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FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- 23 Senior's Ministry 11am
- 27 Blood Pressure Screening 1pm-2pm

MARCH

- 1 Men's Ministry Hockey Outing 6:45pm
- 8-9 Women's 2-Day Event 6:30pm
- 16 Outreach Event & Cookout 10:00am

FBC MISSION STATEMENT

"Exalt the Savior"
 "Equip the Saint"
 "Evangelize the Sinner"

Grace

Grace, which comes from the Greek New Testament word *charis*, is God's unmerited favor. It is kindness from God that we don't deserve. There is nothing we have done nor can ever do to earn this favor. It is a gift from God. Grace is divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration (rebirth) or sanctification; a virtue coming from God; a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine favor.

Webster's New World College Dictionary provides this theological definition of grace: "The unmerited love and favor of God toward human beings; divine influence acting in a person to make the person pure, morally strong; the condition of a person brought to God's favor through this influence; a special virtue, gift, or help given to a person by God."

God's Grace and Mercy

In Christianity, God's grace and God's mercy are often confused. Although they are similar expressions of his favor and love, they possess a clear distinction. When we experience God's grace, we receive favor that we do not deserve. When we experience God's mercy, we are spared punishment that we do deserve.

Amazing Grace

God's grace is truly amazing. Not only does it provide for our salvation, it enables us to live an abundant life in Jesus Christ:

2 Corinthians 9:8

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." (ESV)

God's grace is available to us at all times, for every problem and need we face. God's grace frees us from slavery to sin, guilt, and shame. God's grace allows us to pursue good works. God's grace enables us to be all that God intends us to be. God's grace is amazing indeed.

(Grace cont'd)

Examples of Grace in the Bible

John 1:16-17

"For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." (ESV)

Romans 3:23-24

"... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ..." (ESV)

Romans 6:14

"For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace." (ESV)

Ephesians 2:8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ..." (ESV)

Titus 2:11

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people ..." (ESV)

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry



HYMN OF THE MONTH

“AMAZING GRACE”

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung

History

"Amazing Grace" is a Christian hymn published in 1779, with words written by the English poet and Anglican clergyman John Newton (1725–1807).

Newton wrote the words from personal experience. He grew up without any particular religious conviction, but his life's path was formed by a variety of twists and coincidences that were often put into motion by others' reactions to what they took as his recalcitrant insubordination. He was pressed (conscripted) into service in the Royal Navy, and after leaving the service, he became involved in the Atlantic slave trade. In 1748, a violent storm battered his vessel off the coast of County Donegal, Ireland, so severely that he called out to God for mercy, a moment that marked his spiritual conversion. He continued his slave trading career until 1754 or 1755, when he ended his seafaring altogether and began studying Christian theology.

Ordained in the Church of England in 1764, Newton became curate of Olney, Buckinghamshire, where he began to write hymns with poet William Cowper. "Amazing Grace" was written to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day of 1773. It is unknown if there was any music accompanying the verses; it may have simply been chanted by the congregation. It debuted in print in 1779 in Newton and Cowper's Olney Hymns but settled into relative obscurity in England. In the United States, however, "Amazing Grace" was used extensively during the Second Great Awakening in the early 19th century. It has been associated with more than 20 melodies, but in 1835, it was joined to a tune named "New Britain" to which it is most frequently sung today.



With the message that forgiveness and redemption are possible regardless of sins committed and that the soul can be delivered from despair through the mercy of God, "Amazing Grace" is one of the most recognizable songs in the English-speaking world. Author Gilbert Chase writes that it is "without a doubt the most famous of all the folk hymns", and Jonathan Aitken, a Newton biographer, estimates that it is performed about 10 million times annually. It has had particular influence in folk music and has become an emblematic African American spiritual. Its universal message has been a significant factor in its crossover into secular music. "Amazing Grace" saw a resurgence in popularity in the U.S. during the 1960s and has been recorded thousands of times during and since the 20th century, occasionally appearing on popular music charts.

Adopted from Wikipedia

Lyrics

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

INSPIRATION FROM THE PSALMS

Written By Evangelist Deloris Williams



Psalms 18:28 (KJV): "For thou wilt light my candle; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness."

This Psalm is suggested to be read in its entirety, but its main and most important points begin in verses 1 through 28) measuring David's [**Position of Purpose**] and reflecting the character of a man's loyalty of a stayed character of a (righteous man or woman) with GOD's limitless protection in the face of (spiritual cords of death), peril and a life of opposition. King David as we see of his 73 Psalms written and maybe two more written referenced in the New Testament. Why has King David become such a (mortal lump) of legendary clay and his role is yet speaking to us today? What values must we glean from King David? How can we receive unending blessings? Can I leave such a legacy as this mortal man? What must I do to have David's relationship with the one so magnificent and be associated with **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD—THE CREATOR** of his own **CREATION STAND UP for ME? We must understand our position comes with a condition and honor it whole heartily!**

PURPOSE: The "set apart" were never made to "fit in"! The spiritual role of the called according to his purpose was to be (light)—God-designed personalities having His character, His likeness, for His glory to inhabit His likeness of (LIGHT)—**to be SALT** of the earth! Matthew 5:13-14. Our Lord Jesus, in Matthew 5:14-16, uses a figure of speech to teach us something dreadfully important. With this metaphor of SALT, He compares His disciples to light. This is what He says in Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV), *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a (lamp stand), and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

King David in his potter's hand was a two-fold meaning: (**spiritually**), he was known even before the womb, then he became (**physically-borne**)! GOD was not daydreaming while he called out setting apart the clay in his hands; but he knew something as he had a plan while shaping every one of us. Again, to be genuine will cost! A meticulous preparation was a (procedure) called endurance, a thirst and a yearning was deposited in every character in the bible that won battles! HOW? There is no form of (turmoil) in the Creator's Creation, spiritual or physical, that is a menace to him or his will for his people. David's soul is ever in adoration of his maker with reverence and a committed, submitted soul. **How humble are you?**

THE SPECIFIC POSITION: What (pose) reflects like a mirror as we spiritually stand out in our behavior, position or some authority as (light)? Would our FATHER be attracted and smile as he beholds his people in their worship and how they use their gifts from heaven? Well, David attracted his designer's heart as he models his Creator's (workmanship) as a man after his (Spiritual) potter's own heart. The (potted) clay that honors the **WORD stands OUT like a city upon a hill**. Those who love every commandment are **MADE to STAND OUT**. Does a beautiful garden by assignment need to fit in? NO, but it is an eye-catching arrangement that accents its surrounding, because it is designed this way! There can only be LIGHT when the (vigorous preparation) of the clay has a planned destiny!

THE ANALOGY OF THE POTTED CLAY: ABBA FATHER'S, equivalence to (Light) was and is JESUS CHRIST, the Son of GOD, who was not delusional in disrobing from a (Royal Robe) to come down to be born in the flesh, but he came to be the LIGHT of the world! Our Savior's individuality and his role to believers were to imitate his role! HOW? Read on...

