

First African Baptist Church Taps GermSweep South to Provide Air Monitoring System for Historic Facility

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Rhonda Houston (Chairwoman of Trustees), Randy Houston (Deacon First African Baptist), Derrek Curry (Executive Director GLV), Robert Horton (Owner GermSweep South), Reverend Marco George (Assistant Pastor First African Baptist), Charles Horton (Owner GermSweep South), Troy Cromwell (General Manager GermSweep)

As North America's oldest Black church, the First African Baptist Church has welcomed visitors to its historic facility for centuries. After leaving the facility, each visitor gained knowledge of the church, its home city and often so much more.

Before the global COVID-19 pandemic impacted every aspect of our lives, the First African Baptist Church offered tours three to four times each day, including weekends. While the pandemic initially brought the tours to a halt, they were recently relaunched to once daily tours during the week and weekends.

As cultural centers worldwide work to find ways to welcome the public again, First African announced today the selection of GermSweep South to provide indoor air quality monitoring services. Leveraging its innovative technology, GermSweep's monitoring system is designed to detect changes in airborne contaminant levels. Its proprietary Ventilation Performance Index

(VPI) and the Infection Risk Index use information received from Senseware monitors, to measure the harmful contaminants (CO₂, TVOC, PM₃, 1, 2.5 &10, and Ions).

“Use of GermSweep’s leading edge technology will help First African Baptist ensure the safety of our guests, which include thousands from across the world and our beloved congregants,” said Derrek Curry, GLV Executive Director. GLV is the church’s non-profit organization.

“We’re excited to share the GermSweep system’s technology with such a historic partner,” said Charles Horton, one of the GermSweep South’s owners. First African Baptist began use of the GermSweep System on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

“ GermSweep’s unique technology will allow First African Baptist to consistently monitor air quality leveraging information accessible from a dashboard system. As tracked there, the facility leader will have access to air quality information monitored by each sensor,” added Horton.

The Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) dashboard is a Cloud-based system that can be received on customer computers, laptops or mobile phone. It can also be programmed to send alerts to specific individuals when a threat to the indoor air quality is detected. It can detect Particulate Matter in the air as small as 0.3um, or the equivalent size of Covid-19 particles.