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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
- 7 Men's Entrepreneur Workshop
- 14 Women's Ministry Meeting 8:45am
- 14 Financial Peace University 9:00am
- 15 9th Annual Community Walk-A-Thon
- 21 High School Seniors Meet & Greet
- 21 Annual Walk-A-Thon 7:30am
- 22 National Voter's Registration Day/FLC
- 28 ACT Prep Workshop 8:00am
- 29 FBC Spirit Day

OCTOBER

- 1-3 Revival Nightly 7:00pm
- 6 Pastor's 35th Anniversary
- 13 New Masterlife 1 Class Begins
- 31 Trunk or Treat Hallelujah Night 6-9pm

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Survive by the dictionary explanations are: to live, remain alive, sustain oneself, cling to life, pull through, get through, hold on, keep body and soul together, continue, remain, persist, endure, persevere, abide, carry, stay around, linger, exist.

In other words, survive can be capped as:

- Continue to live or exist in spite of an accident or ordeal
- Remain alive after near death or death of a loved one
- Manage to keep going despite difficult times or circumstances.

Survival and Preparedness is like a flourishing marriage, they go hand in hand. To survive you need to have a sense of preparedness. The Bible gives us many lessons on survival. God gave Noah instructions to build the ark. Noah didn't wait for the rains to come before he started building. He listened to God and followed his instructions. When the floods came, Noah was safely locked away in the ark with his family and the animals. He had enough food and water for all on the ark to survive until God gave additional instructions. (*Genesis 6:21 "And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee and for them."*)

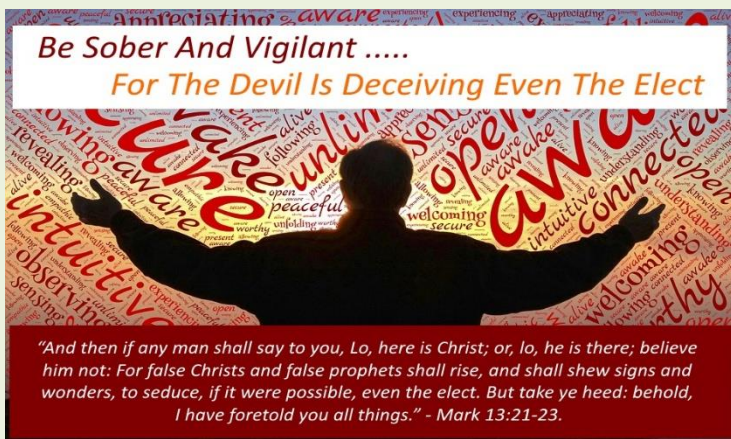
How many times we know there is a leak in the roof or window and don't do anything about it until the rainy season sets in, then we scramble about trying to fix it. We know we are in hurricane season; how many of us has stocked up on water, batteries, flash lights, non-perishable food items, etc.

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When we go on a trip we should be prepared for the “what ifs”. Research where you are going to see if there is a history of kidnapping, terrorism, etc. Some trips need special inoculations. Some countries you have to carry ample supply of medication, food and water, especially if your diet vastly differs from where you are heading. *(Proverbs 27:12 “A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.”)*

During a crisis, most likely, we can survive a short-term set back, but what if there was a long-term disaster? Severe damage from the elements like hurricanes, tornadoes, etc. Can we exercise self-discipline not to gorge ourselves of the food supply we have on hand but know how to ration wisely so we have another day to look forward to? *(Proverbs 21:20 “The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down.”)*



Are we spiritually ready to survive what the enemy throws at us? We have to be strong and stand strong in the Faith. We need to stand firm on God’s word, so when the enemy tries to put one over on us we can discern what he’s trying to do. So many times employers, politicians and even churches try to brain wash us on morals and ethics, but if we know the Word of God, we cannot fall for just anything because we know what we stand for and whose Word we stand on. *(1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”)*

Society also tries to push us down when we stand for what is right. With immoral living and worldly passions, we are often frowned upon when we don’t participate, but the Bible tells us to be alert and be ready for the very real evils that are out there. *(1 Thessalonians 5:6 “Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.”)*

STAND up
for what is
RIGHT
even if YOU
are standing
ALONE!



Submitted by Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry



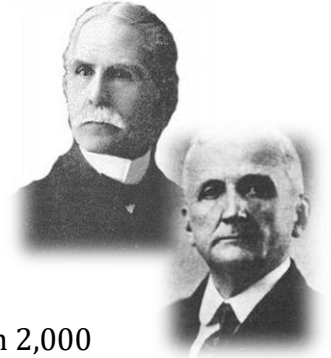
HYMN OF THE MONTH:

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

THE HISTORY

This song was written and composed in a joint effort by Elisha Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter.

The author of the verses of this song was Elisha Hoffman who was born on May 7, 1839, in Pennsylvania. He graduated from Union Seminary in Pennsylvania and was ordained in 1868. As a minister he was appointed to the circuit in Napoleon, Ohio in 1872. He worked with the Evangelical Association publishing arm in Cleveland OH for eleven years. He served in many chapels and churches in Cleveland and in Grafton in 1880s. In his lifetime he wrote more than 2,000 gospel songs including “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” in 1894 and edited 50 song books. He passed away in 1929.