(Inspiration from the Psalms cont'd)

- ✦ **JESUS modeled Self-Control**
- ✦ **JESUS knew he had authority over (all) situations**
- ✦ **JESUS' mind stayed on the ascendancy of completing his FATHER'S WILL**
- ✦ **JESUS was tempted as we are**
- ✦ **JESUS knew the Supremacy that sent him was beyond any trouble he endured**
- ✦ **JESUS knew Satan was a liar from the very beginning, and offered only lies**
- ✦ **JESUS knew he was never alone**
- ✦ **JESUS loved his FATHER to the death**
- ✦ **QUESTION: What Do You Say?**

JESUS knew that the Spiritual Fight had already been won even before he came, and he stayed FOCUSED on the Prize:

YOU!

THE SOUL'S REVERENCE: The mortal's adoration of his maker has a thermal and rapturous effect on the heart of our SAVIOR and FATHER. David was not a man of illusion, David knew those who were called and chosen believers received a conditional covenant, requiring that each one must live by every word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). God's called-out ones are responsible for **"being compliant"** to God's decisive instructions, allowing the Creator to cleanse out all imperfections.

THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MATTER: We read in Genesis 2:7 KJV, "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." GOD had a PURPOSE! He was not (just) playing in the dust of the GROUND! Question: Can you imagine the intensity, the preciseness GOD made as he fearfully and wonderfully created man/woman from the DIRT?!--GOD, the Sovereign GOD the FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT (three distinct persons) and all his (POWER)! For a moment close your eyes and become an observer of the first spiritual surgery. Visualize... Eternal hands inserting, tucking his manifold strength and his precision on YOU, ME and generations that were to come through Adam and Eve?! YOU SEE--David is a (Product) of Excellence, yet to be in a distant future; David's character and thirst, his cardiac system, his respiratory systems, his gastrointestinal systems, everything had been (VIGOROUSLY) implanted! YES! Think about it--we all were generations to come who came out of the dust of the ground from the Triune: meaning, three in one, consisting of or being three in one in the Christian Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

OUR INSPIRATION: Can we today be as (Light), (Salt) as David? With all the "Elemental Physics" meaning chosen to STAND OUT... NOT TO FIT IN...! Let's examine Genesis 1:26 KJV:

- A. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth." Can't we (AGREE) all the (power in the universe comes from) the spiritual economy of GOD! What does that mean, Light, Elements, Time, Eternity, Life, all elements of our MAKER! David writes this Psalm to GOD himself from a GREAT PLACE OF PRAISE AND VICTORY WITH PRAISE. WE ARE NEVER TO FIT IN BUT STAND OUT TO BE LIGHT!
- B. Treasures in Clay Jars: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 reads about the Apostle Paul as he pens a wonderful picture of what it looks like to be a Christian. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul has described Christians as those who are beholding the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (3:18; 4:4-6). Those who do not see the glory of the Gospel of Jesus are the ones who are perishing (4:3). Therefore, Paul has declared that the Gospel message that they are proclaiming, which was written and inspired by the breath of GOD--the apostles, held then and you hold in your hands today his creation working as light in his creation. **Those he put a champion spirit of his likeness in would STAND OUT, instead of "JUST FITTING IN." Those (rigorously) created for purpose is meant to stand out not merely fitting in, but warriors (fiercely) pressed to come out with the beauty of the Gospel! Read Matthew 5:13-20.**

(Inspiration from the Psalms cont'd)

David reminds us of a Spiritual Apostolic brother Paul. Paul describes what being a clay jar carrying the treasure looks like. Paul describes his weaknesses. He and the apostles are afflicted in every way, perplexed, persecuted, and struck down. But because they carry the treasure of the Gospel, they are not crushed, driven to despair, not forsaken, nor destroyed. They may be knocked down, but they are never knocked out. Our strength comes from God's sustaining power, understanding the mission he has given us. Our strength does not come from ourselves because we are just clay jars. Paul is not destroyed because he carries the treasure that is too valuable and too glorious. So he does not stop. He can be knocked down but he will not give up or be stopped. Thus, we see by which you are able to have God's light shine in your hearts so that you can see the glory of God. This is why Paul does not lose heart. He has a magnificent ministry given to him by the grace of God (4:1)!" David was much inspired of learning of the physical personal (stirring of being a) **"Treasure in a Clay Jar,"** and he held nothing back in **communing with his MAKER! David was a mortal man like us vigorously human** (in the Likeness, a spirit-born warrior made for GOD's glory)!! Whose SIDE ARE YOU ON THIS MOMENT?! ***What's on your precious hearts? What problem do you have that looks like it's bigger than your Creator, or anything or anyone that JESUS can't handle? At the end of the DAY, let us NOT WORRY BECAUSE THE CONCLUSION IS YOUR STORY! YOU ARE NOT MADE TO FIT IN BUT TO STAND OUT!***



"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not us." 2 Corinthians 4:7 ESV

DAVID KNEW HIS MISSION WAS TO STAND OUT PURPOSEFULLY MADE NOT TO FIT IN!

**STAND OUT AND BE THE BLESSING YOU ARE MEANT TO BE
IN A DARKENED WORLD FOR OTHERS!**

**"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord,
Searching all the inward parts of the belly."
(Proverbs 20:27) KJV**

78 Seeds of Faith

MORTGAGE ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN



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THREE KEYS TO THE SEED OF FAITH CAMPAIGN:

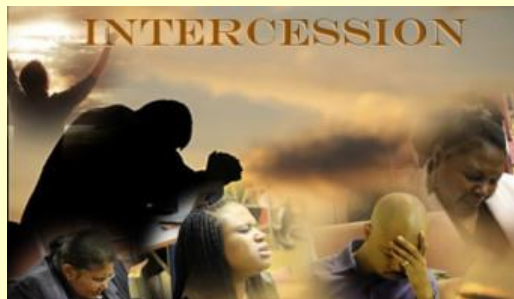
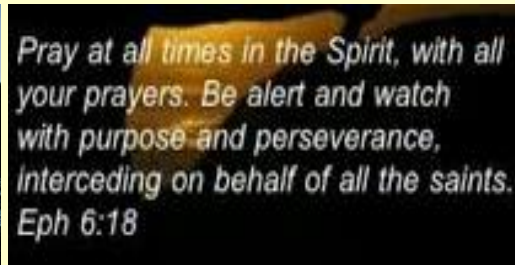
1. **Recognize that God is your Source** - Philippians 4:19 says, *"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* God will use many different instruments to supply our needs—but He alone is the Source, and He alone cannot fail.
2. **Give first, so that it may be given back to you** - Luke 6:38 says, *"Give, and it will be given to you."* We must first plant a Seed of Faith so that God can multiply it back to meet our needs. Jesus is talking about giving in the deepest sense of the word—the giving of ourselves to God. This includes anything we can give: love, time, patience, forgiveness, finances, and our prayers. Please note that our giving reflects our Trust in God.
3. **Expect a miracle** - Mark 11:24 says, *"Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."* The moment we ask God for something—the moment we do our part and plant our Seed of Faith—we should believe God that the answer is on its way. It's important to expect our miracle so we can recognize it and reach out to take it when it comes.

How This Campaign Will Work: Over the next 78 weeks, we are asking every member and friends to sow a seed of \$26 over and above your tithes and offerings. If you are not able to give \$26, give what you can, and if you are able to give more than \$26, please do so. If you are blessed to give \$260 or \$2,600 per week, be obedient to God.

