



# Celebrating 35 years of the faithfulness of God.

35<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary 2019  
Faithfully Feeding the Flock of God  
I Peter 5:2



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Rev. Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor

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## FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE

### OCTOBER

- 1-3 Revival Services Nightly 7:00pm
- 6 Pastoral Anniversary 35 Years
- 12 Athlete's Table Talk 11am Room 131
- 13 New Masterlife 1 Class Begins
- 26 Senior's Ministry 11:00am
- 31 Trunk or Treat Hallelujah Night 6-9pm

### NOVEMBER

- 2 Men's Ministry 10:30am-12:30pm
- 2 Drama Ministry 10:00am FLC Rm 139
- 5 Local Elections
- 11 Veterans Day Observance
- 12 Girls Self-Defense Class Starts 4-7pm
- 27 Thanksgiving Eve Luncheon 12pm
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 28 Church Office Closed
- 29 Church Office Closed

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### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

# OBEDIENCE

Obedience in the dictionary can be broken down as simple compliance, dutifulness, respect, discipline, conformity or submissiveness. God's definition of Obedience relates to hearing or hearkening to a higher authority or positioning oneself under someone by submitting to their authority and command.

Because of disobedience, Saul was rejected as king because he failed to utterly destroy the Amalekites, instead he chose to keep the best of the best for himself and to offer sacrifice to God. God did not want Saul's sacrifice, he wanted his obedience.

I Samuel 15:22 NIV – "But Samuel replied: Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams." This means we have to hear, trust, submit and surrender to God and his Word.

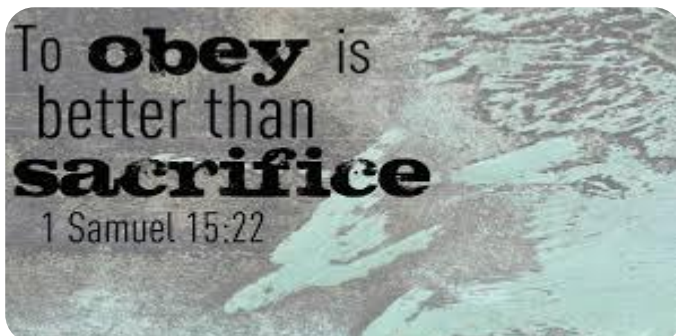
### Reasons for Obedience:

1. **Jesus Calls Us to Obedience** – John 14:15, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."
2. **Obedience Is an Act of Worship** – Our works cannot make us righteous, but because of the Grace the Lord has extended to us, obedience should be flowing from our hearts out of gratitude. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

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3. **God Rewards Obedience** – Genesis 22:18 “And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me.”
4. **Obedience to God Proves Our Love** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> John shows that obedience to God demonstrates love for God. “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments” (1 John 5:2-3) and doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning (2 John 6).
5. **Obedience to God Demonstrates Our Faith** – When we obey God, we show our trust and faith in Him: And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. (1 John 2:3-6)
6. **Obedience Is Better Than Sacrifice** – 1 Samuel 15:22-23, But Samuel replied, “What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So, because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has rejected you as king.”
7. **Disobedience Leads to Sin and Death** – the disobedience of Adam brought sin and death into the world but Christ's perfect obedience restores fellowship with God for everyone who believes in Him. Romans 5:19 “For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous” and I Corinthians 15:22 “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”
8. **Through Obedience We Experience the Blessings of Holy Living** – Jesus was the only perfect one who walked sinless and in perfect obedience. As we spend more time with God through his Word, Fellowship and Worship, the Holy Spirit will transform us from within as we can grow in holiness. Obedience should be a lifestyle for us. 2 Corinthians 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”



Submitted by Hyacinth Chung,  
Communications Ministry



# HYMN OF THE MONTH – “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Author: Reginald Heber**

Reginald Heber was born in 1783 into a wealthy, educated family. He was a bright youth, translating a Latin classic into English verse by the time he was seven, entering Oxford at 17, and winning two awards for his poetry during his time there. After his graduation he became rector of his father's church in the village of Hodnet, near Shrewsbury in the west of England where he remained for 16 years. He was appointed Bishop of Calcutta in 1823 and worked tirelessly for three years until the weather and travel took its toll on his health and he died of a stroke. Most of his 57 hymns, which include "Holy, Holy, Holy," are still in use today. -- Greg Scheer, 1995



## Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 1

*They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. Rev. 4:8*

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John B. Dykes, 1861

Reginald Heber, 1826

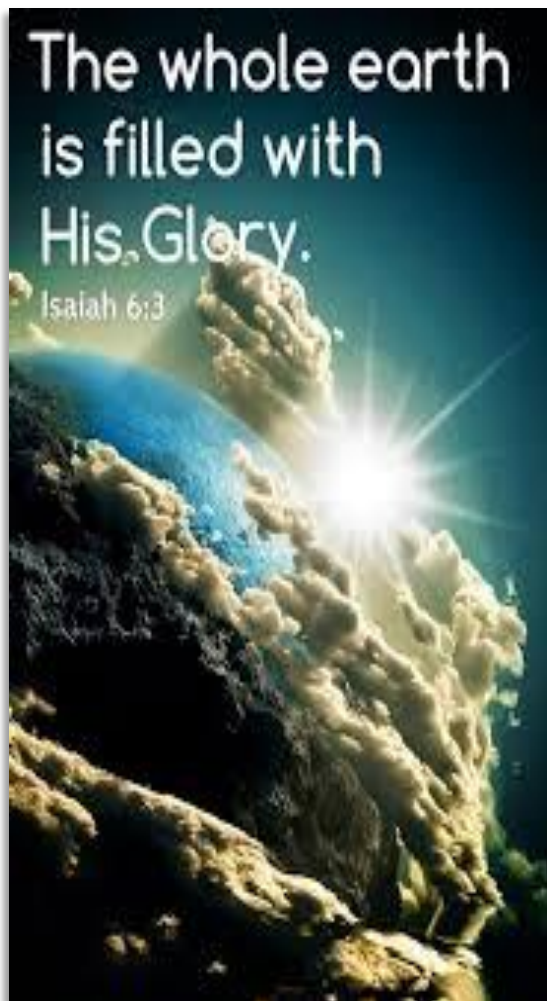
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