The composer of the music and the chorus was written by Anthony J. Showalter, who, in response to letters to two friends that had lost their wives, his expression of sympathy was the verse from Deuteronomy 33:27. After writing the chorus, he collaborated with Elisha Hoffman to write the verses for the song and it was first published in 1887 in, “The Glad Evangel for Revival, Camp, and Evangelistic Meetings, for which Showalter was an editor.

This Hymn was inspired by Deuteronomy 33:27, “The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms”. Please meditate on this hymn as it is sung, think of what it means to find refuge in our Heavenly Father’s arms in times of fears and trials and allow God’s peace and joy to replace our fears, unbelief and anxieties.

THE SONG

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry

A Message from Inside

Submitted by Sis. Alice Burnes

An appeal to the young (and not so young), choose right—a wrong choice could land you behind prison bars to face a new reality that may have dire consequences as in the lessons learned in this message from inside the prison walls. Choose Jesus as Lord (Colossians 1:15-20). He chose you first.



TEACH THEM A LESSON

**We want them to have self-worth ...
So we destroy their self-worth...**

**We want them to be responsible...
So we take away all responsibilities...**

**We want them to be part of our community...
So we isolate them from our community...**

**We want them to be positive and constructive...
So we degrade them and make them useless...**

**We want them to be non-violent...
So we put them where there is violence all around them...**

**We want them to be kind and loving people...
So we subject them to hatred and cruelty...**

**We want them to quit being the tough guy...
So we put them where the tough guy is respected...**

**We want them to quit hanging around losers...
So we put all the losers in the state under one roof...**

**We want them to quit exploiting us...
So we put them where they exploit each other...**

**We want them to take control of their own lives,
own their own problems, and quit being a parasite...
So we make them so totally dependent on us...**

78 Seeds of Faith

MORTGAGE ELIMINATION CAMPAIGN



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BAPTIST CHURCH

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!

Join us as we celebrate

Pastor & Sis. Debbie's 35th Pastoral Anniversary!



Revival services will be held Tuesday, October 1 through Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm nightly.

Guest Churches:

Tuesday, October 1

Rev. Gerard Blanding of Hopewell NE
Grayson, GA

Wednesday, October 2

Rev. Abraham Mosley of Mt. Pleasant BC
Athens, GA

Thursday, October 3

Rev. Derrick Shelton of Springfield MBC
Molena, GA

We will continue the celebration on Sunday, October 6, with
Rev. Jeffrey T. Rainey of Christian Union PBC, Mobile, AL

Luncheon immediately following 11:00 am Service



SIGNS OF THE SEASON

FALL

“Rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before.”

Joel 2:23 NIV

We know when fall is on its way when:

- The air begins to feel crisper, especially in the morning.
- Temperatures begin to drop.
- The air begins to smell a bit different.
- Morning dew begins to appear.
- The angle of the sun in the sky changes.
- The light of day begins to soften – the strength and quality of light changes.
- The days get noticeably shorter as it gets darker earlier each night.
- The direction of the wind changes and windy days become more common.
- Hurricanes and tropical storms begin to happen.
- The leaves of trees begin to change colors and fall to the ground.
- Autumn colors of red, orange, yellow and brown begin to appear everywhere.
- Grass doesn't grow as fast.
- Fall harvest plants become plentiful (pumpkins, apples, winter squash, almonds, walnuts, pecans).
- Pets begin to shed less and grow thicker fur.
- Squirrels, blue jays, and other animals collect and gather their winter stash.
- Birds begin to migrate south for the winter.
- Your energy bill is lower as the air conditioner is needed less and less.
- There are fewer people on beaches and at pools.
- Fall decor begins to appear.
- Football season begins.

We, too, go through seasons of change in our lives. God is intentional. He knows what we need. He tells us to rest. Our minds and our bodies need to be renewed from all of the chaos, trials and circumstances we go through in life that wear us down. God knew when he created us that we would become weary and tired and worn, and even come to a dry place in life. He said in his word in Isaiah 41:18 ***“I will open rivers on the bare heights and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land fountains of water.”*** Our season, no matter what that looks like, is meant to be fruitful and productive as we rest in Him and focus our attention on Him and not on the physical or cares of the world. God tells us in Romans 12:2 ***“to not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that we will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*** So, why not take time to stop, rest and appreciate the beautiful and spectacular array of colors this season offers from the canvas of God alone for our pleasure, enjoyment and relaxation.

Submitted by Paulette Tapp,
Communications Ministry

OUTREACH MINISTRY - "One Body Saved to Serve"

Sis. Diane 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 or to volunteer, please contact:
Diana McGhee at 404-312-1232 or via email at dianaymcghee@bellsouth.net or
Catherine Stafford at 678-983-7587.

"THE FRIENDSHIP MARKET"



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

FOSTER
♥ CARE

You can make a difference

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.



Did you know that the Outreach Ministry hosts a **MID-WEEK** worship service every Wednesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall? Join us!!