We are asking you to please utilize the blue envelopes located on the back of the pews. Using the blue envelopes will help our Finance Ministry greatly. This allows them to track and account for your seed offerings. So please each Sunday for 78 weeks, give God something to work with. No matter how little you think you have, sow it in Joy and in Faith, knowing you are Sowing Seeds so you, your family, our church, each ministry and our community may reap miracles from the seeds that are sown.

Remember – God is Our Source – Give so that it can be Given Back to you, and Expect a Miracle! Thank you and God Bless!

Prayer List



Remember with prayer, calls and visitations

Bro. James Agee
Bro. Gabriel Bell
Bro. Willie Benton
Min. Karen Blacknell
Rev. Kenneth Blacknell
Dea. Hezekiah Bowens, Jr.
Bro. Julius Brogdon
Sis. Joyce Brooks
Sis. Sherie Brown
Bro. Tyler Caldwell
Sis. Pearl Coles
Sis. Nekka Dean

Sis. Doris Doyle
Sis. Everlene Fisher
Sis. Barbara Hall
Sis. Crystal Ingram
Bro. Willie L. Harris
Sis. Charlotte Hayes
Bro. Leroy Hurt
Sis. Mary L. Jones
Bro. Patrick Jones
Bro. Dennis Kimmey
Sis. Mabel Lawrence
Bro. Edwin Logan

Sis. Sylvia Marrow
Sis. Roxanne Motley
Evg. Valerie Montaque
Sis. Khuyen Nguyen
The Palmer Family
Sis. Gloria Peters
Bro. Garvin Potts
Sis. Carrie Rawls
Sis. Peggy Rogers
Bro. Benny Rollins
Dea. Clarence Slaughter
Bro. Antone Smith

Sis. Latisha Smith
Sis. Valerie Smith
Bro. Xavier Stephens
Sis. Tiffany Stovall
Bro. Julian Sydnor
Sis. April Walker
Sis. Mabel Thomas
Rev. Dwight Wilkerson
Min. Floyd Williams
Dea. Clendon Wilson
Sis. Sadie Wilson
Bro. Donald Wood



HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, Ministry Leader

American Heart Awareness Month

Chances are, we all know someone affected by heart disease and stroke, because about 2,300 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of 1 death every 38 seconds.

The biggest part of living healthy comes down to simply making healthy choices. While you can't change things like age and family history, the good news is that even modest changes to your diet and lifestyle can improve your heart health and lower your risk by as much as 80 percent.



HEALTHY FOODS

HEALTHY HEART

FITNESS

FLC GYM AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

| | | |
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| Mornings | Monday - Friday | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon |
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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
At Friendship Baptist Church

February 27th
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CPR: Learn How to Save a Life

IT'S A FACT CPR saves lives!

EACH YEAR IN THE U.S., MORE THAN **395,000** PEOPLE SUFFER SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST
Fewer than 6% of sudden cardiac arrest victims survive*

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU STOP BREATHING? WITHOUT OXYGEN
4 MINUTES: Permanent brain damage sets in
8.10 MINUTES: Brain death can occur



When CPR is provided immediately after sudden cardiac arrest, a victim's chance of survival can

DOUBLE or TRIPLE

Before you start

1. Check for responsiveness
 - Tap the shoulder and shout, "Are you OK?"
2. If victim isn't breathing or only gasps occasionally, contact emergency services
 - If others are nearby, have someone call 911
 - If you are alone, call 911, provide details and begin CPR
 - Lay the victim on their back and kneel next to their head and shoulders

CPR for adults and children 9 and older

If not breathing or only gasping:

Position



Keep your elbows straight and position your hands one on top of the other in the center of the chest

Give 30 rapid chest compressions



To a depth of at least 2 inches, at a rate of at least 100 per minute. Let the chest rise completely after each compression

Tilt the head and lift the chin



Give 2 rescue breaths



Each lasting 1 second

Continue cycle of 30 compressions and 2 rescue breaths until:

- Victim wakes up
- An AED is brought to the scene and is ready to use
- Professional help arrives and takes over

CPR for young children and infants

If not breathing or only gasping:

Position



INFANTS TO AGE 1
Position first two fingers of one hand just below the nipple line

YOUNG CHILDREN
Position one or two hands in the center of the chest

Give 30 rapid chest compressions



INFANTS TO AGE 1 & YOUNG CHILDREN
Press down 1/3 of the chest's depth at a rate of at least 100 per minute

Tilt the head and lift the chin



Give 2 rescue breaths



INFANTS TO AGE 1
Make a complete seal over the mouth and nose, then give 2 rescue breaths

YOUNG CHILDREN
Pinch the nose shut and make a complete seal over the mouth, then give 2 rescue breaths

Continue cycle of 30 compressions and 2 rescue breaths until:

- Victim wakes up
- An AED is brought to the scene and is ready to use
- Professional help arrives and takes over

Compression-only CPR

If the rescuer is unable or unwilling to provide rescue breaths,

compression-only CPR can be performed at the rate of at least 100 compressions per minute



NSC First Aid training saves lives!

Learn more about classroom, online and onsite training at nsc.org/infota



*Institute of Medicine Report, "Strategies to Improve Cardio Arrest Survival: A Time to Act"

OUTREACH MINISTRY – “ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE”

Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader

OUTREACH CENTER HOURS:

Mondays & Saturdays: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesdays: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

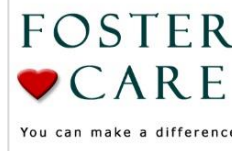
For more information about the Outreach Ministry:
Contact Diana McGhee at 404-312-1232 or by email at dianaymcghee@bellsouth.net or
Catherine Stafford at 678-983-7587.



IT'S PROM TIME AGAIN!

We have gowns and after-five attire available for our young ladies for the Prom. We are also accepting

gown and tuxedo donations. Please contact Sis. Pamela Stodghill at 504-710-6990 for more information. You may also bring donations to the Outreach Center.



The FBC Outreach Ministry offers a Care Community to support foster care parents and information on becoming a foster parent. We also offer

training to members who wish to become Care Community volunteers. Please contact Venda Young at 219-688-1365 or Linda Milton at LBmilton1@charter.net for more information.



The “Friendship Market” food distribution project needs more **MALE VOLUNTEERS** between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.**

If you can volunteer for any hours during that time, please contact Diana McGhee.

FRUIT & PRODUCE HOURS:

Wednesdays: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

Fridays: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturdays: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Items will be distributed in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays and from the Outreach Center on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
First Come, First Served.