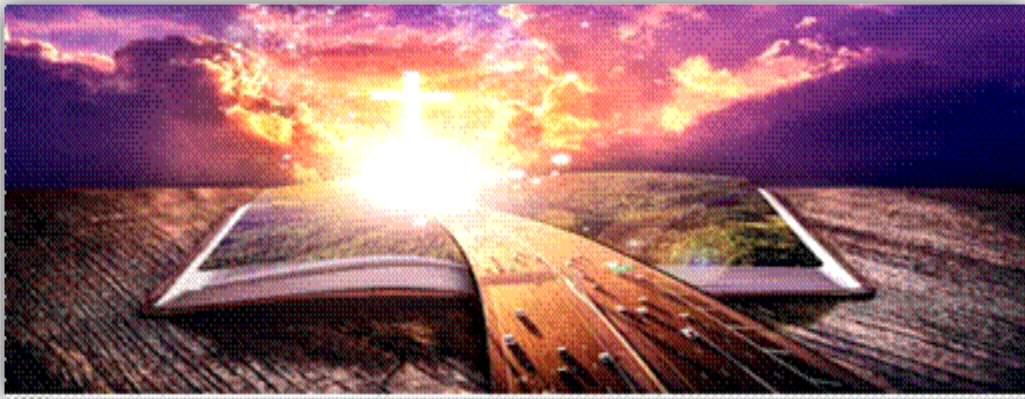
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A-men.

THE TRINITY



# INSPIRATIONS FROM THE PSALMS

Written by Evangelist Deloris Williams



**A Psalm of David to the Chief Musician 19:1-14 (KJV)**

*“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.” (vs. 1)*

A strange fever has plagued mere men in this final stage of “Life” and Salvation through the only “Sovereign Builder of the Universe called “Earth”?! But the true people of GOD know the Divine Shepherd’s voice! Not by an outside knowledge of men but by his own confirmation of his galaxies, elements, seas, oceans, heavenly bodies must (simple men) bow. There are many roads in a daily commute, but The Sovereign GOD in his infinity knows your exit and what lies beyond! We all must stay in our own “lanes” when dealing with sensitive worshipping and praising our LORD, and not elevating ourselves above the Eternal’s Wisdom according to his “Holy Word,” compared by his “Holy Word” breathed from the Holy Source of his own and Holy Self!

Anything other than the Word, from the Word, or confirmed by biblical scripture is a “strange wisdom!” All should go to the “Rock of Salvation”, a Holy Guide – Jesus, the Christ and Redeemer sent to earth by God. Avoid the end-time fever of being revered or revered as mere fading men! We are but “stewards,” servants set apart, redeemed and snatched from error; BUT as the “Legal Script of all Creation” testifies of One Creator, One LORD, One “Divine Holy Spirit” of the Creator Father who gave his Son the “Divine Mantel” to be Revered, Reverenced, Bowed to, to be “Feared” of who he is, what he can do and the “Only” True and Worthy Name above all names to be praised! By Whom? By his own people “knowing the full Truth” through the “Magnificent Messenger,” Holy, Throne-based, referred to “GOD’s own people by Covenant, Adoption, and by whoever will come by “Repentance,” and by the spirit of truth, in whom the inseparable Holy Spirit “testifies” by “One Sovereign and Divine Wisdom of our Creator and Testament.” All else is a “strange fire fanned by men.”

That old devil, called Lucifer, used his (evil) wisdom to manipulate Eve with a bit of truth that if she ate she would not die but know between good and evil, the strategy, an (evil) outside argument of the AUTHOR of Sovereign Truth. The internet isn’t a fool-proof measuring tool on “REASONING,” it too is a tool saying what GOD calls a thing to be loathsome, man is calling GOD’s WORD wrong to suit sin’s appeal. Adam and Eve, like many today, go along with an argumentum set of heresies from something other than the WORD from the WORD. A tradition of the talking snake!



(Inspirations from the Psalms cont'd)

**QUESTION: IS THIS THE FEVER SINFUL MAN IS BELIEVING THAT HE CAN JUST SLIP INTO THE "SPIRITUAL MANTEL" GIVEN TO THE DIVINE DEITY OF THE SON?** Casting one over another and without discernment? "But we are all as an unclean thing and all our righteousness is as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" Isaiah 64:6 KJV. David pleads to not become an abomination of GOD. Nor is David "puffed up" for a title; but he bends himself in a lowly prostrate position as the sinner he was – outside wisdom apart from the Word, proofed by the Word, from the teachings of the original Apostle who walked with their fisherman of men!

David entered into the "spirit" as he kept his father's flock and wrote this song of Psalm 19 for the worshippers of the sanctuary with a heated, fervent passionate expression recorded to GOD's creating works in a Spiritual-dimension run-down of his "glory" as David relied upon GOD's wisdom in his early days attending the flock! They are: the heavens, seas, earth. David's own mind began to connect and his heart hinged "on his maker's Divinity" in all his creation; and David begins to comply that God's natural bible was his works of creation and hemmed and threaded with "Divine Wisdom." How does David begin to help us today to enter God's natural "divine and universal mental and spiritual" school from the "pastures to king"?! David began to ascend mentally by a spiritual journey scanning the upmost cosmos from the edge of the pastured fields of sheep. He magnified the Excellency of God's clouds, the **peripheral rains and gets ecstatic as he pens the** scene's first page in his mind where the Genus of Genesis begins. David's "**spiritual mantel**" from birth gave him a "spiritual passport" to commune genuinely from a dusty heart! Every seeker of the heart of God should ask the Father Creator to give me the seeds to be "genuine" that I may walk daily with your Holy Spirit to know only your Wisdom and not an evil wisdom of men.

This is spiritual discernment, meaning relating to the soul or spirit of spiritual and sacred things rather than worldly things akin to 1 Corinthians 2:15 "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man." David begins to trace God's goodness in his current lows and highs at the edge of the sheep pastures, and this is how this Psalm unfolds of a mere man in need and search of his Divine's hands stroking his new found Wisdom: Let us step with David from a small margin of spiritual loneness. Infinity lent her spiritual vision to David and invited him to peek into the "beauty of her Master's vestige meaning to trace the evidence of the Creator's boundless breadth from the heavenly throne. This is how David pens with a soul of love (Psalm 19:1-6 KJV): "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." We, too, are surrounded by God's fantastic displays of His craftsmanship. The heavens give dramatic evidence of his existence, his power, his love and his care. David confirms the world is confirming God's works are to be told in his sanctuary on that great morning like a farmer plowing his field. So, the assembly heightens their voices as the Master's plowmen make plain the WISDOM of God is his word, works and his testimony of how the Heavenly Trinity speaks and the earth, by his words, yielding seeds as food and all his creatures show God's glory and his grace. God's cosmos is his school of divinity, for man receives God's glory to reverence this mercy giver.

