

**Friendship Baptist Church**

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Bayonne, New Jersey 07002*

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# Mother's Day Tribute



**Mrs. Rebecca Gibson-Mays**

**“Mother of the Year”**

**2017**



Rev. H. Gene Sykes, Pastor  
Margaret Hamiel, President FBC Matron's League

# **A Woman of Strength**

*A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape ...but a woman of strength kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape...*

*A strong woman isn't afraid of anything...but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of her fear...*

*A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her...but a woman of strength gives the best of herself to everyone...*

*A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future...a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be God's blessings and capitalizes on them...*

*A strong woman walks sure footedly...but a woman of strength knows God will catch her when she falls...*

*A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face ...but a woman of strength wears grace...*

*A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey...but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong...*

**GOD BLESS YOU WOMEN OF STRENGTH**



# Rebecca Gibson-Mays

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Born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania she arrived in Bayonne at the age of one-years old.

She had attended Bayonne Public Schools through High School and had attended a private Baptist College in Kansas.

Baptized at the age of seven, she has been a member of Friendship Baptist Church for over 50 years. She played for the Buds of Promised (presently called Voices of Promise) for 15 years. She also had played for the Senior Choir for seven years. She was a member of the Usher Board, Church's Aid and currently a member of the Senior Choir and Educational Board.

Now a retired kindergarten and pre-K school teacher of 31 years, she had taught in the Newark Public schools. Over the years, she had received numerous recognition in education including: Teacher of the Year Award; The Governor's Award; Instructional Excellence Award; Colloquium Award for Integration of Curriculum; and Colloquium Award for Innovative Practice for starting a Dance Program -- that is now a part of the Newark School System.

She has one son, a retired Marine Sergeant, and he is the love of her life along with her three grandchildren, that she cherishes. She also has a one godson, who she is very proud of as well. She has been married to a devoted husband for 27 years.

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Dear Lord, bless the one, who receives this today;  
Send laughter, love contentment her way,  
Give peace to her heart and tenderly guide her,  
Now and forever, Lord please walk beside her.



## The Matron's League

of

Friendship Baptist Church

Has Selected to Honor a Very Personable Lady  
of this Church as their  
Mother Of The Year

**OUR CHOSEN**

**2017**

**MOTHER OF THE YEAR**

**Mrs. Rebecca Gibson-Mays**



**ON THIS SPECIAL DAY WE SALUTE ALL:  
MOTHERS, AUNTS, STEPMOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS,  
GODMOTHERS, MOTHERS-TO-BE  
and MOTHER FIGURES  
Making a difference in a Child's Life!!**

# Mother's Day Tribute 2017

Margaret Hamiel, President 

## In Honor Of

Gina Battle

Karen Worrell

Rose Lewis

Bettie Coffey

Charlene Edwards

Vernda Andrews

Charlene Benefield

Carolyn Ramey

Sherry Heard

Ann Evans

Karen Worrell

Beatrice Small

First Lady Fannie Sykes

Christine Gayle

Victoria Freeman

Kim Hightower

Emma Ashley

Delorice G. Webb

Deborah McQuilla

Phyllis Thomas

Anne Comet

Lynda Bryant

Mary Truesdale

Bettye Cunningham

Carol Johnson

Ramona Brown

Verne Hughes

Ruth Johnson

Doreen Jones

Keiana Williams

Nancy Barnes

Shirle Green

Nancy Barnes

Barbara Bates

Mary Cooper

Susanne Gerald

Theresa Cannon

Diane Golden

Jean Pate

Gloria Bethea

Vernette Hughes

Lona Wall

LaToya Hamiel

Dorothy Adams

Veronica Brown

Thomasine Parker

Edith Willmott Westpy

Lucille Major

Cheryl McQuilla Nelson

Mary Susie Gibson

Lanisa Shivers

Monica Madison

Gene Neely

Lorraine Atkinson

Ellen McMurray

Susie Gibson

Margaret Hamiel

Donna Rose

Lillian Figueroa

Lorell Robinson

Cheryl Robins

Leticia Wise

Katherine McQuilla

Ceceal Roberts

JoAnn Taylor

Gladys Doe

Adella Collins

Margaret Hamiel

Lisa Brown

Ramona Brown

Rebecca Mays

Carrie Lawson

Marcia Jordan

Helen Glover

Andrea Ruffin

Helen Florence

Samantha D. Howard

Gwendolyn Wise

Judith Kalifa

Gretha Gee

Pumeza Dhlamini

Beatrice Jones

Elenor Carter

Shareena Washington

Tanja Searls

Ethel Redd

Lena Young

Theresa Cannon

Tecora Brown

Melanie Orriols

Rethel McKinnie

Fannie Sykes



# Mother's Day Tribute 2017

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## In Memory Of

Elizabeth Carter  
Ardella Packer  
Lillian Simpson  
Grace Glover  
Marris Glover  
Sarah Curtis  
Agnes Barnes  
Ruth Borroum  
Margaret Jackson  
Marion Burroughs  
Elizabeth Lane  
Fannie Hamm  
Ann King  
Hester Savage  
Alma Wise