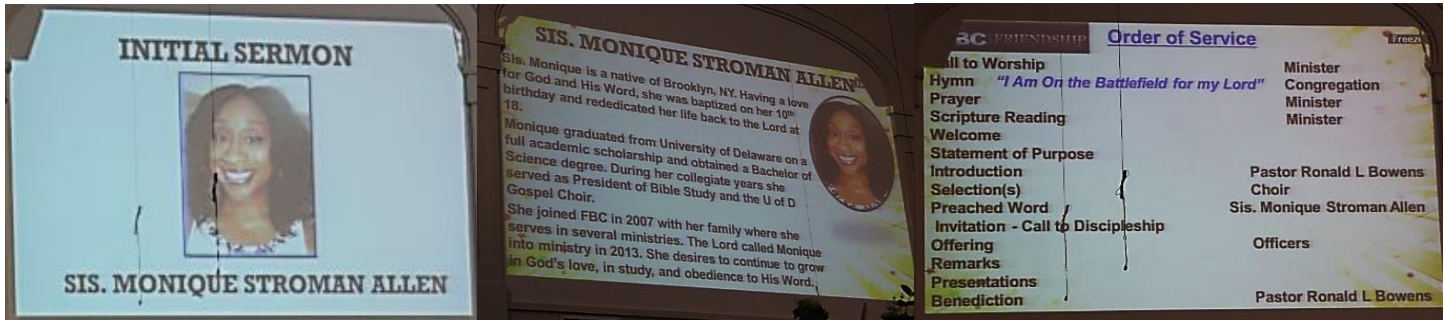


Did you know that the Outreach Ministry hosts a mid-week worship service at noon every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall?
JOIN US!!

Ten ways to love

Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

Monique Stroman Allen's Initial Sermon, Sunday, January 20, 2019, 3:00 p.m.



“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

My father was a minister (and later became a Pastor) and my mother served in church (she would later teach a women’s class). Even though I grew up in church, from a little girl, I loved God. My family attended a few churches and I began serving as an usher and in the choir. My parents divorced and a few years later, I went through my own growing pains. I rededicated my life to the Lord at 18 years old.

I went to the University of Delaware and joined the Gospel Choir and the Bible Study. The president of the choir taught me to direct and encouraged me to take a leadership role. I began to serve in both ministries. The Lord blessed me to teach the Bible Study (Warriors for Christ) and be the Bible Study Leader while simultaneously also serving as the President of the Gospel Choir.

After graduating college, I moved back to New York to take care of my mother. I met and married my former husband. In 1997, we relocated to Georgia and a few years later, we became the blessed parents of John and Kayla.

As I experienced changes in my life, God began giving me scriptures and showing He had a plan for my life. In 2013, God spoke to me through His Word and called me into ministry. He confirmed my call several months later. The Lord encouraged me to speak with Pastor in the early part of 2014. Pastor Bowens asked me to do a few things that would help prepare me for ministry and I did those things. I met with Pastor again in December of last year and said I was ready to move forward with what the Lord called me to do. We talked, chose a date and time for my initial sermon, and Pastor prayed for me.

Last year, I prayed and asked the Lord what He would have me to share with His people. He led me to share from Psalm 27:1-3. The message was entitled, “Who Is He to You?” This psalm was written by David, son of Jesse. He was a servant of the Lord, a worshipper and a warrior. The prophet Samuel anointed David to be King of Israel as God instructed him to do. David was a man after God’s own heart. This psalm is a declaration of David’s faith and confidence in God, and his complete dependence and reliance on God. He trusted the Lord. So, to fully understand what David said in these verses, we need to examine the meanings of the words that he used.

(Sis. Monique Stromon Allen's Initial Sermon cont'd)

A. The Lord is My Light

Lord means YHWH, often indicated by "Yahweh". This is the name that God used to identify Himself with Moses, and also established His covenant with the children of Israel. It means I AM THAT I AM, I AM WHO I AM and comes from the verb which means "to be." God is eternal, and is ever present with His people. David calling God by His covenant name and claiming Him as His own Lord shows his relationship with God. David knew God was and would be present with him as well.

What is light? It is electromagnetic radiation that travels at 186,000 mps, and is called visible light. God created light in Genesis 1:3 when He said, "Let there be light..." Light often symbolizes well-being, salvation and spiritual illumination.

Who is Light? God the Father is light, according to John 1:5, and Jesus, the Son is Light, as he said in John 8:23.

What does light do? Light repels darkness (John 1:5) and light makes a pathway clear. David wrote in Psalm 119:105 "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

B. And My Salvation

Salvation means deliverance, rescue, safety, prosperity, liberty. David declared that the Lord was his deliverer, and was the One who rescued him from danger and delivered him from harm. How could David make that claim? He based his faith and trust in the Lord because of what the Lord had done for him in the past.

In 1 Samuel 17, Saul and the men of Israel were set in battle array with the Philistines. Goliath presented himself every day for 40 days, taunting the armies of Israel and God, asking for someone to fight him. David, obeying his father's request to bring food to his brothers, heard Goliath's taunt and said he would fight Goliath. Saul tried to dissuade him by telling him he was young and Goliath had been a warrior since he was young. David told him (verses 34-37) that the Lord had helped him fight and kill a lion and a bear that took a lamb out of the flock. He said the same Lord that delivered him from those animals would deliver him from Goliath. David had to tell King Saul that he trusted God's delivering power!

C. Whom Shall I Fear?

David was not afraid of his enemies! It didn't matter Goliath's size or experience as a fighter. He knew that though the enemy might have been bigger, His God was still all mighty and could defeat any enemy!

D. The Lord is the Strength of My Life

Strength, from the Hebrew word "mauz", means stronghold, fortress, rock, a place of safety, protection, defense or bulwark. David was saying that the Lord was the solid, immovable place of strength in his life. He was his refuge, his place of shelter and safety from danger or harm. Proverbs 18:10 says, "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it (or Him) and are safe."

E. Of Whom Shall I Be Afraid?

David was saying, with the Lord being my light, the One Who illuminates my pathway so I can see, shines His light in my heart so I can grow in spiritual understanding, the One Who delivers me and fights my battles, the One who is my place of safety and protection...of whom should I be afraid?? Why would I fear with God on my side?

(Sis. Monique Stromon Allen's Initial Sermon cont'd)

David goes on to say in verse 2 that even though his enemies would try to completely destroy him, he wouldn't be afraid. He stated they would stumble and fall. In verse 3, David declared though an army would surround him and pitch tents, in preparation to fight, he would not fear, or be afraid. He then boldly proclaimed though war rises against him, he would still be confident.

So, what can we learn from David? Have a relationship with the Lord. David had utmost trust and confidence in God and it was because he knew the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Accept Jesus as your Savior. Get to know the Lord. Spend time in His Word, in prayer and in praise and worship. James 4:7 encourages us to, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you." He loves us so much and longs to spend time with us!

Know that the Lord is your light and your salvation. He is the Deliverer and source of all blessings in your life. He will light our pathway so we will walk in His light and won't stumble. He will shine His light in our hearts so we can reflect His light and love to others. Jesus said in Matthew 5:14-15, "Ye are the light of the world, a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house."

Know that God is with you and you are not alone. He is your Salvation, your Deliverer. Know that He is by your side every step of the way. He promised never to leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5) We don't have to fear. Boldly proclaim who the Lord is to you, and stand in faith, trusting him to bring you out of any seemingly difficult situation. He is greater than any enemy we might face! Know that the same God that delivered you from the lion and the bear will deliver you from Goliath, too!











Introducing Minister Monique Stroman Allen, FBC's newest minister of the Gospel. To the far right, Min. Monique surrounded by her loved ones and family friends.

May God richly bless you as you continue to preach and teach the Word!
Your Friendship Family!



Education Ministry

Calling All Seniors!

The young people of today are our future leaders of tomorrow. We at Friendship Baptist Church are excited about our continuing support for our youth. We are asking all High School Seniors who are members of Friendship to please send your name and contact information to fbcduluth@att.net, no later than March 3.