HEALTH MINISTRY

Sis. Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader

Childhood Cancer Facts: 10 Things You Should Know About Childhood Cancer by St. Baldrick's Foundation

1. Childhood cancer is the number one disease killer of children in the U.S. Cancer is the leading disease-related cause of death for children and adolescents ages 1-19, and 1 in 264 children and adolescents will develop cancer before the age of 20.
2. Every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer. That's 300,000 kids around the world every year.
3. The average age of a child diagnosed with cancer is 6. But you don't have to be a child to be diagnosed with childhood cancer. Childhood cancers are diagnosed in all ages, from newborn infants to children and young adults.
4. 80% of children diagnosed with cancer are in developing countries. Childhood cancer is a global problem.
5. The most common childhood cancer is acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). In the 1950s, almost every kid with ALL died. But today, thanks to childhood cancer research, about 90% of children with the most common form of ALL will survive. There are still types of ALL that have far lower survival rates.
6. In 80% of kids with cancer, the cancer has already spread to other areas of the body by the time it is diagnosed. That's why so many children with cancer need to begin treatment right away. Many adult cancers can be diagnosed early.
7. Much of what we know about treating adult cancers has been learned from childhood cancer research. Some aspects of cancer treatment today, such as combination chemotherapy, can be traced to pediatric cancer research.
8. There are over a dozen types of childhood cancer and hundreds of different subtypes. The more rare types, when added together, account for about 30% of cancers in children and adolescents. But because so few children are diagnosed with each type, it's very difficult to do research on these cancers.
9. One in five children diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. will not survive. For the ones who do, the battle is never over.
10. Because of the treatments they had as kids, more than 99% of childhood cancer survivors have a chronic health problem and 96% have severe or life-threatening conditions. By the time they're 50 years old, survivors of childhood cancer experience about 5 severe or life-threatening chronic health conditions on average.



HEALTHY FOODS

HEALTHY HEART

FITNESS

FLC GYM AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mornings

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

FBC YOUTH DAY 2019



“The Light and New Life in Following Jesus”

John 8:12

The Youth of Friendship Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor Ronald L. Bowens, Ministers Stanley and Barbara Williams/Teen Church Directors and Charlene Benn/Youth Church Director, showed the congregation that they were the lights of the world on Sunday, August 25, 2019. Their theme stemmed from the scripture John 8:12 *“Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”*

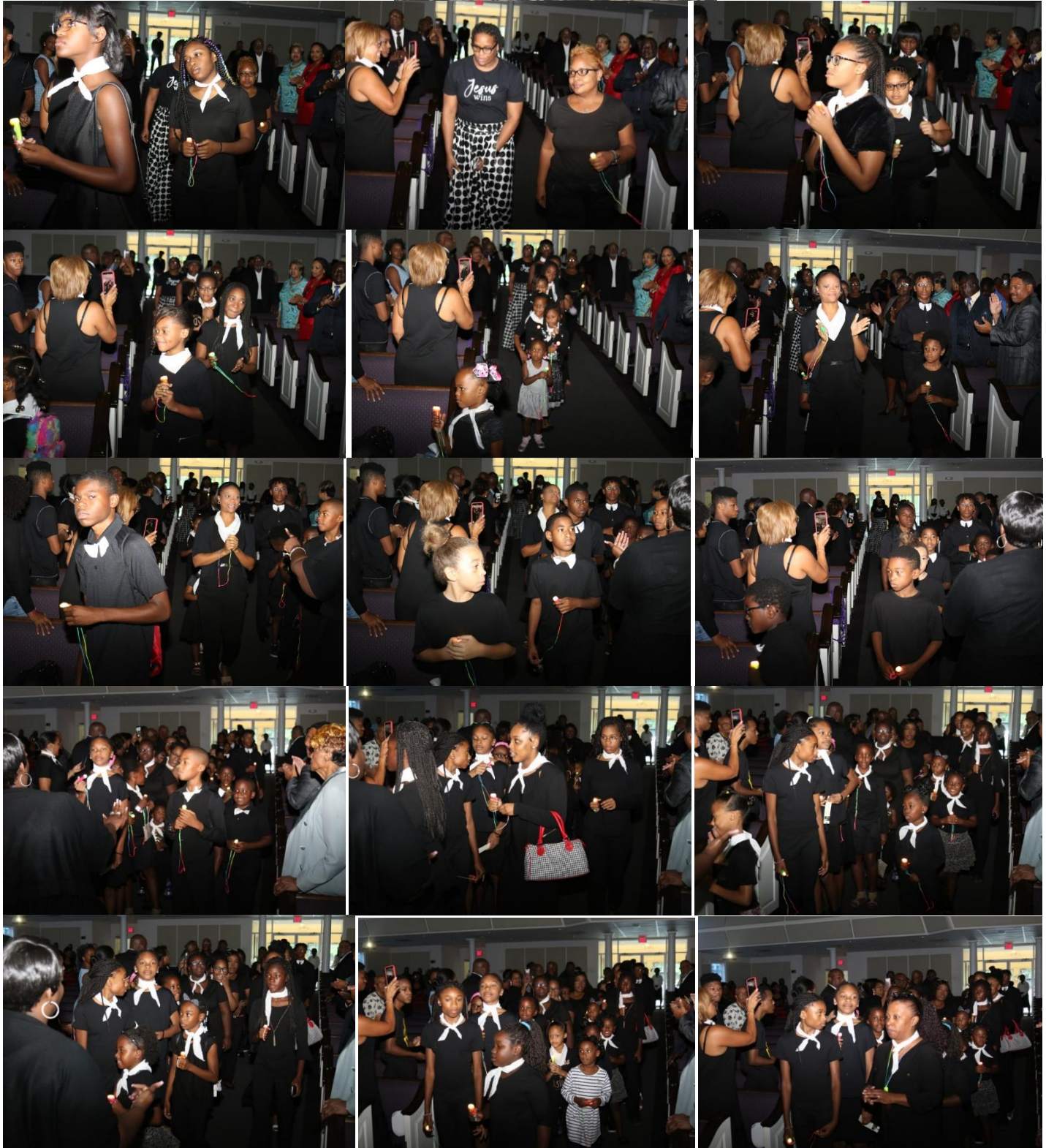
The Youth Choir and Teen Worship team practiced during the month in preparation for giving God all the glory in both the services. Wednesday’s service included a Rap Session with the teens entitled, “Holla Back If You Wanna Be Heard.” The Rap Session was designed to see what was on the mind of our teens and give them a Biblical response and “What thus saith the Lord” concerning their questions. The younger students were treated to a class reading about the fictional character, “Illumi-Nate,” a superhero whose superpowers came from the Word of God! The hero’s Power Verse that he recites in order to invoke his power is *“Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet and a Light Unto My Path”* from Psalm 119:105.