Catherine Bingham  
Louise Bell  
Dorothy Cumming  
Eva Johnson  
Fannie Hamm  
Mattie Brown  
Lonnie Neely  
Carolyn Miller  
Mary Nelson  
Madge Geer  
Janie Jackson  
Cathrine Morris  
Fannie Brown  
Ella Warren  
Mary Savage

Annie L. Fowler  
Rosalie Hughes  
Hattie Johnson  
Sonny Johnson  
Beatrice Hudgens  
Ophello Sullivan  
Elizabeth Carter  
Brenda Hicks  
Victoria Scuggs  
Ethel Glover  
Arlene Dameron  
Mary Perkins  
Helen Chapman  
Roszina Varmun

Charlene Benefield 

## In Honor Of

All Devoted and Dedicated Mothers and Those that are touching someone by fulfilling the roll as a Mother

## In Memory of

All Devoted and Dedicated Mothers That Have Gone on to Glory



## Mother's Day Tribute 2017

Lisa Brown 

### In Honor Of

All Beloved & Righteous Mothers of Friendship

### In Memory of

All Deceased Mothers of Friendship

Theresa Cannon 

### In Honor Of

Fannie Sykes

Tiffanni Hughes

Shadaya Ramey

Ruby Borders

Dorothy Greene

Betty Esterling

Precious Andrews

Rolyn Wilson

Gwendolyn Alexander

Christine Gayle

Jessicah Brown

Karen Worrell

Delores Bennett

Ruth Livingston

Kecia Shivers

Fannie Sykes

Emma Yelverton

Geraldine Kee

Carolyn Ramey

Tenisha Ramey

Vern Hughes

Vivian Crooks

Florence Garland

Jenifer Soprano

Pamela Borroum

Jacqueline Waller

Wilette Andrews

### In Memory Of

Bernice Cannon

Janice Andrews

Ruth Finley

Karen Pharnes

Maggie Crooks

Tonja Richardson

Hazel Johnson

Rosalie Hughes

Bessie Johnson

Arlene Dameron

Mary Rose Griffin

Ella Wilson

Delores Kemp

Estelle Crooks

Diane Crooks

Lula Lee

Sallie Turner

Euzzell Priolean

Madge Geer

Ella Raines

Saundra Smith

Lorraine Baskerville

Ernestine Morrison

Arlene Dameron

Lettie Johnson

Lenora Ellis

Gertrude Dixon

Janie Jackson



# Mother's Day Tribute 2017

Betty Cunningham 

*In Honor Of*

Mildred Brown

Brenda Branch

Ann Jones

*In Memory Of*

Alice Brown

Diane Golden 

*In Honor Of*

Helen Simmons

*In Memory Of*

Anna L. Williams

Ann Hertz

Estelle Rock

Julie Mae Chapman

Elizabeth Miller

Sidney Hagans 

*In Honor Of*

Jean Young-Hagans

*In Memory Of*

Mary Curtis

Mary Hagans





Kim Hightower 

**In Honor Of**

Christine Gayle  
Helen Glover  
Kelly Gayle  
Karen Worrell  
Carolina Jones  
Nancy Barnes  
Gladys Doe  
Carrie Lawson  
Emma Ashley  
Dorothy Adams  
Fannie Sykes  
Margaret Hamiel  
Ceceal Roberts

Lucille Singleton-Major  
Mary Gilbert  
Constance Smith  
Ramona Brown  
Rebecca Gibson-Mays  
Harriet Harris  
Joanne Elder  
Irene Bell  
Theresa Cannon  
Jean Pate  
Jane Roberts  
Charlene Benefield  
Vernda Andrews

Lynda Bryant  
Cheryl Jefferson  
Charlene Edwards  
Ellen McMurray  
Vern Hughes  
Bernice Hall-Williams  
Carol Ramey  
Lona Wall  
Marcia Jordan  
Lisa R Brown  
Diane Golden  
Michelle Johnson