Summer 2019 Program Details

The Cisco High School STEM Program is a comprehensive 2 – 4 week unpaid summer externship designed to give top, STEM and business-focused students an introduction to Cisco's history, culture and the technology industry.

Requirements: Current junior or senior (graduating in 2019 or 2020) with a minimum 3.5 GPA, either weighed or unweighted, demonstrable interest in Business and/or Technology and ability to commute Monday-Friday to the Cisco campus located at one of 5 locations.

To have a complete application, you must include the following by **MARCH 1, 2019**:

1. Submit Online Application to:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/082bfd05d9774937ac8c44007c338e2b>
2. Two Letters of Recommendation (one academic)
3. High school transcript (official or unofficial)
4. Resumé
5. Video cover letter

MEN'S MINISTRY

Brandon Owens, Ministry Leader

The FBC Men's Ministry is planning a Men's Fellowship Outing Event to attend as Atlanta Gladiators Hockey game on Friday, March 1st, 2019, at the Infinite Energy Arena. Game time will start at 7:35 pm.

Tickets are available, but they're limited and will be given out on a first come, first-served basis. However, additional tickets can be purchased for anyone who would like to attend.

We have made plans to leave from the Church Parking Lot at 6:45 pm.

If you would like to attend, need additional information or have questions, please contact Bro. Brandon Owens at 205-503-1715 or Bro. Rommell May at 770-715-6117 before February 27th.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Cheryl Alford, Ministry Leader

Happy New Year to all of our readers! On January 12, 2019, the women assembled for the first meeting of the year. The theme of the morning was "Getting to Know You." After opening with prayer led by Evg. Kimberly Rogers and scripture from 1 Corinthians 1:10 read by Vickie Chambers, the ministry was blessed with a song by Jackie Gouche Farris entitled, "My Help." The 2019 Ministry Support Team assembled together to introduce one another to the congregants. The following have agreed to serve together in one bond of Christian love: Sis. Geraldine Powell, Sis. Pat Malone, Sis. Shirley Price, Sis. Gertie Brock, Mother Patricia Ashe, Sis. Dranita (Nita) Morrow, Sis. Geralyn (Gerri) Wright, Sis. Cheryl Alford, Sis. Vickie Chambers, Sis. Harriett Hairston and Sis. Phoebe Jenkins (not shown). Please keep this team in prayer as we strive to fulfill the purpose of the ministry.



Following introductions, Sis. Cheryl Alford welcomed attendees with a presentation on the "ABC's of the Christian Life." Our hearts were then uplifted with a rendition of "Total Praise" by Richard Smallwood. We kept with our usual tradition of acknowledging birthdays, anniversaries, first-time members and visitors. Happy Birthday shout out to Sis. Alice Burnes (1/12); Sis. Geraldine Powell (1/15), and Min. Nicole Walker (1/27). Happy Anniversary to Sis. Karen Omar (37 years on 1/3) and Sis. Barbara Johnson (42 years on 1/31). We also had several first-time attendees, but names were not available at the time of this writing. However, we were truly grateful for their presence.

Getting to Know You

At the onset of the gathering, women were paired with someone they (hopefully) didn't know. Each was provided a handout that included a questionnaire, Covenant, trivia questions and results from a survey taken in December.

Women were instructed to ask four questions of the person they were paired with. Questions included name, where she were originally from, how long at Friendship and "describe yourself" with a biblical word using the first letter of her first name. Once the process was completed, each pair had an opportunity to use those answers to present her sister to the group. They also had opportunity to share a verse that was attached to their handout. Each verse was focused on encouraging one another. Some chose to read the verse together while others read on behalf of her partner. Sis. Gerri Wright humored the women with a rendition of "Getting to Know You." Suffice it to say, everyone enjoyed the exercise.



(Women’s Ministry cont’d)

Following this activity, Evg. Kimberly performed a beautiful liturgical expression of dance after which the women enjoyed a continental breakfast. While partaking of this meal, women were encouraged to work together while trying to answer 20 trivia questions on Women in the Bible. Three pairs of winners were selected. Overall, the women seemed to have enjoyed this first meeting of 2019.

Finally, Pat Malone shared a brief summary of projects completed in 2018 and what is being planned for 2019. Cheryl Alford shared the theme for February: “What’s Love Got To Do With It?” She also hinted at what is planned for March. It will include participation in the activity planned for the Friday night before the Saturday meeting. No further information was provided as it’s a surprise.

As we end this article, we’d like to extend an invitation for all of our sisters to join with us as we come together to share knowledge, encourage one another and enjoy each other’s company.

Article by Cheryl Alford and Photos by Shirley Price



(Women's Ministry cont'd)



GETTING TO KNOW YOU
GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Women's Ministry is hosting a 2 Day event.

Friday, March 8th

6:30-8:30pm

A Time of fun and fellowship

Space is limited!

Please see Cheryl Alford, Gerri Wright, Vickie Chambers or
Harriett Hairston
If interested in attending.

Saturday, March 9th

8:45-11:15am

*Regular monthly meeting
"Removing the Mask"*



All are welcome to one or both of the events.

FRIENDSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP BOWLING LEAGUE

Stars & Strikes
1601 Horizon Parkway
Buford, GA 30518

For more information, contact Dea. Michael Jerralds at 770-815-0604
or email ethel.emery@yahoo.com



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FACING THE SCREEN DILEMMA: YOUNG CHILDREN, TECHNOLOGY AND EARLY EDUCATION



Did you know: that on any given day, 64% of babies between 1 and 2 watch TV and videos for an average of slightly over 2 hours; that in 2011 there were 3 million downloads just of Fisher Price apps for infants and toddlers; that estimates about how much time preschoolers spend on average with screen media range from at least 2.2 hours to as much as 4.6 hours per day?

Research tells us that developing children thrive when they are talked to, read to, played with and given time for creative play, physically active play, and interactions with other children and adults. And there's no research showing the benefits of introducing children to new technologies in the first years of life. Yet educators face increasing pressure to increase the amount of time children spend with digital technologies in early childhood settings, taking valuable time and resources away from activities proven to benefit learning and development. That's why CCFC is proud to announce the publication of *Facing the Screen Dilemma: Young children, technology and early education*. Created with our friends at the Alliance for Childhood and Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment (TRUCE), and packed with relevant research and practical tips, *Facing the Screen Dilemma* is the first guide designed to help early educators make informed decisions about whether, why, how, and when to use screen technologies with young children.

Facing the Screen Dilemma evolved naturally from CCFC's ongoing advocacy to reduce children's screen time. In 2011, when the National Association for the Education of Young Children—the nation's premier professional organization for early childhood educators—began revising its position statement on Technology in Early Childhood Programs, we urged NAEYC to join the public health community in recommending strong limits on the time young children spend with screens. Our efforts led NAEYC to strengthen a disappointing first draft, but we heard repeatedly from early childhood educators that the final version was still lacking. They were looking for information and guidance in working with parents around screen time at home, for sorting through the marketing hype, and for making evidenced-based decisions about using—or not using—screen technologies with young children.

We created *Facing the Screen Dilemma* to meet those needs. It provides a much-needed overview of the research on young children and screen time. It also offers practical considerations and concrete advice for caregivers using screen technologies in their settings, and for those resisting pressure to abandon screen-free policies.