The week ended with an Ice Cream Social and Bible Bowl! Bro. Rommell and Sis. Kendall May hosted the Ice Cream Social while Sis. Tasha Barnes sharpened the minds of our youth (and some adults) with Bible Trivia questions! The winners, as well as all participants, were rewarded for their awesome work in the Bowl! These events prepared us for the spirit-filled Sunday morning services where we focused on the light in following Jesus with Min. Monique Stroman preaching at the 7:30 am service and Min. Roslyn Long preaching at the 11:00 am service. The overall message was about shining our light so that God can be glorified!

LaRonda Razor-Wilson, Youth Day Organizer

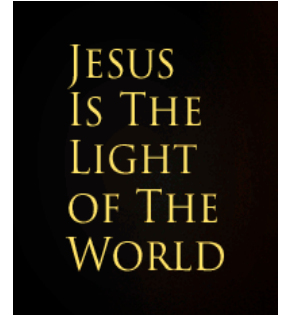
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JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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Pictures by Louie Malone and Shirley Price

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bro. Brandon Owens, Ministry Leader

On Saturday, September 7th, the FBC Men's Ministry hosted an Entrepreneur Workshop during their September meeting. Approximately 40 men and young men gathered to learn how having faith in God is needed to be a successful entrepreneur. They had a marvelous time fellowshiping and embodying the ministry's model scripture, Proverbs 27:17 *"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."*

Since September is the beginning of football season, the theme for the luncheon was "Fall into Football with Some Wings." As the title suggests, a buffet of wings was served as they prepared to discuss the topic. Deacon Derrick Chambers was the first panel member to share his journey as an entrepreneur owning his own clothing line. A key takeaway from his presentation is to always put God first when starting a business and trust the plans he has for you.

Brother Demetris Benn followed with a passionate presentation as an owner of a trucking company. It was highlighted with tips of how God places certain people in your path to help you along the way and even when you face challenges, God is still there.

Minister Floyd Williams was the final panel member as an owner of a trucking company. His presentation was highlighted with tips on how God keeps your business moving forward even while facing personal challenges.

All in attendance enjoyed learning from these brothers while finding moments to brag on their favorite football team. Unfortunately, the Cowboy fans outnumbered other teams!



Men's Ministry President Brandon Owens made a few announcements and thanked all in attendance for participating. Upcoming Men's Ministry events include; Outreach Ministry Walk-A-Thon support, October Meeting, November Meeting, and December Fellowship meeting at a local restaurant (location TBD).

One of the goals of the Men's Ministry is to support and help drive other ministries forward to help execute FBC's overall mission. Volunteers are still needed for the following ministries: Male Ushers, Parking Lot Ministry, Family Life Center volunteers, Outreach Ministry assistance and drivers for the shuttles. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, **please contact Brother Brandon Owens at [205-503-1715](tel:205-503-1715)**. Thanks again to all that attended, and we look forward to building on this platform in future meetings.



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Pictures by Louie Malone
Communications Ministry

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sis. Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader

September 14, 2019

As is our custom, the ministry opened with prayer led by Mary Blackburn followed by scriptural readings by Mother Dorothy Blagmon and Min. Jada Redman. This month, Kelly Wilson blessed the group with a mime to Deliver Me ("This is my Exodus").

We were also pleased to welcome one visitor, Mary Sneed from Ohio. Since it's also customary to acknowledge birthdays and anniversaries, we recognized Karen Omar (birthday - 9/29) and Shirley Price who celebrated 57 years of marriage. Mother Baker shared that this was a special time of remembrance as she reflected on the passing of her son.

The Ministry Secretary, Harriett Hairston, was so moved by the mime performance that she reminded the women that we need to have enough faith for those who are still bound. We must give others an outlet to speak and not judge them. Furthermore, we must trust the Lord to bring them out.

Each month, we take a moment to read our covenant together. This is extremely important as it reminds attendees of the purpose for which we come together. For those who may not have heard, our purpose is ***"to come together to get to know one another, to share knowledge, to uplift and encourage one another, to fellowship with and enjoy each other's company and to unite in praising the Lord through all we do."***

Before settling into the roundtable discussions on **"F.A.C.T.S."** which is an acronym for **F**orgiveness... **A**doration...**C**onfession...**T**hanksgiving...**S**upplication. Ministry leader Cheryl Alford spent a few moments explaining to the group why we were delving into this discussion. The setting included five round tables with one word for each and at least 5-6 women at each table. They were encouraged to discuss their assigned word, provide a definition, scriptural references and a summary of the discussion to be shared with the body as a whole.