**QUESTION: WHAT SPIRITUAL GUIDE ARE YOU FOLLOWING?** There in the Accepted Book are his scriptures, a Rock unto his sanctuary that is above all teaching and original from his own heart to be abided in and to be abided by his people, and as if day and night are richly pouring fountains of spiritual water upon the earth from his mid-air rains. Let man not glory creation but the one who has created

(Inspirations from the Psalms cont'd)

his Creation. Let us Glory that he, the Creator, may be praised for all his works and the “whole” length of all that is made both under the heavens and in his heavens. The sun, moon and stars are God’s (ancient like the antiquity of time), his traveling preachers obeying their commandments to rise all over the world in different timelines; the Creator unprejudiced where his brightness, his evenings, or his benevolence of the morning or noon day may touch the skins of his mankind of all creeds and genders.

They are his ancient apostles upon their journey confirming those who regard the Lord and condemning those who worship idols. The heavens are *declaring* for the continuance of their testimony intended by their employer, being God, every moment God's existence, power, wisdom and goodness are being sounded abroad by the heavenly dispatched Word, as **forerunners**, leaping into their spoken assignments which shine upon us from above. Let those who “tilt not” to wisdoms outside the handy working of their “known Creator shout Hallelujah!” David was a man who could pray, and his Creator’s heart would glory at such a prize when man would submit in spirit and his heart becomes poetic through a spiritual “outburst” from his awakening soul!

**WHEN NO ONE RESPECTS YOU:** David was not respected. **Why?** From birth people can be born with **(special) gifts, and mantles**. They will have God’s hands upon them. Usually, they are quiet, loners, set apart. David was very special, unclean morally, but God favored him from the womb; God knew a theme about David. What? He saw a man that would love him with all of his heart, and until his death. We who are God’s must truly be innocent of what we are accused of. Proverbs 28:5 “Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the LORD comprehend fully.” Verses 7-11: David prayeth for Grace. The word showeth David’s grace of God's truth was that **“The Heavens”** are varied in their multiplicity, made up of their constabships amid dripping heavens with their billows of innumerable forms, their routed external spaces react in an upheaval of and within “cosmological heavens” in the company of every part of the glories of God’s glories of a maximum wonderful thing of spiritual applause by his excellent elemental systems, ever in a waltz with his brilliant heavens with all the “awes” of long nights of what the Heaven of heavens contain. David could “bestir” the heart of God with his words of exaltation.

Verses 12-14: David begins to understand the contrary effect, and man’s natural blindness of a man’s soul. It is well again to observe the gradation, the convert becoming a disciple and then a rejoicing soul; he now obtains a discerning eye and as a spiritual man discerned all things, though he himself is discerned of no man. The interlude of Psalm 19 is also a thread to Psalm 18:20 – Wisdom of the blind are those people that think that belief in God is a crutch for weak people who cannot make it on their own. God is indeed a buckler (shield) to protect us when we are too weak to face certain trials by ourselves. By whose authority are you traveling?!



**DAVID HAD THE RIGHT IDEA - AVOID THE END-TIME FEVER OF SELF-EXALTATION!  
DON'T BE LURED!!**

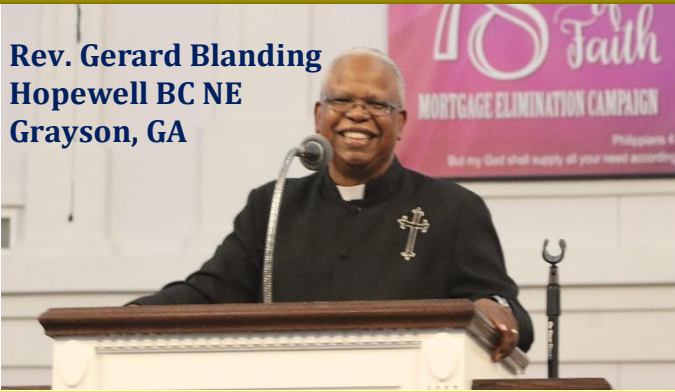
## Pre-Anniversary Revival Services - October 1-3, 2019

### “Celebrating 35 Years of Ministry”

#### Theme: Faithfully Feeding the Flock of God

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind” (1 Peter 5:2 KJV)

**Rev. Gerard Blanding**  
Hopewell BC NE  
Grayson, GA



**Tuesday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-4**

**Sermon Title: “Feeding the Flock of God: I Can’t Stop Now”**

Rev. Blanding spoke of how an encounter with Jesus can change your life (he spoke of Peter). He noted things that are needed to feed the flock: (1) the anointing; (2) be eager to serve; (3) don’t be concerned about what you can get out of them; and (4) lead by example.

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



**Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Scripture: Daniel 6:10**

**Sermon Title: “It’s Praying Time!”**

Rev. Mosley spoke of Daniel and his character – how three times a day, Daniel went to pray; how his accusers couldn’t find him doing any-thing wrong, as he was an upright man with an excellent spirit. They found no wrongdoing in him so they tried to find something wrong with the right he did. Rev. Mosley further said whenever you are elevated, you may encounter more problems. But like Daniel, continue to pray!!

**Rev. Derrick Shelton**  
Poplar Springfield Missionary BC  
Molena, GA



**Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Scripture: John 1:22-23**

**Sermon Title: “Keep on Crying”**

Rev. Shelton spoke of John (the baptist, not the apostle) how he didn’t just show up, but he was sent by God. He said John confirmed he wasn’t THE LIGHT, but he came to bear witness of the light. He noted he was the one who cried in the wilder-ness. He continued to note how Pastors keep the light on as in the days when people would enter the temple, the lampstand’s light was the first thing you’d see. He noted Pastors are to be like John and though not the light, but the one who cries out in the wilderness bearing witness of the light of Jesus!! He admonished to “Keep on Crying Pastors!”



