

Barbara Washington

Do you know that wonderful lady who is always smiling and who never fails to greet you with a hug every Sunday morning? That's right, it's Barbara Washington!

When Barbara walked into New Song for the first time, she felt like she was at home. "I felt like I had been here all my life. I said, 'This is it!'"

After moving to Baltimore with her second husband, Charles Washington, Barbara struggled to find a church. She said she didn't want just any church, but a church that was God-fearing. At New Song, Barbara found that. She found the church to be homey and friendly, and she loves Pastor Thurman's sermons. "He's a great teacher and a good preacher," she said.

A neighbor of Allyson Wilkerson, Barbara heard about New Song through her. Eight years later, the church is one of the things that keeps her in Baltimore, besides her husband.

A native of Nova Scotia, Canada, Barbara moved to Baltimore after she met her husband in Canada. Her family, including two beautiful daughters and six beautiful granddaughters, are still in Nova Scotia.

"It took quite awhile for me to stop being homesick," she said. But she knows if she moved now, she would miss New Song.

Since moving to Baltimore, Barbara has also switched careers. She began her time in the city working in hospitals but left for a less stressful line of work. Now she works at a downtown law firm as a receptionist.

"I like my job," she said. "God blessed me with it."

Barbara shares a commute to her downtown job with Allyson, and the two also visit women together in area nursing homes. They have made friends with several ladies over the years that they continue to see regularly. Barbara said she has a special place in her heart for the elderly. She has also helped out with the church fund-raising event and with communion setup.

Barbara makes the trip home to Canada usually twice a year, where she often eats fresh seafood. Barbara loves all kinds of seafood, especially shrimp and lobster. She also eats a lot of fruits and vegetables and occasionally likes to shop.