**In Memory Of**

Allean Johnson  
Dolores "Honey" Johnson  
Hattie Mae Smith  
Eva Jones  
Ethel Holmes  
Hattie Johnson  
Susan McQuilla-Gayle  
Rosa McQuilla-Gayle

Wilhelmina Wilson  
Ruth McQuilla-Pyke  
Pearl Sessions  
Ollie Irwin  
Loretta Brown-Williams  
Elizabeth "Betsy" Bennett  
Willie Mae Foxworth  
Elvira Stovall

Edna Bell  
Elizabeth Lane  
Rebecca Warren  
Catherine Bingham  
Arlene Dameron  
Janie Jackson  
Martha Purnell  
Estella Worrell



## Mother's Day Tribute 2017

Rose Lewis 

**In Memory of**

Doris Harris  
Naomi Mack  
Wilmona Moore  
Grayce Scott  
Catherine Bingham

Erma Harris  
Ethel Redd  
Cleurus Wilcox  
Ethel Golfphin  
Geneva Harris

Emma Dixon  
Louise Holland  
Clyde Ledbetter  
Janie Jackson  
Iris Jackson

Lucille Major 

**In Honor Of**

Theresa Cannon  
Margaret Hamiel  
Lisa Brown  
Martha Douglas  
Jean Pate  
Dorothy Adams  
Rebecca Mays  
Latoya Thomas  
Aqurty Farmer  
Carolina Jones  
Ceceal Roberts

First Lady Fannie Sykes  
Charlene Benefield  
Carolyn Ramey  
Bernice Hall  
Romona Brown  
Marcia Jordan  
Diane Barker  
Shirle Green  
Verne Hughes  
Carrie Lawson  
Rose Lewis

Christine Gayle  
Diane Golden  
Helen Glover  
Janie Roberts  
Sherry Heard  
Pumeza Dhlamini  
Gina Battle  
Kathy McQuilla  
Karen Worrell  
Emma Ashley

**In Memory Of**

Rosalie Hughes Lane  
Elizabeth Lane  
Arlene Demeron  
Clyde Ledbetter

Madge Geer  
Janie Jackson  
Willie Mae Foxworth  
Ethel Redd

Ethel Grace  
Catherine Bingham  
Edna Bell  
Everlina Cody



## Mother's Day Tribute 2017

Deborah McQuilla 

### In Honor Of

Ramona Brown  
Jacqueline Davis  
Rebecca Mays  
Roxy Harrington  
Deborah McQuilla

Ramona Brown  
Deborah McQuilla  
Sussanne Gerald  
Keisha McQuilla

Helen Florence  
Ramona Brown  
Keisha Smith  
Annie Byrd

### In Memory Of

Mary McQuilla  
Everette Jackson  
Mary McQuilla  
Annie W. Glover

Ethel Glover  
Maggie Harris  
Alvenia Golden  
Lizzie B. Glover

Mary McQuilla  
Lawanda Harris  
Callie Gallermore  
Mary McQuilla

Ceceal Roberts 

### In Honor Of

Margret Hamiel  
Lucille Major  
Dianne Barker  
Pumaza Dhlamini  
Ramona Brown

Gwen Wise  
Kim Hightower  
Christine Gail  
Helen Glover  
Charlene Edwards

Helen McMurray  
Kathy McQuilla  
Bernice Hall-Williams  
Vern Hughes  
Ana Sosa

### In Memory Of

Enid Ismay Maynard  
Yolanda Eurline Terry

Lois Joseph  
utila Roberts

Mary Bachelor

**GOD BLESS YOU WOMEN OF FAITH & STRENGTH**



**Photo Left to Right:** Sis. Lisa Brown, Sis Theresa Cannon, Sis Margaret Hamiel, Deaconness Christine Gayle, Sis. Diane Golden



*Friendship Baptist Church*

**Matron's League Members:**

Sis. Margaret Hamiel, President

Sis. Lisa Brown

Sis. Theresa Cannon

Sis. Betty Cunningham

Deaconness Christine Gayle

Sis. Gretha Gee

Sis. Diane Golden

Sis. Deborah McQuilla

Deaconness Ceceal Roberts



Thank you for being here at Friendship Baptist Church on a very special  
Mother's Day Service for Sunday, May 14, 2017.



### **A Mother's Day Tribute**

#### **Mothers**

Believe in us more than we believe in ourselves  
Do more for us than they do for themselves  
Worry about us more than we realize  
Pray for us more than we'll ever know  
Value us more than anything else in the world  
Give us more than they can afford  
Love us more than anyone else can  
Matter more than words can express!!



Have a Blessed & Happy Mother's Day!