Facing the Screen Dilemma arrives at a time of heightened concerns about the amount of time children spend with screen media. Excessive screen time is linked to problems like childhood obesity, sleep disturbance, and poor school performance, yet children of all ages are spending more time than ever in front of screens. Two new surveys from the Pew Internet and American Life Project and Common Sense Media highlight widespread concern among teachers that children's constant use of digital technology hampers attention span and their ability to complete difficult tasks.



Submitted by Tina Patterson
Tech Corner 2/17/19
Communications Ministry

CHURCH SAFETY & SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

JANUARY 27, 2019

On Sunday, January 20th, an alarm was activated approximately 8:15 am just before Pastor Bowens took the pulpit for God's Word for the day. Several deacons immediately exited the sanctuary near Pastor's office, as did a few ushers to take their respective evacuation positions toward the main entrance/exit. The deacons immediately went to investigate the entire sanctuary building for any sign of emergency. Finding no immediate threat, they then advised the Children's Ministry leaders, who had already begun their evacuation assembly, that there was no cause for their evacuation.

That Sunday's alarm was slightly different than the normal warning, only verbally directing evacuation a single time as white lights continued flashing. This single verbal warning was a sign of a possible false alarm which is why the deacons hurriedly investigated the sanctuary building to help ensure our safety. Our subsequent call to the alarm system provider indicated the previous overnight storms were a probable contributor to the alarm activation due to electrical interruptions within the system. **The normal emergency alarm warning to trigger an evacuation will be a continuous alarm sounding with repeated verbal evacuation warnings.**

Fortunately, this was only the second alarm that has falsely sounded during worship service in the past few years, but not one person moved to evacuate on either occasion. We cannot allow ourselves to become complacent with the thought that this alarm is "JUST ANOTHER FALSE ALARM BECAUSE I DON'T SEE ANY FLAMES." In just a few weeks, there will be an Evacuation Instruction video shown to the congregation to remind us of the possibility of an actual emergency to help familiarize everyone with Friendship's well-rehearsed evacuation procedure.

Deacon Thomas Young
Safety & Security Committee



BLACK HISTORY MONTH Celebration

Henrietta Lacks



Born: Loretta Pleasant, August 1, 1920

Roanoke, Virginia, United States

Died: October 4, 1951 (aged 31), Baltimore, Maryland

Monuments: Henrietta Lacks Health and Bioscience High School, Clover, Virginia

Occupation: Tobacco farmer

Spouse: David Lacks (1915–2002)

Children: Lawrence Lacks, Elsie Lacks (1939–1955), David "Sonny" Lacks Jr., Deborah Lacks Pullum (1949–2009), Zakariyya Bari Abdul Rahman (born Joseph Lacks)

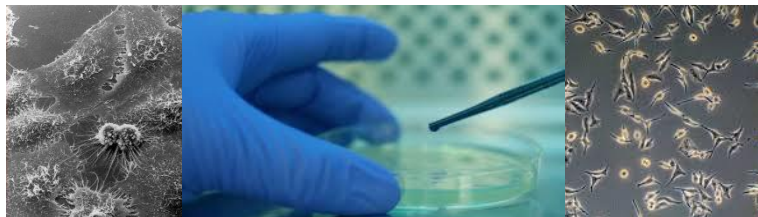
Parents: Eliza (1886–1924) and John Randall Pleasant I (1881–1969)

Henrietta Lacks was an African-American woman whose cancer cells are the source of the HeLa cell line, the first immortalized cell line and one of the most important cell lines in medical research. An immortalized cell line reproduces indefinitely under specific conditions, and the HeLa cell line continues to be a source of invaluable medical data to the present day.

Lacks was the unwitting source of these cells from a tumor biopsied during treatment for cervical cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1951. These cells were then cultured by George Otto Gey who created the cell line known as HeLa, which is still used for medical research. As was then the practice, no consent was obtained to culture her cells, nor were she or her family compensated for their extraction or use.

Lacks grew up in rural Virginia. After giving birth to two of their children, she married her cousin David "Day" Lacks. In 1941, the young family moved to Turner Station, near Dundalk, Maryland, in Baltimore County, so Day could work in Bethlehem Steel at Sparrows Point. After Lacks had given birth to their fifth child, she was diagnosed with cancer. Tissue samples from her tumors were taken without consent during treatment and these samples were then, subsequently, cultured into the HeLa cell line.

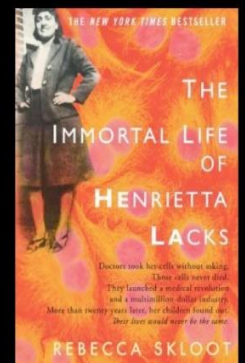
Even though some information about the origins of HeLa's immortalized cell lines was known to researchers after 1970, the Lacks family was not made aware of the line's existence until 1975. With knowledge of the cell line's genetic provenance becoming public, its use for medical research and for commercial purposes continues to raise concerns about privacy and patients' rights.



First published in 2010, this book has many layers to the content. It is the journey of the author in search of the truth about the HeLa cells. It's the biography of Henrietta Lacks. It's the story of her family. It's the story of the doctors who worked with these cells.

HeLa cells are a tough bunch of cells that have helped in medical cases. They have flown with in to space. They are a vital role in research in the medical field.

It's not an easy read but fits into science classes.



Non-Fiction
Grades 11-12
Adult
Biography
Science & Medical
Social Impact

Get more in-depth
Information from
Wikipedia.com and
other sources



James Weldon Johnson

National Black Anthem

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
 Sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us;
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 Let us march on till victory won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
 We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
 Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIVIA MATCH

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Church News & Other Important Information

FBC Vacation Bible School

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!! Please join the VBS Team as we plan a full week of exciting Bible Study, Praise & Worship and Fellowship for the entire family and community. To sign up or for any questions, please contact the VBS Directors: Sis. Kindell May at kpmay03@yahoo.com, Sis. Madelyn Sharpless at madelynsharpless@gmail.com, and Sis. Nita Owens at janitamowens@gmail.com.

Outreach Ministry

Spring Donation Event and Cookout - Saturday, March 16, 10:00 to 2:00 pm. It's time to clear out your closet and donate for a Cause. MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN.... SHIRTS, DRESSES, SHOES, PANTS, GOWNS, TUXEDOS...Bring them ALL....Enjoy hot dogs & hamburgers and fellowship with us at the Outreach Center as we support each other and reach out to our community and beyond. Please bring CLEAN, GENTLY USED clothing only.

Youth Department

Are you interested in working with the FBC Youth Ministry? We are looking for dedicated and gifted adult volunteers to work in our Youth Church on Sundays in the following areas: (1) Youth Church Administrative Staff and (2) Pre-K Teachers. Please contact Sis. Charlene Benn at cbenn527@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

Women's Ministry

Please join the ladies of Creative Learning on Saturday's from 11:30-2:30 pm in the Lower Level Heritage building.

Men's Ministry

Join us for a Men's Fellowship Outing to attend an Atlanta Gladiators Hockey game on Friday, March 1, at the Infinite Energy Arena. Game starts at 7:35 pm. We will leave from the Church Parking Lot at 6:45 pm. Tickets are available on a first come, first-served basis. Please contact Bro. Brandon Owens at 205-503-1715 or Bro. Rommell May at 770-715-6117 before February 27 for additional information.