Following is a brief summary of what each table shared:

Fact 1...**Forgiveness** ...Min. Jada Redman
The act of pardoning an offender.
Scriptures: 1 John 1:9; Colossians 3:13;
Ephesians 1:16-23. We must admit our own mistakes in order to be forgiven.

Fact 2...**Adoration** ...Diane Russell
A deep love, respect, worship, glorify, praise.
Scriptures: Psalm 45:5 (praise); Psalm 89:7
(reverence); Matthew 21:37 (respect);
Isaiah 17:7 (respect). Adoration is the opportunity to worship God for who He is.

Fact 3...**Confession** ...Debbie Chambers
A formal statement admitting that one is guilty, i.e., owning up to it. Scriptures: James 5:16. It's important and necessary that we confess our sins before a merciful God who will forgive us. Proverbs 23:13; Proverbs 32:5.

Fact 4...**Thanksgiving** ...Harriett Hairston
Showing/telling God how we feel about what He has done. Scriptures: Psalm 46:1;
1 Thessalonians 5:18. We are to give thanks in all things. There is giving in thanksgiving. When we praise God and offer prayer to Him, He gives us power which puts us in a thanksgiving mode.

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Fact 5...**Supplication** ...Mother Gerald Baker Plead humbly for something. Scriptures: Philippians 4:6; Matthew 6. Before asking God for something, seek *forgiveness*, *adore* His awesomeness, *confess* your sins and *thank* Him for His blessings.

While there is not an abundance of comments included in this article, we hope readers will take time to reflect on the scriptures provided.

We would like to acknowledge Gertie Brock who serves faithfully each month preparing a delicious and refreshing breakfast. This month we enjoyed fresh fruit salad, bagels and cream cheese and orange juice.

In the end, an invitation was extended to all who had not done so to register for the Pastor's Anniversary dinner. We also acknowledged and invited the women to join the fellowship at the Creative Learning Workshops. We not only have fun, but we're learning many creative crafts in the process. The invitation is extended to you, our readers as well.

We look forward to seeing you at our next fellowship in October.

Submitted by Cheryl Alford with contributions by Gerri Wright and each of the five table representatives listed above. Photos by Shirley Price, assisted by Lynne Alford.



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COME JOIN US

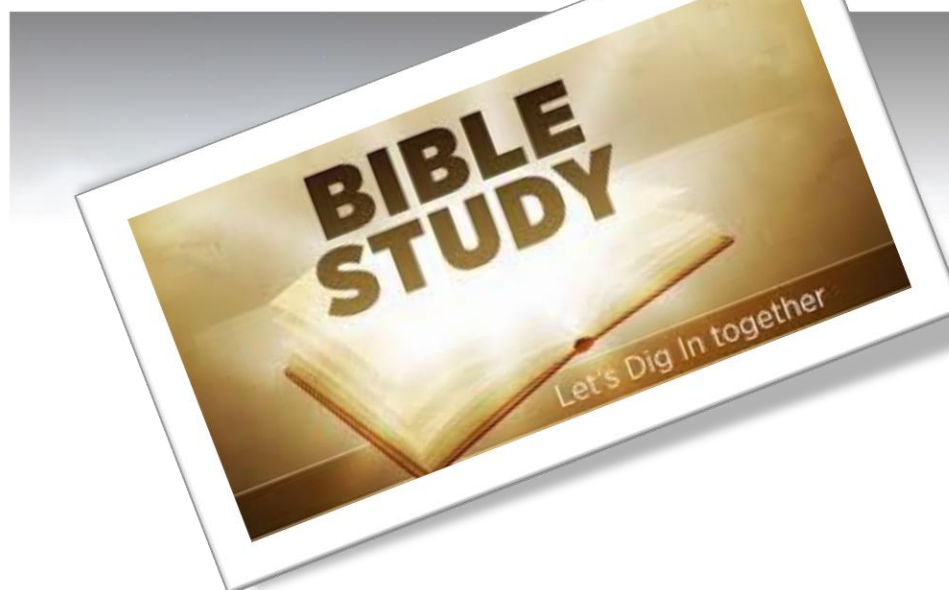
Every Wednesday Night for:

Intercessory Prayer

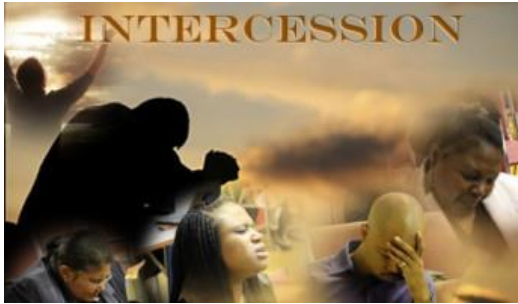
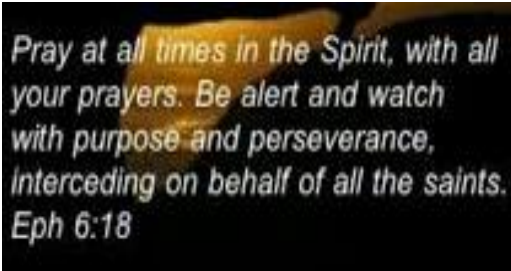
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Worship Service & Bible Study

7:30 p.m.



