

Sunday, August 13

Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

Senior Pastor

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens

Somerset, NJ

The Great Preachers Series

Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr., Senior Pastor
Donna Soaries, First Lady

Order of Worship

7:00 am & 9:00 am

Praise & Worship

Call to Worship

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Responsive Reading

FBC Music & Arts Ministry

Welcome

Pastoral Prayer*

Baby Dedication**

FBC Music & Arts Ministry

Proclamation of the Word

Invitation to Discipleship

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

Benediction

* 7 a.m. Service only

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11:30 am

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Jesus Walks on the Water

Matthew 14:22-33

Minister: Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

Congregation: After Jesus had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

Minister: Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

Congregation: When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

Minister: But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

Congregation: "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," Jesus said.

Minister: Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Congregation: Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

ALL: Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Offertory Prayer

Sovereign God, we give these tithes and offerings in response to your unconditional love towards us. Amen.



Care and Nurture

Pastoral Care Report as of August 9, 2017

Senior Members Homebound

John Alston, Vernell Bellinger, Beatrice Brown, Janette Callahan, Mildred Cannady, Marjorie Carden, Linwood Greene, Milton & Flossie Jackson, Garvester Kelley, Sr., Inez Moss, Beulah Slaughter, Eva Taylor, Frank Taylor, Jeanette Wilson, Martha Witt, Laura Sutton

Members in Nursing Homes

Arista Care at Cedar Oaks - Nina Douglas
Atrium Senior Living of Princeton - Dorothea Booker
Care One - Niki Chukunta
Genesis Health Care - Mabel Randell, Lottie Cathcart
Marcella Center - Rosalyn Robinson
McCarrick Care Center - Eddie Martin
Park Place Rehabilitation Center - Ada Greer
Regency Jewish Heritage Nursing Home - Shawn Montgomery, Erlene Chiles, Zelma Bishop Levels, Patricia Frazier
Somerset Woods Nursing Home - Lucy Faison, Fannie McCray
Stein Assisted Living - Tennie Green

Members in Nursing Homes (out of state)

Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation
Aljean Maeweather
Fieldston Lodge Rehabilitation and Nursing Home - Kaymarie Bartley

Members in Hospitalized

St. Peter's University Hospital - Elgie Neloms
University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center - Queen Hill

Members in Bereavement

Delores Prescott - loss of Brother
Patricia Gillenwater - loss of Brother

Deceased Members

Willis Franklin "Rickey" Sumter

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About Rev. Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr.

The Reverend Dr. DeForest B. Soaries, Jr. has served as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens (FBCLG) in Somerset, New Jersey since November 1990. His pastoral ministry focuses on spiritual growth, educational excellence, and economic empowerment. As a pioneer of faith-based community development, Dr. Soaries' impact on First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens (FBCLG) and the community has been tremendous.



In 1992, he founded the Central Jersey Community Development Corporation (CJCDC): a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that specializes in revitalizing distressed neighborhoods. In 1996, Soaries founded the Harvest of Hope Family Services Network, Inc. (HOH). This organization develops permanent solutions for children in the foster care system. From 1999 to 2002,

Dr. Soaries served as New Jersey's Secretary of State, making him the first African-American male to do so. He also served as the former chairman of the United States Election Assistance Commission, which was established by Congress to implement the "Help America Vote Act" of 2002. In 2005, Dr. Soaries launched the dfree® Financial Freedom Movement. The dfree® strategy teaches people how to break free from debt as a first step toward financial freedom. dfree® was featured in a 90 minute CNN documentary "Almighty Debt." His book "dfree®: Breaking Free from Financial Slavery" (Zondervan). The book was updated and reintroduced in 2015 under the current title of "Say Yes to No Debt: 12 Steps to Financial Freedom." He is also the author of "Meditations for Financial Freedom - Volumes 1&2."

Dr. Soaries currently serves as an independent director at three companies: Independence Realty Trust, Federal Home Loan Bank of New York and Ocwen Financial Corporation.

Dr. Soaries earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Fordham University, a Master of Divinity Degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from United Theological Seminary.

Dr. Soaries resides in Monmouth Junction, New Jersey with his wife, Donna, and twin sons.

Walking Up The King's Highway

My way gets brighter, my load gets lighter,
Walking up the King's Highway.
There's joy in knowing with Him I'm going,
Walking up the King's Highway.

Refrain:

It's a highway to heaven,
none can walk up there but the pure in heart.
It's a highway to heaven,
I am walking up the King's Highway.

Don't have to worry, don't have to hurry
Walking up the King's Highway.
Christ walks beside me, angels to guide me,
Walking up the King's Highway.

Refrain

If you're not walking, start while I'm talking
Walking up the King's Highway.
There'll be a blessing you'll be possessing,
Walking up the King's Highway.

Refrain