

In 1865, thirty members of Bank Street Baptist Church began praying in a tent abandoned by Union soldiers after the culmination of the Civil War. These meetings were later moved to the homes of the various members. On April 15, 1868, these individuals received letters of dismissal from Bank Street Baptist and left to begin a new church led by Reverend Samuel S. Jones.

The new church was initially called Cedar Grove Baptist, receiving its name from the cedar trees that lined the road to the church. An empty plantation building served as the first church building and services were held in a large upper room. The congregation soon outgrew the plantation building and moved to a new worship hall on the corner of Pine and Walnut Streets. Reverend Richard Wright was elected the new pastor of Cedar Grove Baptist. Reverend Wright began fund-raising for a new hall of worship, but passed away prior to completion. Reverend Madison Lewis served as pastor for nearly 10 years and was leading the church at the completion of First Baptist Church Montaland. Unfortunately, the Montaland church building was devastated by a fire in 1908 and a new church could not be constructed until 1910. After the fire, the congregation met at the local Masonic Hall.

In 1910, the new church building, named First Baptist Church, Berkley, opened its doors to the Norfolk community. Throughout the church's entire history, First Baptist Church, Berkley has had a rich legacy of outreach. During the Great Depression, under the leadership of Reverend John Carter Diamond, the church helped feed the community by opening soup kitchens and bread lines. The church created a nursery and hired unemployed mothers to supplement their family income. With a focus on education, the nursery was converted into a church kindergarten.

In 1963, Reverend William Tyree, Jr. began his pastorship with a philosophy of educating the congregation. Under his leadership, several classes were created to benefit all members of the church. Through his strong belief in education, Reverend Tyree formed the Tri-Committee, which focused on the church's outreach into the community through social and civic engagement. Reverend Tyree recognized the need for a new church facility and led the congregation in an effort to build the current location of First Baptist Church, Berkley at Berkeley Avenue and Culpepper Street, which opened on June 22, 1986. Reverend Tyree served the church for more than 32 years before his passing on December 23, 1994. His son, William D. Tyree, III, began his pastorship in May of 1996 and continues to serve the church today.

Over the last 150 years, 13 pastors have served the church's congregation—Rev. Samuel S. Jones, Rev. Richard Wright, Rev. Madison Lewis, Rev. H.L. Barco, Rev. Sutton Griggs, Rev. J.H. Randolph, Rev. W.R. Slade, Rev. Lafayette Sharpe, Rev. A.O. Bello, Rev. John Carter Diamond, Rev. Noel C. Taylor, Rev. William D. Tyree, Jr., and Rev. William D. Tyree, III.

Mr. Speaker, as First Baptist Church, Berkley of Norfolk, Virginia celebrates this historic milestone, the congregation can rejoice in 150 years of successful discipleship and public service in the Hampton Roads community. I would like to congratulate the 13th pastor of First Baptist Church, Berkley, Reverend William D. Tyree, III, and all of the members of

the church's congregation on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary. I wish them many more years of fellowship and dedicated service to the community.

JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL
ARCHERY TEAM

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Jefferson Middle School Archery Team from Champaign, Illinois for the continued and outstanding success of their program.

At the state competition this past March, the Jefferson Archery Team brought home the state championship title in the middle school division for the third straight year.

The Jefferson Team had five individual medalists at the state competition as Breanna Velez took 3rd place and Maddy Brown took 4th place in the female division, while Luke Miller took 1st place, Spencer Weis took 2nd place, and Ivan Chu took 4th place in the male division.

I would like to congratulate these five outstanding archers on their success and the entire Jefferson Archery Team on their 3rd consecutive state title.

I am truly proud to represent this group of exceptional student-athletes, and I wish them the best of luck as they represent the entire state of Illinois in competition for the national title in May:

Spencer Weis, Breanna Velez, Chikako Barnes, Maddy Brown, Jacob Rosenbaum, Cayla Risinger, Joel Everett, Lucas Brown, Luke Miller, Clayton Knierim, Isaac Stevens, Olivia Geis, Noga Adar, Ben Hannauer, Nathan Yahnke, Tristan Summers, Trevor Bolland, Benjamin Kirkland, Anthony Erlinger, Lauryn Henry, Nicole Olivier, Jacob Rice, Gage Miller, Henry Hornbrook, and Ivan Chu.

RECOGNIZING CHILD HOME AND
COMMUNITY'S 35TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of 35 years of commitment to young mothers of Bucks and Montgomery counties by Child Home and Community.

Working with local schools and hospitals, Child Home and Community provides assistance and educational opportunities for young parents from all backgrounds to be better, healthier parents.

CHC's programs—including free childbirth classes, support groups, career counseling and other advocacy services—help address real needs in our communities and bring about tangible benefits for participants, including becoming "more likely to stay in school and graduate, find employment with good benefits, prepare their children for school and become productive members of the community."

As a supporter of this worthwhile organization and their more than three decades of

dedication, it is an honor to mark their 35th anniversary and celebrate with them and the thousands of young families they have supported.

Congratulations and continued success in Bucks and Montgomery counties to everyone at Child Home and Community.

RECOGNIZING THE 2015 TOWN OF
VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT
VALOR AWARD RECIPIENTS PRE-
SENTED BY THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of men and women in Northern Virginia. These individuals have demonstrated superior dedication to public safety and have been awarded the prestigious Valor Award by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

This is the 37th Annual Valor Awards sponsored by the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. This event honors the remarkable heroism and bravery in the line of duty exemplified by our public safety officers. Our public safety and law enforcement personnel put their lives on the line every day to keep our families and neighborhoods safe. This year's ceremony will recognize 93 individuals in a variety of categories including: the Lifesaving Certificate, the Certificate of Valor, and the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Medal of Valor.

Three members of the Town of Vienna Police Department are being honored this year for their exceptional service.

It is with great pride that I submit the names of the following Valor Award recipients:

Certificate of Valor Recipients:

Police Officer John Digan

Police Officer Marcos Herrera

Master Police Officer Tim Seitz

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 2015 Valor Award Recipients, and thank each of the men and women who serve in the Town of Vienna Police Department. Their efforts, made on behalf of the citizens of our community, are selfless acts of heroism and truly merit our highest praise. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding this group of remarkable citizens.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, on the dates of February 24 through March 3 of this year, I was away from the Capitol tending to a family medical situation that required my presence. Due to these unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to vote on any legislative measures on the floor during this time.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass HR 212, Roll Call Vote #84, had I been present I would have voted yes.

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass HR 734, Roll Call Vote #85, had I been present I would have voted yes.