Prayer List



Remember with prayer, calls and visitations


Bro. Willie Benton
 Min. Karen Blacknell
 Rev. Kenneth Blacknell
 Bro. Julius Brogdon
 Sis. Joyce Brooks
 Sis. Sherie Brown
 Bro. Tyler Caldwell
 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
 Miss Quincie Joyner
 Bro. Dennis Kimmey
 Sis. Mabel Lawrence
 Bro. Edwin Logan
 Sis. Sylvia Marrow

Sis. Roxanne Motley
 Evg. Valerie Montaque
 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
 Sis. April Walker
 Sis. Mabel Thomas
 Rev. Dwight Wilkerson
 Min. Floyd Williams
 Dea. Clendon Wilson
 Sis. Sadie Wilson
 Bro. Victor Winston Jr.
 Bro. Donald Wood





Church News & Other Important Information

Job Opportunities

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for the 2020 Census. Interested applicants should apply at www.2020census.gov jobs.

Full-time Nanny for a 2-year old and 7-week old, Mon-Fri 7am-6pm in Loganville, GA. Reliable, CPR certified preferred, nonsmoker and light meal prep for kids. Contact Ranita at 256-457-8225. Serious inquiries only!

FBC Creative Learning Fall Classes

Join one of our experienced sewing and craft educators to learn more about your craft. No matter your skill level or area of interest, Creative Learning has a class for you.

Upcoming classes: August - Quilted Christmas Skirt; September - Tuffet Stool; October - Beadwork. Join us every first, second & third Saturdays (excluding holidays) from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Heritage fellowship hall. Come check out all of our exciting, upcoming classes and events.

FBC Spirit Day 2019

Join us Sunday, September 29th, for Spirit Sunday. All members are encouraged to wear their favorite team, college or any other organization spirit paraphernalia, t-shirts or jerseys.

Education Ministry

High School Seniors - There will be a Meet and Greet for all high school seniors and their parents on September 21, 2019, at 10:00 am in the FLC-RM 130. This meeting is open to all high school seniors that are either a member or a regular attendee of Friendship Baptist Church. Come out and join us as we get to know each other and make preparation for upcoming events and your 2020 graduation. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Sharon Norman at sharon4282.sn@gmail.com.

The FBC Senior Ministry will not meet in September.

Monday Night Bible Study: Monday Night Bible Study from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Main Fellowship Hall. The new topic is: JAMES Faith/Works by Matt Chandler. Book cost is \$15.

New Masterlife 1: "The Disciple's Cross" class is scheduled to begin on Sunday, **October 13th**.

ACT Prep/Practice Test

September 28, 2019 at 8:00 am in the FLC-RM 233. Open to all High School Juniors and Seniors who attend Friendship Baptist Church. Test starts promptly at 8:30 am. There is a \$15.00 fee to take this class. A light breakfast will be provided. Please register no later than September 19th by contacting Sharon Norman at sharon4282sn@gmail.com.

Lost and Found – If you have lost items and would like to check the Lost and Found, you may contact the Church Office at 770-497-8227 Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. If you find a lost item, please see one of the ushers after any Sunday service, or contact the church office.

Transportation Ministry

To request a ride to church, call 770-622-2797 by Saturday, 4pm.

Neighboring Church News

Poplar Hill MBC, Buford, GA will celebrate their 136th Church Anniversary, Sunday, September 22nd. Please contact us at 770-945-6131 for additional information.

You are cordially invited to the 10th Anniversary Banquet for Rev. Arthur Jones, **Springfield Baptist Church** on Saturday, October 19th at 5 pm. Tickets: \$20. Contact Rev. Jones for additional information or to purchase a ticket.



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Go to fbcduluth.org and click on: "Giving" tab

Or from your cell phone Text: FBCDULUTH TO 73256.

FBC Youth Ministry Hallelujah Night presents...



October 31, 2019 | 6 PM to 9 PM

“Trunk or Treat events have grown in popularity in recent years, as families seek fun and safe alternatives to trick-or-treating door-to-door. At trunk or treats, costumed children walk through parking lots, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks and receiving candy.”

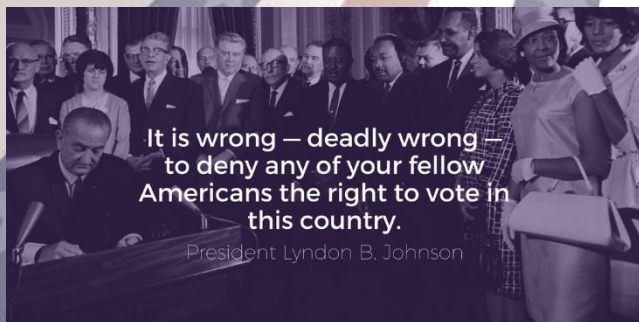
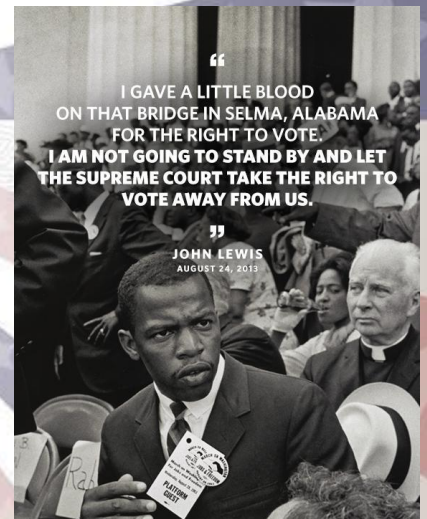
Fellowship... Food... Family Fun!