## “Celebrating Pastor Ronald Bowens’ 35<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary”

### Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019



**Elder Jeffrey T. Rainey**  
**Christian Union Primitive Baptist Church**  
**Mobile, AL**

**Scripture: Romans 10:15**  
**Sermon Title: “The Preacher’s Feet”**

A recap of Elder Rainey’s message by Mother Gerald C. Baker:

The Pastor is the HEAD, sent to the people, and he is given the vision for the church.

The vision is given to the Pastor--the Head contains the eyes. The Body trusts the Head. The Body has no function but to follow. "I don't see that!" The Head talks to the Body; the Ears are in the Head, so the Body 'hears.' God speaks via the Mouth which is in the Head; the Head talks.

The Pastor holds the office: He leads and feels. The Church follows as the Pastor follows! So, “How beautiful are the Feet!” The Feet support the Body via their mass, measurement and makeup. The Feet hold up the entire Body! The Pastor is always expected to be there, and strong. The weight of Friendship Baptist Church is dependent on one pair of Feet: Pastor’s!

The Feet balance the Body. The Pastor is responsible for the Doctrinal direction and destiny of the Church. There should be no contrariness or conflict to the Pastor’s Vision, and definitely no ‘schisms!’ The Pastor’s Feet stabilizes the belief and practices of the Church. His Feet steadies the behavior. The Hands are flexible, but the Feet are firm in discipline for everybody, anybody, even your body!

The Pastor’s Feet inclusively unites the Body. His decisions and decorum are firm. Too many changes are not trustworthy! Everybody wants something different; therefore, the Pastor must be firm.

The Feet steady the Body; the Feet always contacts the ground; the Pastor can’t be above the people, but he must be with the people... he is given to hospitality... he must sit on their level. His Feet stations the base, and he is approachable.

Feet move the Body! Without the “Preacher’s Feet,” there would be no stimulation to move the Church forward! His Feet stimulates what he says—Feet set the bismark—Feet leave footprints and men are to follow to live, labor and to love. The Feet signal the battle!

**The “PREACHER’S FEET” are led by the KING!!**





**WORDS OF GRATITUDE BY SIS. RUTH NELSON  
PASTOR BOWENS' 35<sup>TH</sup> PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY  
OCTOBER 6, 2019**

This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. We thank God for allowing us to see the dawn of another day. We can celebrate with our Pastor and wife on this the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service in this vineyard as the visible spiritual leader. I have been requested to speak on his leadership as teacher.

Friendship Baptist Church could be classified as a School of Knowledge and Wisdom. The primary textbook is the Holy Bible. Instruction is available each Sunday via the preached word, 20 available classes during the Sunday School hour, Children's Church, Teen Church, Monday night Bible class, Wednesday noonday service, intercessory prayer and Bible study.

We are admonished to continue to practice these instructions on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We are instructed to take this teaching and not hide it under a barrel, but live so that it becomes a shining light for others to see and glorify God.

Pastor Bowens has spent much time, in fact, 1,820 weeks, week by week; 420 months, month by month which equals 35 years, obeying God's calling, anointing and empowerment. He has done much and I'm sure, with God's help and guidance, he'll do much more.

But there are some things he cannot do: such as, as I close with a parody entitled "From Parent to Child" author unknown, retitled "From Pastor to God's Children:"

God gave you life, but Pastor cannot live it for you.  
He can teach you the Word, but he cannot make you learn or live it.

Pastor can give you directions, but he cannot always be there to lead you. He can allow you freedom, but he cannot account for it.

You can come to church, but he cannot make you believe. He can teach you right from wrong, but he cannot always decide for you.

You can purchase beautiful clothes, but he cannot make you beautiful inside. Pastor can offer you advice, but he cannot accept it for you.

He can give you love, but will not force it upon you. He can teach you to share, but he cannot make you unselfish.

He can teach you respect, but he cannot force you to show respect. Pastor can advise you about friends, but he cannot choose them for you.

He can advise you about immorality, but he cannot keep you pure. He can tell you the facts of life, but he cannot build your reputation.

Pastor can tell you about illicit drinking, but he cannot say no for you. He can warn you about drugs, but he cannot prevent your using them.

He can tell you about lofty goals, but he cannot achieve them for you. Pastor can teach you about kindness, but he cannot force you to be gracious.

He can warn you about sins, but he cannot make your morals. He can love as a child of God, but he cannot place you in God's family.

Pastor can pray for you, but he cannot make you walk with God. He can teach you about Jesus, but he cannot make Jesus your Lord.

He can tell you how to live, but he cannot give you Eternal Life. Jesus taught his disciples to be obedient, but he did not force them to obey.

Congratulations Pastor on your 35 years of faithfulness in teaching, inspiring, motivating and encouraging and modeling for us the ways of Christ. We love you and may you continue for another 35 or more years!





*Pastor Bowens and Family*



leader  
advisor  
kind  
guide  
visionary  
teacher  
servant  
mentor

# Pastor

we appreciate you!

We're so blessed with our pastor and his wife. They live their lives in a way we're supposed to, in their caring for one another and having a focus on God.



Celebrating 35 Years!

# CONGRATULATIONS, PASTOR BOWENS!

## The Nursery



## Youth Church







**Communications Ministry**



**Creative Learning**



**Deacon's Ministry**



**Gatekeepers**





**Breakfast Ministry**



**Male Chorus**



**Ministerial Staff**







**Outreach Ministry**



**Shepherd's Care Ministry**



**Sunday School Staff**





**Transportation Ministry**



**Usher's Ministry**



**Women's 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](mailto: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](mailto:LBmilton1@charter.net) for more information.

midweek  
service

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



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK-A-THON, SHOWCASING FBC MINISTRIES AND BUSINESS OWNERS

God once again blessed us with beautiful weather on Saturday, September 21, 2019, for our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Thon and Outreach Weekend celebration. Registration kicked off at 7:30 am in the Family Life Center and at 8:00 am, Pastor Ronald Bowens opened with prayer followed by remarks by Diana McGhee.

Mother Gerald Baker gave new participants a snippet of the history of The Hill neighborhood and Justin Stafford, son of Catherine Stafford, with a little comedic help from Gregg Bostic, warmed up the walkers.

Deacon Woodrow Williams was on hand driving the golf cart and several Outreach Ministry volunteers were on site.



Walkers and guests enjoyed a light breakfast of vegetable quiche, fruit, juice and coffee, courtesy of Sis. Chef Audrey Wilson and her kitchen team.