The **Senior's Ministry** will meet on Saturday, February 23, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship hall. Please remember to dress in African attire in recognition/celebration of "Black History Month" and bring a favorite dish. Also, any articles on the history of African-Americans who were inventors, civil rights activists, leaders, etc.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Upsilon Alpha Omega

Chapter is now accepting applications for 2019 Beauty P. Baldwin Scholarship. Application deadline is Monday, March 4. Interested students should send an email to fbcduluth@att.net for application package or stop by the Church Office.

Gwinnett Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

Sorority, Inc. presents a Community Forum on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at 95 Constitution Blvd., Lawrenceville, GA 30046. Topics: Mental Health, Teen Dating, Relationships and Safety at School. They are also accepting applications for the 2019-2020 Cotillion-Beautillion Program. Application deadline is April 12. Apply at cobeau.gwinnettdst.org.

FREE Tickets

The National Center for Civil and Human Rights is offering free admission until February 28th. To get complimentary tickets, go to:

<https://www.civilandhumanrights.org/comp-tix/>

Transportation Ministry

Interested in being a driver? Dial 404-643-0755. Need a ride to the church? Dial 770-622-2797 and leave a message.

WEEKLY CLASSES

Sunday

Masterlife 1: "The Disciple's Cross" - FLC Room 130
 Masterlife 2: "The Disciple's Personality" - FLC Room 210
 Masterlife 3: "The Disciple's Victory" - FLC Room 211
 Masterlife 4: "The Disciple's Mission" - FLC Room 213
 GriefShare - FLC Room 234

Monday

"When Life Is Hard" Turning Your Trials into Gold. Join us Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Books are \$12.



Go to fbcduluth.org and click on "Giving" From your phone, text to: fbcduluth to 73256

NEWS AROUND GWINNETT

Learn The Facts Before You Vote On Gwinnett's Transit Plan Contract With Marta

With voting on the transit contract referendum set to start February 25, Gwinnett County Government is hosting a series of public information sessions so voters can make an informed decision before they go to the polls.

Voters are being asked to consider expansion of the County's transit options through a contract with MARTA. If the voters choose to approve the transit contract that Gwinnett County has negotiated with MARTA, the expansion would follow a plan developed by the County with substantial public participation. The expansion will be funded through a one-cent sales tax for transit improvements.

The contract provides control to Gwinnett over funds, expenditures, projects, and services. It requires Gwinnett funds to be spent for the benefit of Gwinnett. It sets Gwinnett's transit plan, Connect Gwinnett, as the source of transit projects. It also provides Gwinnett with three seats on the MARTA board.

Election Day is March 19. The open house education's sessions through March will be:

Tuesday, February 26 - 9:00 am to noon
Georgia Gwinnett College Student Center
1000 University Center Lane, Lawrenceville

Thursday, February 28 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Gwinnett Fire Academy
3608 Braselton Highway, Dacula

Monday, March 11 - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Gwinnett School of Math, Science, and Technology
970 McElvaney Lane, Lawrenceville

Saturday, March 16 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
Berean Christian Church
1465 Highpoint Road, Snellville

To learn about the highlights of the contract and for more information about the transit plan, visit www.ConnectGwinnettTransit.com.

Ways To Vote In The Upcoming Transit Contract Referendum

Voters will have multiple opportunities to cast their ballot on the transit contract referendum ahead of the March 19 Election Day. In-person voting at the Main Elections Office on Grayson Highway runs from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily from February 25 to March 15, including Saturdays and Sundays. From March 4 to March 15, voters can visit one of seven satellite locations around the county from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm daily, including Saturday and Sunday. On Election Day, March 19, voters must go to their assigned polling location. March 15 is the last day to have an absentee mailed to you.

For more information about satellite locations and absentee voting, visit www.gwinnettelelections.com. To learn your assigned polling location or to check the status of your voter registration, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov or call the Elections Office at 678-226-7210.

County Accepting Applications For Third Youth Commission Class

Gwinnett County Government is recruiting high school students for the Gwinnett Youth Commission, a program to develop young leaders who can speak on behalf of youth in Gwinnett County and be engaged with the community.

(News Around Gwinnett cont'd)

The commission, launched in 2017, consists of an eight-week course on Gwinnett County Government, covering infrastructure, health and human services, public safety, courts, and recreation. Students will also receive leadership and personal development training.

To be eligible for the Youth Commission, students must be a resident of Gwinnett County, be a rising sophomore, junior, or senior at a Gwinnett high school, Buford City School, or a private or home school in Gwinnett. Interested applicants must submit a completed application and **typed essay by March 29**.

For more information, contact Nicole Hendrickson at nicole.hendrickson@gwinnettcountry.com or 770-822-8877, or visit the Gwinnett Youth Commission webpage.

Senior Perks: Exemption & Emissions

- Seniors 65 or older on January 1 can get an exemption. If you are 65 years or older as of January 1 and your taxable income is below \$91,912, you likely qualify for the Senior School Tax Exemption. Apply by April 1, 2019, to be eligible. Visit www.gwinnetttaxcommissioner.com to apply for exemption. For assistance, email tax@gwinnettcountry.com or call 770-822-8800.
- An emissions waiver is available for seniors 65+ whose vehicles are at least 10 years old and driven less than 5,000 miles per year. Visit www.GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors to check eligibility and to apply.

Gwinnett County Public Library

The Gwinnett County Public Library is highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of African-American people and culture during Black History Month with multiple programs throughout February. Programs include an exhibit chronicling the history of African-American voting rights plus a screening and discussion about the film, "I Know a Man...Ashley Bryan." Bryan was a recipient of the Coretta Scott King Lifetime Achievement Award. Other programs feature an African-American genealogy workshop, African fairy tales, and culture crafts. No registration is necessary. To learn more, visit the GCPL website events calendar at www.gwinnettpl.org.

Tiny Titans Exhibit | FREE!

March 2 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Don't miss the premier of the newest traveling exhibit, Tiny Titans: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies at the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center. Learn about dinosaur eggs and nests collected from around the world. Watch "Jurassic Park" in the Blue Planet Theater and enjoy guided tours of the GEHC, and much more. For all ages. Preregister online with code EHC11609. For more information, call 770.904.3500. Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center, 2020 Clean Water Drive, Buford.

Fix-A-Leak | FREE!

March 14 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Learn how to become more efficient in your water usage and to conserve water inside and outside the home. Topics include leak detection, do-it-yourself water audits, and the County's toilet rebate program. You will receive a water conservation kit for either indoor or outdoor fixtures. Preregister online or by calling 678.376.7193. Suwanee Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 361 Main Street, Suwanee, or March 19 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, Conference Room C, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.

