, Logan, Victor and Jaxxon).

Deacon Freddie Sellers

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16 KJV

Deacon Freddie Sellers was born in Cheraw South Carolina to Sister Lizzie and Fred Sellers. The Lord blessed brother Freddie with ten siblings, five brothers and five sisters; the Lord has called some of them home. Deacon Sellers's parents were believers of Jesus Christ, and as a result brother Freddie was baptized at an early age at the Macedonia Baptist Church. Freddie left home at the age of sixteen seeking greater opportunities for his life. He arrived in Alexandria, Virginia in 1976, and was able to secure a job with Frazer Brick Company located on Fayette Street in Alexandria. It was also in Alexandria that he met the love of his life, sister Ondria Griffin, they were married in 1991, and God has blessed this union with thirty-two years of marriage. Deacon Sellers is the proud father of two daughters Tamala and Eda, and a stepson Ricardo. Prior to his death, Deacon Sellers truly enjoyed spending time with his brother Yarn, who was also his best friend. In 1995, Deacon Sellers started working for Kesterson Plumbing, where he is currently employed. Even on the job Deacon Sellers is always looking for an opportunity to share his love of Jesus Christ, and to share his personal testimony.

Deacon Sellers joined the St. John Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Pointer. However, it was under the leadership of Pastor Charles A. Hall that Deacon Sellers started to grow closer to the Lord, while surrendering more of himself to the Lord. Deacon Sellers is a tireless worker within St John, his steadfast commitment and dedication to the Facility Care Ministry is a living testament to Freddie's love of God and His people. In 2016, the St. John Baptist Church selected and appointed Brother Sellers as a Deacon in training candidate, and he has satisfied completely the requirements for this position as called out by the word of God. Deacon Sellers is a faithful prayer warrior, who has served as a prayer platoon leader within St John. Deacon Sellers is a living example of a humbled servant of the most high God.

Deacon Charles Jones Jr.

Brethren, I count myself not to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14 KJV

Charles Jones Jr. was born on May 29, 1945, in Alexandria, Virginia to the late Charles Jones Sr. and Mildred Jones. God has blessed Deacon Jones with seven children, one daughter, and six sons (1 deceased). Charles was educated in the Alexandria City Public Schools System. Charles enlisted into the US Army during the Vietnam War on March 23, 1966, and transitioned to civilian life on December 18, 1967.

In 1973, Charles began working for the City of Alexandria in the Recreation & Parks Department. After five years, he transferred to the Sanitation Department where he remained for an additional eight years. In 1993, Charles joined the Department of the Interior National Park Service and served as a long-tenured employee for 20 years, until his retirement in 2013.

As a native of the city, Charles is referred to as an “*Old Time Alexandrian*,” in his leisure time he loved to gather with the guys, which did not leave him much time for God. For many years, he lived a life separated from God, and on his way to hell. However, one day by the grace of God he heard the true gospel preached by Pastor Charles A. Hall at his cousin’s homegoing. Although he had heard the gospel many times, this time it was different. This was on a Saturday, the next day he honored a commitment he made at the homegoing to attend Sunday service at St. John Baptist Church, where he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and has never looked back.

In April 2014, Charles joined St. John Baptist Church and was baptized by Pastor Hall on May 1, 2014. Almost immediately, Brother Charles became a faithful worker in the church, and a resolute church van driver. He took immense joy and satisfaction in picking up and taking care of St. John’s Seasoned Saints Ministry members who rode the van to worship service.

In April 2016, he was called to serve in the Diaconate Ministry. Deacon Jones is a faithful and tireless servant at St. John while serving in various capacities to include in the Facility Care Ministry, assisting in the food distribution program as well as being a prayer warrior and serving as a prayer platoon leader. Deacon Jones knows that he is the recipient of an abundant amount of Grace, as a result he realizes that there is much expected of him.