The free car wash was in full swing at 9:00 am as the FBC Men's Ministry washed cars while preparing for the free fish fry. Volunteers served delicious fish, hush puppies, coleslaw and punch. Both the breakfast and fish fry were enjoyed and appreciated by our guests.

This year, we included an FBC Business Showcase along with the FBC Ministries' Showcase to give attendees a chance to get more information about FBC and to support FBC business entrepreneurs.

On Sunday, September 22, 2019, at 11:00 am, the Outreach Ministry celebrated its service and outreach efforts in the community and beyond. Ministry members dressed in white and FBC Ministry shirts entered the Sanctuary while being welcomed by Pastor Bowens from the pulpit. Ministry members were seated together and worshipped together in a Spirit-filled service.

Special thanks to Pastor Bowens, Deacon Williams, the Choir, the Sound Ministry, the Men's Ministry, the Ushers, the Communications Ministry and our entire FBC family who helped to make our celebration so special. As of the writing of this article, we raised over \$6,000 for our missions.

Please continue to support the Outreach Ministry with your donations and your participation in our "Friendship Market," especially on Fridays at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our next event will be on Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at noon when we host our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Worship service and lunch. All are invited. For more information on Friendship's Upcoming Events, please visit our website at: [www.fbcduluth.org](http://www.fbcduluth.org).



# WARMING UP



## FBC MINISTRIES & BUSINESS OWNERS

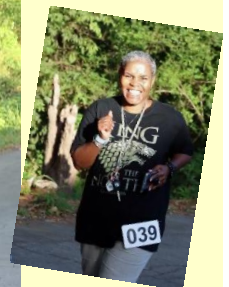
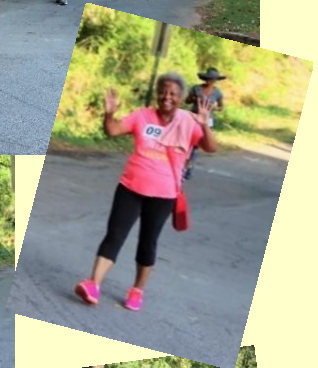
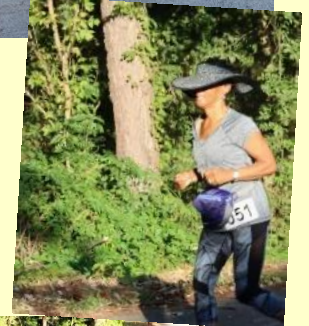




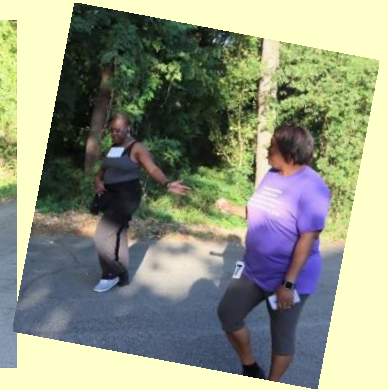




# WALK-A-THON







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# CAR WASH









# FBC Outreach Recognition

## Sunday , September 22, 2019 , 11:00 am Service





# HEALTH MINISTRY

Sis. Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



**1 IN 8 WOMEN**  
in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### A Global Burden

According to the [World Health Organization](#), breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, claiming the lives of hundreds of thousands of women each year and affecting countries at all levels of modernization.

### Good News About Breast Cancer Trends

In recent years, perhaps coinciding with the decline in prescriptive [hormone replacement therapy](#) after menopause, we have seen a gradual reduction in female breast cancer incidence rates among women aged 50 and older. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1990, in part due to better screening and [early detection](#), increased awareness, and continually improving [treatment](#) options.



HEALTHY FOODS

HEALTHY HEART

FLC GYM AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:		
Mornings	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 noon

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sis. Cheryl Alford, Ministry Leader

### October 12, 2019 Fellowship

*Suffice it to say that attendance was low but that did not stop the move of the Holy Spirit whose presence filled the atmosphere with joy, humility and thanksgiving.*

*Our October assembly opened with the usual format which included prayer by Sis. Geraldine Powell, scripture (Romans 15:2, 4, 5-7) read by Sis. Brenda Graves and "God Can Do Anything" sung by Vashawn Mitchell and played for our hearing and inspiration by Sis. Gerri Wright, who followed with the collective reading of our covenant. This is extremely important as it reminds attendees of the purpose for which we come together. For those who may not know, 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."*

*This month, we didn't have any birthdays, anniversaries or first-time attendees to acknowledge but we did spend some time filling out a survey which will be used to aid in preparing for the year 2020. Once the survey was completed, Sis. Cheryl Alford asked that each sister present take a moment to share her personal "go-to" scripture whenever she needs encouragement or wants to encourage someone else.*

*Sis. Cheryl led the group in sharing Isaiah 41:10: "fear not for I am with you; be not dismayed for I am your God; I will strengthen you, yea, I will help you; yea, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness." This verse had recently become one of her favorites when she heard it spoken while on the morning prayer line. It was actually being shared to encourage someone else, but it resonated with her and she claimed it as her own. She then asked that each sister share her favorite scripture and why it was so. Since we were few in number, we were able to share with you, our readers, what each of our sisters offered along with a brief comment:*

**Linda Berry:** *Jeremiah 29:11 "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." She mentioned God directed her path to teach kids. She received a counseling degree and also ministered to those who were grieving.*

**Barbara Johnson:** *Psalms 100:1-3 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves..."*

**Gerry Powell:** *Psalms 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." In her country of birth, Cuba, her grandmother said be careful of all you say, who you say it to and how you say it, as you cannot erase your words.*

**Evj. Lenn Jones:** *Psalms 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer". It is one of her favorites because it taught her how to be careful of the things that she says and to also have discernment in what she says. We don't always realize that sometimes our words can hurt.*

**Hafynn Brown:** *Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." She relies on him for strength, faith and peace. Without those things we cannot go on.*

**Dorothy Blagmon:** *Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." We must trust Him daily. She asks Him to guide her in her walk and talk.*



(Women's Ministry cont'd)

**Ruth Ellis:** Has many favorites, one of which is Psalm 23. She raised her granddaughter and always helps her with problem solving and frequently quotes "The Lord will make a way somehow."