All ministries and members are encouraged to donate wrapped candy. **PLEASE NO PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER CANDY.** Collection boxes will be located in the Family Life Center.

HALLELUJAH
Night



The Voter's Registration Drive sponsored by the Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the New Georgia Project was held Sunday, September 22nd, in the Family Life Center from 9:30-10:00 am.



LOCAL ELECTIONS

November 5, 2019

Do you know who's running?

Come Out & See

[Monday, September 30, 2019 @ 7:00 pm](#)

Berean Christian Church Gwinnett

1465 Highpoint Road

Snellville, GA



MORE INFORMATION



Join the Census Bureau and earn money while helping your community - The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the nation, including Gwinnett County, to assist with the 2020 Census count.

Jobs include census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff, and supervisory staff. To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, have a valid Social Security number, and be a U.S. citizen. The Census Bureau offers up to \$20 per hour for census takers, competitive wages, flexible hours, weekly paychecks, and paid training.

The U.S. Constitution requires a head count of the country every 10 years. The census results are used by government and the private sector for multiple purposes, including:

- Redistricting at the national, state, and local level
- Distributing billions of dollars in federal and state funds
- Analyzing local economic and demographic trends
- Planning investments and local risks
- Land use planning
- Planning transportation projects
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, or children

To learn more about job details and how to apply, visit 2020census.gov/jobs.



AARP Defensive Smart Driver Course

October 1 from 10:30am to 5:00pm. Learn defensive driving techniques and refresh your driving skills. Cost: \$15 for AARP members (don't forget to bring your card) and \$20 for non-members. Cash or check only. Please bring a drink and a lunch. Register at events@gwinnettpl.org. Suwanee Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 361 Main Street, Suwanee.

Veterans Round Table | FREE!

October 9 at 1:00pm. Discuss your needs and get information on filing VA claims, medical care, housing, and job resources. Newly discharged or senior retirees welcome! For more information, please email events@gwinnettpl.org. Buford Branch of the Gwinnett County Public Library, 2100 Buford Highway, Buford.

Senior Coffee Club | FREE!

October 11 from 9:30am to 10:30am. Come meet your neighbors with a free cup of coffee and breakfast treats. Enjoy crafts, games, and snacks. For ages 50 and up. Lilburn Activity Building, 788 Hillcrest Road, Lilburn.

Public Safety Fall Festival | FREE!

October 12 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Police and Fire and Emergency Services are partnering for an exciting day with lots to see at the Public Safety Fall Festival. First responders will show off their emergency vehicles, including a helicopter, ambulance, SWAT personnel carrier, and ladder truck. Coolray Field, 2500 Buford Drive, Lawrenceville.

Homeowner H2O

October 17 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Learn why water conservation is important, and receive tips to conserve water at home. Attendees will receive a low-flow home retrofit kit. [Preregister](#) here. Lucky Shoals Park, 4651 Britt Road, Norcross.

BLACK HISTORY FACTS

Fact #1: As a child [Muhammad Ali](#) was refused an autograph by his boxing idol, [Sugar Ray Robinson](#). When Ali became a prizefighter, he vowed never to deny an autograph request, which he honored throughout his career.

Fact #2: [Muhammad Ali](#), the self-proclaimed "greatest [boxer] of all time," was originally named after his father, who was named after the 19th-century abolitionist and politician Cassius Marcellus Clay.

Fact #3: Allensworth is the first all-black Californian township, founded and financed by African Americans. Created by [Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth](#) in 1908, the town was built with the intention of establishing a self-sufficient city where African Americans could live their lives free of racial prejudice.

Fact #4: Jazz, an African-American musical form born out of the blues, ragtime and marching bands, originated in Louisiana during the turn of the 19th century. The word "jazz" is a slang term that at one point referred to a sexual act.

Fact #5: During the 1930s, painter Charles Alston founded the 306 group, which convened in his studio space and provided support and apprenticeship for African-American artists, including [Langston Hughes](#); sculptor [Augusta Savage](#); and mixed-media visionary [Romare Bearden](#).

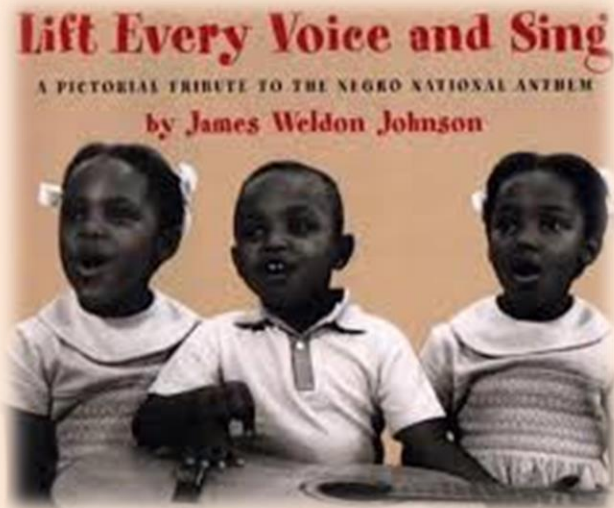
Fact #6: Before [Wally Amos](#) became famous for his "Famous Amos" chocolate chip cookies, he was a talent agent at the William Morris Agency, where he worked with the likes of The Supremes and Simon & Garfunkel.