COME JOIN US

Every Wednesday Night for:

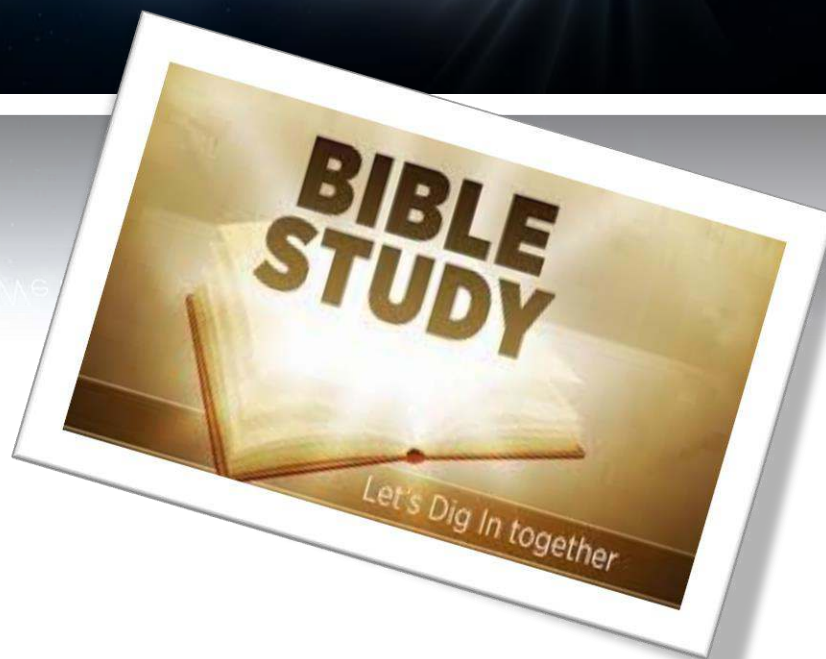
Intercessory Prayer

Coming Together to Pray for Each Other
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6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Worship Service & Bible Study

7:30 p.m.



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**NURSERY - 5TH GRADE
7:30 AM & 11:00 AM SERVICES**



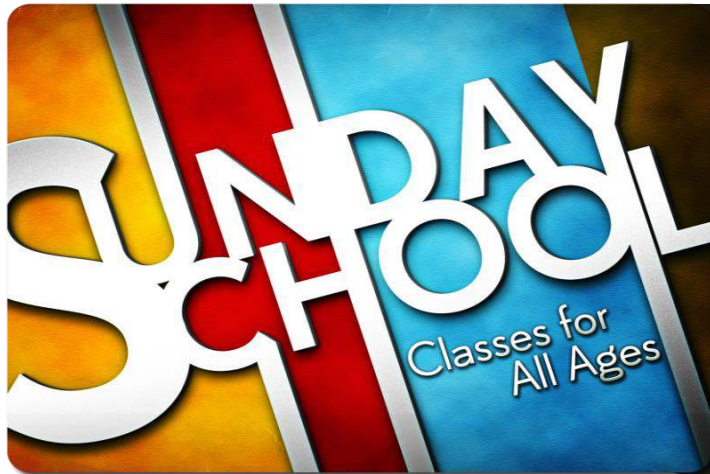
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's varied grace
1 Peter 4:10

TEEN MINISTRY



HERITAGE CHURCH

**AGES 12 TO 19 (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)
7:30 AM & 11:00 AM SERVICES**



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CLASSES LOCATED IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER:

| Class | Room | Class | Room |
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| Men's Class | 131 | In Teens (High School) | 217 |
| Survival Kit | 135 | Jesus and Me (Middle School) | 219 |
| Women's Class | 139 | CONN3CT (College age 19-29) | 220 |
| Basic Bible Study | 208 | IGNITE! (Singles and Young Adults 29 & Older) | 221 |
| New Member's Class | 209 | Marriage Class | 233 |
| Master Life 1: "The Disciple's Cross" | 130 | Single Parenting | 220 |
| Master Life 2: "The Disciple's Personality" | 210 | Note: Adult classes are combined on the 5th Sundays and meet in the Sanctuary | |
| Master Life 3: "The Disciple's Victory" | 211 | | |
| Master Life 4: "The Disciple's Mission" | 212 | | |
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CLASSES LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE MAIN BUILDING:

- The Nursery (3 months-2 years old)
- Beginners (3-4 year olds)
- Primary (K-2nd Grade)
- Juniors (3rd-5th Grade)



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

WEEKLY

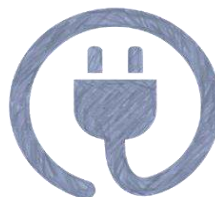
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| Worship Services | Sunday | 7:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary |
| Teen Church | Sunday | 7:30 & 11:00 am | Heritage Church |
| Sunday School | Sunday | 9:45 am | Family Life Center |
| Sunday School (Youth) | Sunday | 9:45 am | Lower Level Main Building |
| New Members Class | Sunday | 9:45 am | Room 209 Family Life Center |
| Deacons Meeting | Tuesday (1st & 3rd) | 7:00 pm | Room 232 Family Life Center |
| Mid-Week Service | Wednesday | 12:00 noon | Heritage Church |
| Intercessory Prayer | Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary |
| Sunday School Teachers | Wednesday | 6:30 pm | Lower Level Main Building |
| Adult Bible Study | Wednesday | 7:30 pm | Sanctuary |
| Youth Church Bible Study | Wednesday | 7:45 pm | Lower Level Main Building |
| Recovery Ministry | 7 days a week – 24 hours a day | | Contact: Tim Sanford @ 678-598-1120 |

MONTHLY

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| Education Ministry | 2nd Monday | 7:00 pm | Room 303 Lower Level Main Bldg |
| Usher Ministry | 1st Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Room 135 Family Life Center |
| Men's Ministry | 1st Saturday | 7:30 am | TBA Monthly |
| Media Ministry | 1st Saturday | 9:30 am | Room 130 Family Life Center |
| Mothers Ministry | 1st Saturday | 9:30 am | Room 135 Family Life Center |
| Ministers Meeting | 1st Saturday | 3:00 pm | Room 232 Family Life Center |
| Women's Ministry | 2nd Saturday | 8:45 am | Fellowship Hall |
| Money Matters | 2nd Saturday | 11:30 am | Fellowship Hall |
| Male Chorus Preparation | 2nd & 4th Saturdays | 9:30 am | Sanctuary |
| Health Ministry | 2nd Saturday | 11:00 am | Room 303 Lower Level Main Bldg |
| Outreach Ministry | 3rd Saturday | 9:00 am | Fellowship Hall |
| Shepherd's Care Ministry | 3rd Saturday | 10:00 am | Room 202 Lower Level Main Bldg |
| Communications Ministry | 3rd Saturday | 11:00 am | Room 135 Family Life Center |
| Marriage Ministry | 3rd Saturday | 5:00 pm | Room 239 Family Life Center |
| Seniors Ministry | 4th Saturday | 11:00 am | Fellowship Hall |
| Singles Ministry | 4th Saturday | 12:30 pm | Lower Level – Heritage Church |
| Prison Ministry | | | |
| Gospel Choir Preparation | Tuesday before 1 st & 3 rd Sundays | | 7:00 pm |
| Youth Choir Preparation | Tuesday before 2 nd & 4 th Sundays | | 6:45 pm |

SPECIAL MONTHLY SERVICES

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| Holy Communion | 1st Sunday | 7:30 & 11:00 am | Sanctuary |
| Baptism | 3rd Sunday | 11:00 am | Sanctuary |
| Baby Dedications | 4th Sunday | 7:30 & 11:00am | Sanctuary |



Get plugged in and start serving today. Your gifts, talent, skills and time are needed.



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