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The Community Church for All People

WELCOME

Our Mission is *to seek out, witness to, and disciple the unsaved and the unchurched in the inner city* - especially in the communities of Fairfield, Whitcomb, and Creighton Courts in the Greater Richmond Area.

We believe that God wants to use us to raise up a faith community who will be committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ - dedicated to the building of a community that models the gospel message through love for God, Self and Others.

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• FOUNDED MARCH 23, 1995 •



On Easter Sunday of 1994, the Lord planted in the heart of his servant, Pastor Patricia A. Gould-Champ, a burden for lost souls in the inner City of Richmond. This was the culmination of a year of intense yearning to know the will and direction of the Lord for her life. Having received this vision from the Lord, Pastor Gould-Champ, who was the Executive Minister at the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church at the time, pondered it in her heart and waited for further direction from the Lord. In May 1994, the Lord sharpened the vision to focus on Fairfield and Whitcomb Courts in the East End of the City of Richmond.

In the early fall of 1994, Pastor Gould-Champ informed Pastor Darrel Rollins that her time and ministry at Thirty-First Street was drawing to an end. Within a few months, it was revealed that Pastor Rollins was very ill and in dire need of a liver transplant. It was a very difficult time in the life of Thirty-First Street Baptist Church. During this time, Pastor Gould-Champ continued to minister to the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church family and provided leadership in the absence of Pastor Rollins.

In November 1994, it was revealed to Pastor Gould-Champ by the Spirit of God that not only would Pastor Rollins be healed, but Pastor Gould-Champ would be leaving to begin her ministry the first of the New Year. Pastor Rollins received his new liver on the week after Thanksgiving and was discharged from the hospital in seven days. On December 7, 1994, Pastor Gould-Champ visited Pastor Rollins at his home and revealed to him the vision that the Lord had given to her. He received it with great joy, pledged his support, and offered to lead Thirty-First Street in becoming the planting church.

It was with much joy that the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church family received a healed Pastor Rollins to the pulpit on the first Sunday in January 1995. On February 13, 1995 at the Annual Church Conference, Pastor Gould-Champ revealed the vision to the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church Family, and they were led to support the ministry by agreeing to continue to pay Pastor Gould-Champ's salary until January 1996. Also, other resources were offered as needed; and those members who felt so led were encouraged to be a part of the ministry.

On March 5, 1995, the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church held its annual appreciation service for Pastor Gould-Champ at the 11:00 a.m. Service with Reverend Dr. Terri Griffin-Price, Pastor of the Bainbridge-Blackwell Unity Baptist Church, as the guest preacher. Pastor Gould-Champ preached her farewell sermon to the Thirty-First Street Baptist Church on Sunday, March 26, 1995. The sermon was entitled, "When It's Time to Leave the Mountain" (Deuteronomy 1: 4.)

On Thursday, March 23, 1995 at 7:00 p.m., the initial meeting of the Faith Community Baptist Ministry was held at the old Cool Lane Bowling Alley. There were approximately 279 persons in attendance, and 23 persons came forth to stand with the ministry. We were officially set aside as a Baptist church on Sunday, June 6, 1995 by the Shiloh Baptist Association of Virginia.

God has truly blessed us and we are excited about all that God will do. Faith Community Baptist Ministry is founded on the premise that God desires to raise up a “faith community” in the heart of the inner city that will model the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through love for God, self, and others and empower the community spiritually, economically, educationally, and socially.



ABOUT OUR PASTOR & FOUNDING VISIONARY



DR. PATRICIA GOULD-CHAMP has served faithfully as the Pastor and Founding Visionary of the Faith Community Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia for the past nineteen years. Her thirty-three year ministry career has focused on service to the least and the left out. The overwhelming goal and desire of her preaching and teaching is that people be saved, delivered and empowered to live as God's people in this world. Through her leadership, FAITH continues to serve the communities of Fairfield, Whitcomb, and Creighton Courts in the East End of the City of Richmond through such staple outreach ministries as the Tuesday Feeding Ministry, Spring Bible and Economic Enrichment Camp, and the R.I.S.E. (Respect, Integrity, Success and Empowerment) Women's Empowerment Group, a 24-week, intimate focus group for the women in Fairfield, Whitcomb, and Creighton Courts.



OUR SYMBOL & LOGO

Our logo is **RED, GREEN and BLACK**. The arms uplifted to God symbolize God's promise to raise up in the heart of this community a faith community. At the heart of all of our searching is the Cross of Jesus Christ which represents God's grace and mercy. The person is each of us and each of our brothers and sisters. It speaks to who we are as a people constantly seeking God and constantly striving to be the community church for all people.

The colors represent the fact that we are an African American church who is *united with our people*.

RED represents the blood that has been shed in our struggle for freedom and liberation. **GREEN** represents the land of our fore parents Mother Africa. **BLACK** represents both us as a people and oppressed people everywhere.