Fact #7: [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#) was assassinated on friend [Maya Angelou's](#) birthday, on April 4, 1968. Angelou stopped celebrating her birthday for years afterward, and sent flowers to King's widow, [Coretta Scott King](#), for more than 30 years, until Coretta's death in 2006.

Fact #8: [Louis Armstrong](#) learned how to play the cornet while living at the Colored Waif's Home for Boys.

Fact #9: Musician [Louis Armstrong](#) earned the nickname "[Satchmo](#)" which was a shortened version of the moniker "satchel mouth."

Fact #10: After a long career as an actress and singer, [Pearl Bailey](#) earned a bachelor's degree in theology from Georgetown University in 1985.



National Black Anthem

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.

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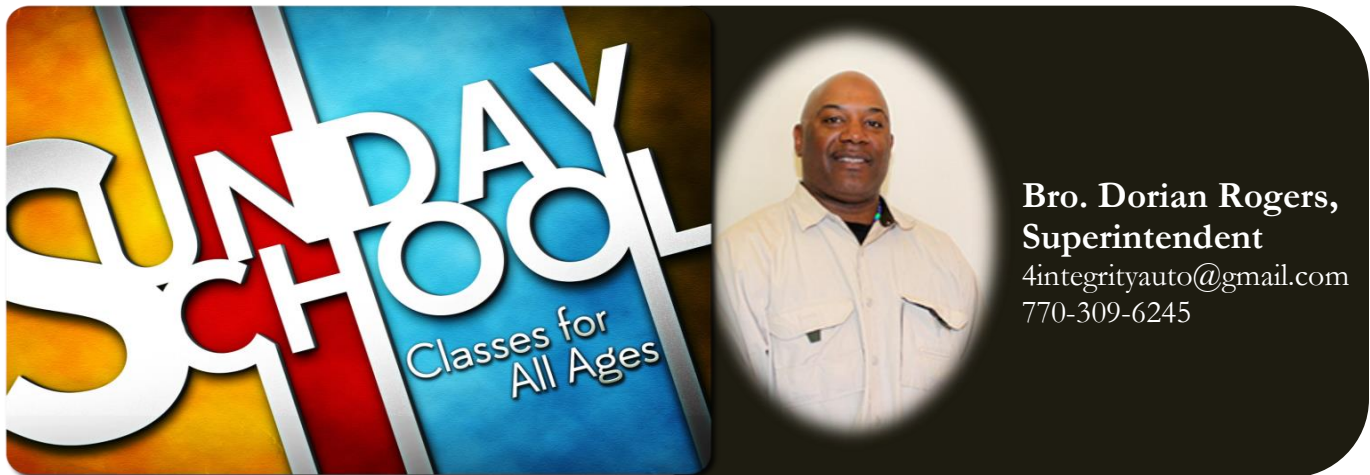
Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, a child, family member or friend.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The support group is led by caring people who have experienced grief themselves and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

The GriefShare Ministry has received the necessary GriefShare training to be able to provide a warm, caring and comfortable environment to those experiencing the pain of grief. Training is key for effective ministry. GriefShare provides ongoing training to the support group in order to continue to build and maintain a strong leadership team.

GriefShare is a 13-week class that meets every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Family Life Center Room 234. Each participant will need to register to attend this class. The workbooks are \$15.

The GriefShare Ministry support group members are: Minister Karen L. Blacknell, Rev. Kenneth M. Blacknell, Rev. Garfield Garner, Minister Amelia Brown, Minister Barbara Williams, Sis. Sandra Williams, Sis. Linda Berry, Sis. HaLynn Brown, Mother Gerald Baker, Mother Dorothy Blagmon, Sis. Tyesaha Peak-Lane, Sis. Tradenia Hill, Sis. Cortney Garner, Sis. Hyacinth Chung and Evangelist Deloris Williams.



CLASSES LOCATED IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC):

Class	Room	Class	Room
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
MasterLife 1: "The Disciple's Cross"	130	Single Parenting	220
MasterLife 2: "The Disciple's Personality"	210	GriefShare	234
MasterLife 3: "The Disciple's Victory"	211	Note: All Adult classes are combined on the 5th Sundays and meet in the Sanctuary	
MasterLife 4: "The Disciple's Mission"	213		

CLASSES LOCATED IN THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE MAIN BUILDING:

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



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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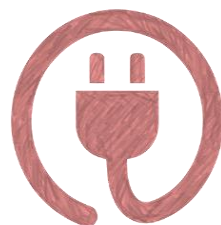
Worship Services	Sunday	7:30 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary
Teen Church	Sunday	7:30 & 11:00 am	Heritage Church
Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 am	Family Life Center
Sunday School (Youth)	Sunday	9:45 am	Lower Level Main Building
New Members' Class	Sunday	9:45 am	Room 209 Family Life Center
God's Calling & Purpose for Your Life	Monday	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Deacon's 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
Marriage Class	Thursday	7:00 pm	Room 201 Lower Level Main Bldg
Recovery Ministry	7 days a week – 24 hours a day		Contact: Tim Sanford @ 678-598-1120

M O N T H L Y

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
Mother's Ministry	1st Saturday	9:30 am	Room 135 Family Life Center
Minister's 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 Saturday	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
Communication's 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 1st & 3rd Sunday 7:00 pm		
Youth Choir Preparation	Tuesday before 2nd & 4th Sunday 6:45 pm		

SPECIAL MONTHLY SERVICES

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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