**Brenda Graves:** 42 years ago gave her life to Christ. Her scripture is Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord." After her bout with cancer, it took her a year to get back up on her feet. This psalm strengthened her.

**Debbie Chambers:** Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Believing and having true faith in Him helps us to be better women.

**Hazel Franklin:** Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord and lean not unto your own understanding." She cannot lean on her own understanding. She received a bookmark with this verse 25 years ago. Deacon Bailey usually quotes this scripture in his bible study class. She reads and lives by this verse.

**Gerry Wright:** Psalm 23 "The Lord is MY Shepherd..." He guides her, protects her, nourishes her and promises her goodness and mercy will follow her all the days of her life and she will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. She recites it when she awakes and before she goes to bed as it comforts her.

It was a wonderful opportunity to hear how each woman is guided through her Christian journey with the comfort of the Word of God.

October has been deemed Health Awareness or Breast Cancer Awareness month. While the ministry did not focus on this fact per se, we did invite two of our sisters to share a testimony about recent events in their lives which greatly impacted their faith in our Great and Mighty God as they handled those situations. As a way of introduction, a song was shared that was believed would speak of their gratitude. Our first speaker was Mother Pat Ashe who shared her journey through the cancer diagnosis of her sister-in-law and the sudden death of her brother. The song of praise chosen for her was "Thank You Lord" sung by Walter Hawkins.

THANK YOU

She shared that her sister-in-law was diagnosed with bone cancer and given five months to live. Following that, she fell and broke her shoulder. Mother Pat traveled to West Virginia to help her out. While there, she became concerned about her brother's PTSD, although there was no indication that he was sick. However, in June, she received a call that he was going into the hospital for a hernia operation. He went into the hospital on a Wednesday and by the following Saturday, he had passed away. She shared that out of seven siblings, there were only two left. Mother Pat decided to return to West Virginia for a month to spend time with her sister-in-law who was grief stricken over the loss of her best friend (husband). While there, the Holy Spirit spoke to her spirit and told her to let her brother go; he was with the Lord. It was okay to miss him but do not hold on to the pain. Instead, pray for your family and friends who do not know the Lord.

Mother Pat believes that since her brother could not go for the necessary treatments, the Lord took him home at the beginning of his illness. Even though he was an ex-marine and ex-firefighter, he could not stand pain. A few highlights from her testimony included the fact that God changed the atmosphere for her. She began reflecting on the good times she and her brother shared. God changed her understanding about the importance of being saved. She received a joy and a freedom through her experience. One thing became clear: although he departed this life, her brother still lives in her heart. Don't grieve for the dead. Instead, grieve for the lost. Be joyful for those who have a relationship with Him. She concluded her testimony with a quote by the late Billy Graham: "Everything that happens prior to death is a preparation for the final voyage. Death marks the beginning not the end; it's our journey to God." One of the scriptures she shared was Romans 8:28 "all things work together for good to them who love the Lord; who are called according to His purpose."

(Women's Ministry cont'd)

The second testimony came from Min. Karen Blacknell. Prior to her sharing, we had a musical interlude: "For Every Mountain" by Kurt Carr and the Kurt Carr Singers. Min. Karen began by sharing that in 2013, she got up to go to the bathroom and passed out. She went to the doctor and had some labs done. She was immediately taken to emergency because her kidney was failing. In fact, it was functioning at only seven percent. She objected to taking dialysis until her husband, Rev. Ken Blacknell, returned home from Maryland. Once she agreed, she started PD dialysis and continued every night for nine hours each night. That was 2013.

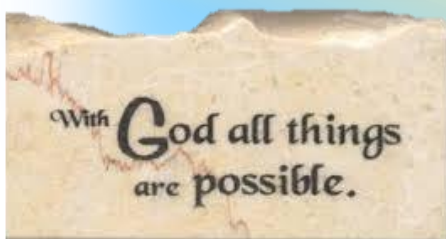
Fast forward to 2015, she had to have a knee replacement. While recovering in the hospital, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. In her own words, she pulled up the covers over her head and talked to the Lord: "I am on dialysis; I'm diabetic, I've had a knee replacement and NOW CANCER!!! Add to that the fact that there were some complications from the dialysis and she recently spent 10 days in the hospital. She had to have surgery after which she experienced excruciating pain in her abdomen. After a CAT scan was performed, she was told she had to go back into surgery because they had accidentally clipped her intestine and 'stuff' was spilling out.

While recuperating in her bed, an unidentified doctor came in to her room and said: "praise the Lord; you are a miracle." She asked hospital personnel who he was but no one was able to tell her. However, all of the doctors agreed that she was a miracle. Long story short, as of today, she is no longer diabetic; her A1C is 5.7 and she is no longer on insulin or pills. Min. Karen says she continues to pray for total healing and restoration of her kidneys and she holds on to Mark 9:23 "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." Without any hesitation, Min. Karen declares: "I believe."

What has been shared is a brief overview of what we heard. The morning events were a true blessing and encouragement to all present. We did not end there. While enjoying a light breakfast, Sis. Hazel Franklin came forward and shared her testimony of how she had lost her job but not her faith. While waiting patiently for the Lord to provide, she continued to fill her days with serving Him through helping out in the Outreach Ministry. Ultimately, our God did not delay. He provided a new position that afforded her a substantial increase in salary. **What a mighty God we serve!**

Our next meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November. We look forward to seeing you there. Blessings of peace and prosperity to all.

Article written in collaboration by Sisters Gerri Wright and Cheryl Alford



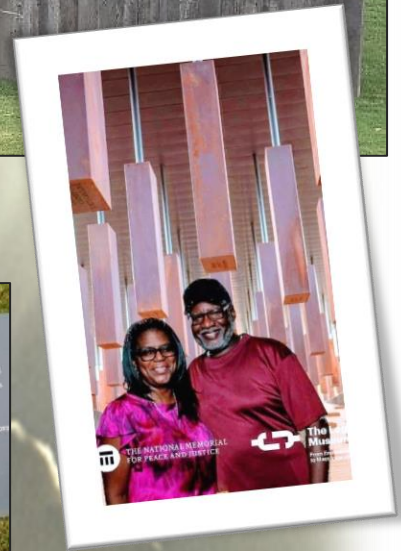
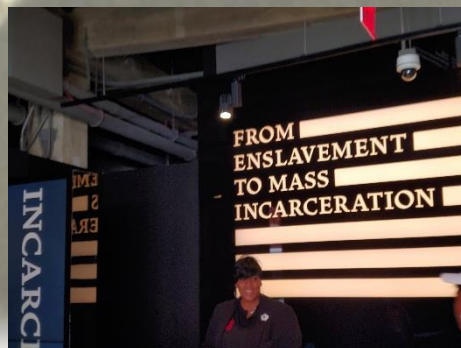
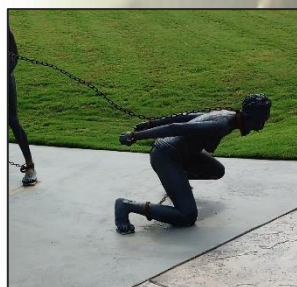


