

The Church of the Year Award

Recipients

CELEBRATE RECOVERY!!!

Join the Voices For Recovery: Strengthening Families and Communities

September is designated as **National Recovery Month** and this year we're highlighting the importance of families, communities, and individuals sharing stories of recovery to encourage others to seek treatment, share their stories, and make a personal connection with the recovery movement.

Background: Fairfield Behavioral Health Services created the *Church of the Year Award* after several years of targeted collaboration with Fairfield County faith based organizations through the **Tobacco Prevention (2012-2014)**, **Healthy Eating Active Living (2012-2014)**, **Faith, Activity and Nutrition (FAN) (2014-2017)** initiatives.

Purpose: This award was created to recognize a partnering churches for outstanding contributions and support to *Fairfield Behavioral Health Services and the field of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and behavioral health*. Nominees for this award recognize the importance of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services. They recognize that preventing addiction allows for an overall reduction in chronic diseases, crime, dropouts, child abuse, and other public health concerns.

Eligibility & Criteria: A nominee must be a church in Fairfield County. Special consideration will be given to churches who have contributed, participated and supported activities or initiatives of Fairfield Behavioral Health Services. *For example: Tobacco Prevention, Healthy Eating Active Living, Faith, Activity and Nutrition (FAN), Faith Based Quarterly Meetings, Annual 5K Run/Walk in honor of Alcohol Awareness Month, contributions, referrals, funding and facility usage.* Must not have been a recipient within the last three (3) years.

2017

Bible Light Holiness Church – Ridgeway, SC

(Participated in tobacco prevention through the Faith Based Tobacco Education and Health Ministry Initiative; adopted a healthy living policy that they utilize during church functions; participated in the annual 5K Run/Walk honor of Alcohol Awareness Month with as many as 45 runners and walkers age 7-70; active FAN member with many church activities including a garden supported by all leaders and auxiliaries of the church; \$3000 contribution towards Fairfield Behavioral Health Services' new Outpatient Treatment Facility)



Front Row L to Right: Mr. Vernon Kennedy Sr. (FBHS Executive Director); Rev. Quincy Pringle (FBHS Board Chair); Ms. Jeanette Miller (Bible Light Holiness Church FAN Coordinator); Ms. Jerlean Cook ((Bible Light Holiness Church FAN Committee Member); Mrs. Jannita Gaston (FBHS Board Member); and Dr. Virginia Schafer (FBHS Board Member)