Minister Myron Contee

Also, I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8 KJV

Minister Myron Contee is the only son of Mr. Earl and Virginia Contee. Myron's parents were God fearing Christians who raised him and his beloved older sister the late Gwendolyn Elmore with Christian values. Born and raised in Alexandria, VA, Myron attended T.C. Williams High School and graduated in 1974. After high school Myron embarked on a journey at George Mason University (GMU), whereby the grace of God he was a standout basketball player. For many years, Myron lost sight of his Christian upbringing and as a result he drifted away from God. Thank God, that God never lost sight of Myron, nor did God ever forsake him, His hand was always on him. In 1994, Myron heard the gospel preached at Tabernacle Baptist and a significant transformation occurred, and Myron surrendered his life to the Lord. In the process, God brought him from the lowest time in his life to a new life in Jesus Christ. Myron began volunteering with the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry at the Alexandria Adult Detention Center, offering spiritual guidance to inmates.

He would later be licensed to preach the gospel in 2000, under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Jeffery Wheeler at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Alexandria. Through the abundant grace, and mercy of God, Myron was able to attend Capital Bible Institute to formally gain a deeper understanding of His Holy Word in 2004. By the grace and favor of God, God allowed Myron to serve faithfully at Tabernacle Baptist Church for 18 years. In 2013, the Holy Spirit led Myron to join the St John Baptist Church, under the mentorship of Pastor Charles A. Hall, who is also a son of the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Under the leadership of Pastor Hall, Myron has surrendered more of himself to the Lord, and he has continued to grow spiritually. Minister Contee is a committed servant of the Lord at St. John and participates in many ministries, including Trustee, facility care, food bank distribution, and serves as a prayer platoon leader. He is also an able preacher and teacher of the Word of God when called upon.

In 2010, Minister Contee was appointed as the Alexandria Jail Chaplain by Sheriff Dana Lawhorne. His Bible-based programs have touched the lives of inmates, staff, and their families. Myron understands the abundant grace that was given him, and as a result he works tirelessly to reach back to give others a helping hand in any way that he can. Myron has received many awards for his community service, however, for Myron it not about the rewards, but rather lifting the Name of Jesus whenever and wherever he can.

Myron is blessed to be married to sister Angela Contee, and together they have four children, and eight grandchildren. By God's grace Myron is blessed to be an entrepreneur, which has allowed him the opportunity and privilege to use His business to help others and to glorify God. He is incredibly grateful for his journey thus far and desires to continue by the grace of God to be usable for whatever God calls him to do.

The Call: Acts 6:1-7

And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations. ² Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. ³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. ⁴ But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. ⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: ⁶ Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. ⁷ And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Qualifications: 1 Timothy 3:1-13

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. ² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; ³ Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; ⁴ One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; ⁵ (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶ Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; ⁹ Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. ¹⁰ And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. ¹¹ Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. ¹² Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. ¹³ For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

The Ordination:

The purpose of ordination is to recognize men whom God has called, chosen, appointed, anointed, consecrated, and elevated for the work of ministry with more responsibility and accountability through biblical teaching and instruction.

The Examination

(Council & Candidates ~ By Invitation Only)

Saturday, October 28, 2023

9:30 a.m.



- Welcome /Light Continental Breakfast
- Closed Individual Examination by Ordination Council
- The Ordination Council
 - Pastor Charles A. Hall, Moderator
 - Pastor Phil Lewis, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Upperville, VA
 - Interim Pastor Roy Thomas, Mt. Salvation Baptist Church, Arlington, VA
 - Pastor Robert Yancey, St. Paul Baptist Church, Woodbridge, VA
 - Deacon Vincent Stewart, St. John Baptist Church of Alexandria
- Examination results
- Briefing with candidates
- Session concludes with prayer

Amen!

In Service to the Lord



The Ordination Service

Saturday, October 28, 2023

1:00 p.m.

Praise Music

Welcome / Greeting

Opening Prayer

Purpose for Gathering

Overview of Ordination Process

Introduction of Candidates / and Family

Presentation of Certificates

Laying on of Hands

Remarks from Newly Ordained Deacons and Reverend

Deacon William Mayfield Jr.

Deacon Freddie Sellers

Deacon Charles Jones Jr.

