



*We start every yearly newsletter with "Mr. Baker's Corner" and I'd follow with "My 2 Cents". I procrastinated for quite some time when preparing this year's newsletter because I did not know what to put in his "corner". So, I decided to simply dedicate an actual corner of the newsletter to My Dad, also known as Mr. Baker, affectionately known to some as Mr. B. and to others as Steve! "You guys be safe out there!" -Mr. Baker*



# Baker's Tax and Accounting Service TaxMatters

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## MR. BAKER'S CORNER

## MY 2 CENTS

by Stephanie Fauntleroy

I think I have put off addressing you guys for as long as I possibly could but now it's time for my 2 Cents! 2017...WOW! I cannot begin to sum up the record book year 2017 was for not only myself and my family but for Baker's Tax Service and many of you reading this now. The world lost a great Man last year, but heaven certainly gained an angel. Those may not have been the words my father would've chosen but I choose to believe it; it's what gets me through. The belief that he is somewhere above me, pointing me in the right direction, shining lights when it gets dark and turning up the music when it gets to quiet. I imagine he's doing the same for the many people he touched over his lifetime; always steering folk in the right direction.

Well, I must say he steered me right off 603 Raleigh Place and over to 1875 Brightseat Road. I did not know how it was going to be done but we have moved out and moved on, in more ways than one. Mr. Baker wanted this move for us. Not just for me but for the entire Baker's Tax Service family. He wanted better parking (check), a safe place (check), accessibility (check) amongst other things. We have a new place you can call home;

same spirit just a new location. Just as before, our doors are always open.

I cannot continue without extending my deepest gratitude to all of you for your love and support during arguably the most difficult year of my life. Were it not for your cards, flowers, texts, phone calls, meals, kind words thoughts and prayers, I do not know where we would be today. So many of you lent helping hands far beyond the call of duty and for that I am eternally grateful. Don't ever let anyone tell you there aren't good people out here because I am a living testimony to the contrary, thanks to you all!

I'd like to take a moment to send out love and peace to all of the Baker's Tax family we've lost and ones we've gained. We are all better for having known you and will be better when we get to meet you.

I would be remiss if I did not set aside a very special Thank you to Ms. Sharee Bell. When you call the office and here that shrieky voice that you often mistake for me, that's Ms. Bell. Ms. Bell lost a lot too when we lost Mr. Baker but one thing she did not lose was her commitment and dedication to making BTAS thrive and remain successful. She was and still is my rock and I am deeply indebted and grateful to have her by my side as we welcome you into the new year, in our new BTAS home. Myself and Sharee along with other amazing women you know like Ms.

Joyce Campbell and Ms. Takiyah Carr and a few names you don't know but will soon enough, Ms. JaWuana Lindsey and Mrs. Deborah Gerald, are all ready and excited to offer you the same service and integrity you've come to expect from Baker's Tax and Accounting Service.



You may have noticed that not only are we in a new building, we have a new website and even a new way to submit your documents and request appointments. With all of the things that are new the one thing that has not and will not ever change is that you are our family. I know you. I know your Mother and your brother and your children. You've introduced me to your neighbors and your co-workers and now they are family too. When you walk through the door of BTAS you're walking into a place that cares. I know I speak for everyone at BTAS when I say, Welcome to BTAS in 2018, we're glad to have you back!