# SHEPHERD'S CARE MINISTRY

Sis. Vickie Chambers, SCM President

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Shepherd's Care Ministry went to The Legacy Museum and Memorial. The Legacy Museum was an enlightening, but sad, and soul touching powerful experience. The Legacy experience captured the stories of slavery and lynching. The stories we read will have a lasting effect, I'm sure, on all of us. The Memorial site was just as equally thought-provoking and educational. This is truly a place that is highly recommended to visit if you ever get the chance. The outing with Pastor was eventful and educational.

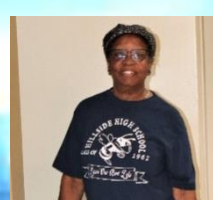
Submitted by Denise Brown,  
SCM Secretary





# FBC Spirit Day 2019

Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in September is designated as Spirit Day. Pastor Bowens so graciously allows the wearing of our favorite sports team, college or any other organization's spirit paraphernalia, t-shirts or jerseys.









# FBC Youth Ministry Hallelujah Night presents...



**Join us for a Family Night of Fun!**  
**Thursday, October 31, 2019 | 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**Family Life Center**

“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.”

**Stop by the desk 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor FLC to sign up!**

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.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

Sis. Charlene Benn, Ministry Leader

gifted.  
MIND+BODY+SPIRIT

**AGES: NURSERY - 5TH GRADE  
MEETS IN THE LOWER LEVEL MAIN BUILDING  
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

Rev. Stan & Barbara Williams, Ministry Leaders



**AGES: 12 TO 19 (MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL)  
MEETS IN THE HERITAGE CHURCH  
7:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

## COME JOIN US

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**\*\*\* Every Wednesday Night \*\*\***

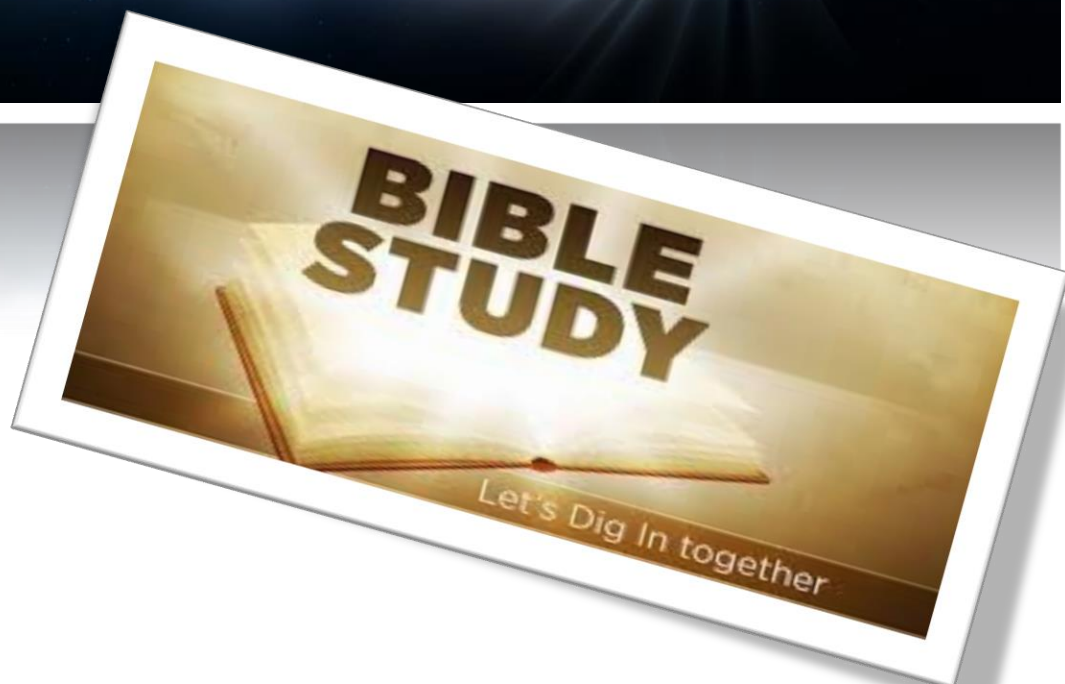
Intercessory Prayer

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

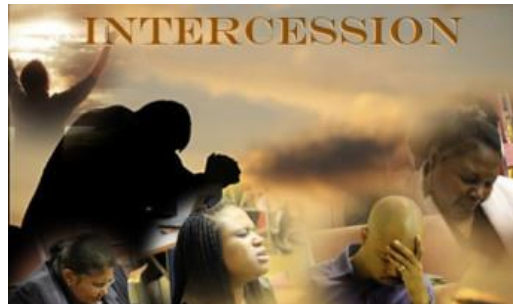
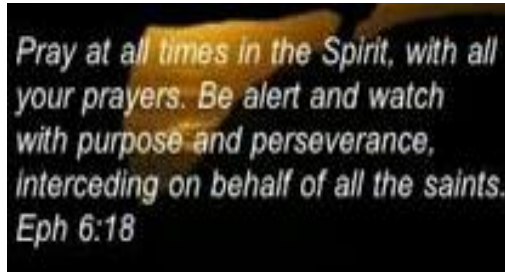
Worship Service & Bible Study

7:30 pm.





# Prayer List



## REMEMBER WITH PRAYER, CALLS AND VISITATIONS


Bro. Willie Benton  
Min. Karen Blacknell  
Rev. Kenneth Blacknell  
Bro. Farrell Bowens  
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  
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  
Bro. Julian Sydnor  
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](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs).

### Gwinnett County Career Expo | FREE!

**November 1 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.** To see available positions, visit [www.GwinnettCountyJobs.com](http://www.GwinnettCountyJobs.com). Gwinnett Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Dr, Lawrenceville.