Reverend Myron Contee

Closing Remarks Pastor Charles A. Hall

Benediction / Closing

Refreshments - Fellowship Hall

Worship Service

Sunday, October 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Praise and Worship	SJBCOA Praise Team
Morning Prayer	Minister Brima Deen
Welcome	Deacon Clyde Pearson
Introduction of Honorees	Deacon Vincent Stewart
Introduction of Guest Preacher	Pastor Charles A. Hall
Music Selection	SJBCOA Praise Team
Gospel Message	Reverend Donald Hayes, Interim Pastor Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Arlington, VA
Invitation for Salvation	Reverend Donald Hayes
Special Presentations	Pastor Charles A. Hall
The Charge (Deacons, Reverend, Church & Pastor)	Reverend Donald Hayes
Special Prayer of Dedication for Honorees	Pastor Robert Yancey
Musical Selection	SJBCOA Praise Team
Bless the Food	Minister George Hampton
Benediction	Reverend Donald Hayes

Dinner Served in Fellowship Hall

But God!

Our Guest Preacher: Reverend Donald Hayes



Pastor Donald Hayes currently serves as the interim Pastor for Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Arlington, Virginia. Prior to his current assignment Pastor Hayes served as Pastor of the Oakland Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia from 2006 until 2022. A native of Washington, DC. He and his wife, Gloria, have two children – Kianna and Quentin, and two grandchildren.

Pastor Hayes has shown himself to be a capable teacher; nonetheless, he continues to be teachable and is a strong advocate for education and training. Most recently, he has received his MDIV at Liberty University, and he holds a Master’s Degree in Management and Leadership from Johns Hopkins University. He is passionate about proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, making the Word of God relevant in the lives of believers, and building the Kingdom of God in the congregation and community.

A resident of Alexandria, Virginia, Pastor Hayes has been employed with the Alexandria Police Department since 1981 and currently serves as Chief for the Department. During his tenure, he received numerous awards – including Officer of the Year

Sermon Notes:

Topic: _____

Scripture: _____

To Our Elder Statesmen

We Give Honor to God for your Leadership & Example

Today, as we continue our journey of service, we acknowledge those who came before us and paved the way and led by example. Our elder statesmen...

Pastor Charles A. Hall who with a stern and disciplined hand helped to shape and mold us into the servant leaders God is calling us to be through his preaching, teaching, labor of love and commitment. Ensuring we understand the weight and gravity of the responsibility we are undertaking is not to be taken lightly, but with meekness and humility. Recognizing it is not about us, but the God we serve and His people. Therefore, we represent and reflect God, Pastor Hall, the SJBCOA family, ourselves and our families in everything we undertake to do. We thank the Holy Spirit for revealing to Pastor Hall our teachable spirits and willingness to learn.

Deacon Emeritus Tom P. Heggs who at 99 years of age continues to be obedient to the call to serve. In 2019, the SJBCOA bestowed upon him the honorary title of "Emeritus," but that did not stop him from serving. He still visits the sick and shut-in, serving Communion, attending regular worship service and sharing his wisdom. As Pastor Hall often says, "God doesn't need your physicality, He needs your spirituality."

Deacon Vincent Stewart who has labored tirelessly and served as our mentor to prepare us for this day with his knowledge of God's word. His vast knowledge of God's word made it easy for him to share it in such a way it did not overwhelm, but could be easily digested and applied as it relates to service to others and the spiritual maturity mindset it requires.

Deacon Clyde Pearson who has demonstrated to us in deeds that there is no job too small when called upon. When we understand it is not about us, but Him that has called us into service. During his tenure at St. John, he has served in numerous capacities never seeking the limelight or recognition with a spirit of meekness and humility, always with a smile.

We recognize how fortunate and blessed we have been to sit under the tutorage of these four men. We humbly thank them for their leadership, mentorship, friendship and for pouring into us that we might be disciplined and ready to serve God and His people! We hope to make you proud of the time you have invested in us and that we can pay it forward in mentoring those that will follow us!

The Ordination Class of 2023

Thank You!

The SJBCOA family wants to thank each of you for your participation in these consecration services. Your presence made the occasion more special, and we appreciate your attendance greatly! May the blessings of the Lord overtake you and keep you.



Ministerial and Diaconate Ministry

Pastor Charles A. Hall

Reverend Myron Contee

Minister Brima Deen

Minister George Hampton

Deacon Emeritus Tom P. Heggs*

Deacon Vincent Stewart

Deacon Clyde Pearson*

Deacon William Mayfield Jr.

Deacon Freddie Sellers

Deacon Charles Jones Jr.

* Not pictured in above photo, but below



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