### 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.

**October - Beadwork.** Join us every first, second and 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.

**Men's Ministry** - On **November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm**, the FBC Men's Ministry invites All Men/ Young Men of FBC to enjoy a great day of Fellowshiping, Learning, Encouragement and Discipleship. Invite a male friend, male cousin, son, uncle, nephew and dad. Our Topic of discussion is the importance of Men's Health by Dr. Douglass. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Owens at 205-503-1715 or Rommell May at 770-715-6117.

**Wanted: Education Ministry** is looking for 20 High School Female Students interested in taking this 4-Session Self-Defense Class free of charge. **Class dates are November 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.** Each session lasts 3 hours and starts at 4pm and ends at 7pm. All we ask is that you be committed, and come prepared to gain some life altering skills. **Space is limited!!!!**



<https://abundant.co/fbcduluth/give>

Go to [fbcduluth.org](http://fbcduluth.org) and click on: "Giving" tab

Or from your cell phone **Text: FBCDULUTH TO 73256.**

### !!Attention Parents, It's a casting Call!!

Does your child have a special talent (tap dance/ballet, musical instrument, spoken word, singing—just to name a few examples) that they would like to share with the FBC Family? Does your child enjoy singing, speaking or performing in front of others? If so, the FBC Drama Ministry would like to invite you and your child to participate in our Christmas Pageant!! God has given us many, many wonderful talents, and what better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ than by presenting Him with these beautiful gifts. So even if your child doesn't like to be out front, we've got something for them to do. Please join us for an informational meeting on **Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am in Room 139 in the Family Life Center.** All ages are welcome!

**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.

**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, 4:00 pm.

### Veterans Day Ceremony

**November 11 at 1:00 pm.** Gwinnett County honors and recognizes those who served and sacrificed for their country in the military. The featured speaker will be retired Army Brigadier General Curt Rauhut of Georgia Military College. Gwinnett Fallen Heroes Memorial, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville.



# \*\*LOCAL ELECTIONS MATTER\*\*

## November 5, 2019

### Do you know who's running in Gwinnett?

The Gwinnett Democratic Women 2020 Candidate Forum held at the George Pierce Park Community Center in Suwanee on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, was well-attended and very informative. The purpose of the event was to introduce the candidates and hear their plans once elected. This forum was the vision of Matielyn Jones, State Senate candidate for District 45, who is the daughter of one of our Communications members, Jennifer Jones.

**2020 CANDIDATE FORUM**  
 SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019  
 9 AM - 12 PM  
 GEORGE PIERCE PARK COMMUNITY ROOM  
 SUWANEE, GA 30024

 <b>Antonio Hicks</b> US Congress District 4	 <b>Elaine Amankwah Nietmann</b> US Congress District 4	 <b>Carolyn Bordeaux</b> US Congress District 7	 <b>Margus Cole</b> US Congress District 7	 <b>John Eaves</b> US Congress District 7	 <b>Nabilah Islam</b> US Congress District 7	 <b>Brenda Lopez Romero</b> US Congress District 7	 <b>Rashid Malik</b> US Congress District 7
 <b>Clyde Elrod</b> US Congress District 10	 <b>Nikki Merritt</b> State Senate District 9	 <b>Lindsey Acciarito</b> State Senate District 45	 <b>Matielyn Jones</b> State Senate District 45	 <b>Jorge Granados</b> State House District 99	 <b>Andrea Stephenson</b> State House District 104	 <b>Emily Leslie</b> State House District 106	 <b>Rebecca Mitchell</b> State House District 106
 <b>Veronica Cope</b> State Court Judge	 <b>Patsy Austin-Gatson</b> District Attorney	 <b>Wesley Person</b> District Attorney	 <b>Curtis Clemons</b> Sheriff	 <b>Floyd Scott</b> Sheriff	 <b>Keybo Taylor</b> Sheriff	 <b>Jasper Watkins</b> County Commission District 3	 <b>Derrick Wilson</b> County Commission District 3
 <b>Andy Morgan</b> County Commission Chair	 <b>Desmond Nembhard</b> County Commission Chair	 <b>Art Sheldon</b> County Commission Chair	 <b>Brooke Siskin</b> County Commission Chair	 <b>Curt Thompson</b> County Commission Chair	 <b>Lee Thompson</b> County Commission Chair	<p><i>It is the mission of the Gwinnett Democratic Women to strengthen and support all facets of the Democratic Party and women's participation in it. For more information about GDW please visit our Facebook page or send an email to: <a href="mailto:gwinnettdemocraticwomen@gmail.com">gwinnettdemocraticwomen@gmail.com</a></i></p> <p><b>D</b> GWINNETT DEMOCRATIC WOMEN</p>	

Panel Moderator: Dr. Tracey Fisher  
 This event is free and open to the public. Registration required via Eventbrite.



Also, Penny Poole, FBC member and Gwinnett County NAACP President, took a moment to speak about the NAACP and the "Come Out and See" local elections event at Berean Christian Church in Snellville on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by Paulette Tapp



**November 11, 2019**

On Veterans Day, we honor all  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young and soldiers old  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We're proud of all the soldiers who  
Kept thinking of red, white and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights.  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank ALL veterans just the same.

By Cheryl Dyson



# BLACK HISTORY FACTS

## Facts 11-20 of 120 Black History Facts:

**Fact #11:** After African-American performer [Josephine Baker](#) expatriated to France, she famously smuggled military intelligence to French allies during World War II. She did this by pinning secrets inside her dress, as well as hiding them in her sheet music.

**Fact #12:** Scientist and mathematician [Benjamin Banneker](#) is credited with helping to design the blueprints for Washington, D.C.

**Fact #13:** Before he was a renowned artist, [Romare Bearden](#) was also a talented baseball player. He was recruited by the Philadelphia Athletics on the pretext that he would agree to pass as white. He turned down the offer, instead choosing to work on his art.

**Fact #14:** Though he is of Caribbean ancestry and had a trailblazing smash with his 1956 album *Calypso*, [Harry Belafonte](#) was actually born in the United States. The internationally renowned entertainment icon and human rights activist is from Harlem, New York.

**Fact #15:** Musician and activist [Harry Belafonte](#) originally devised the idea for "We Are the World," a single that he hoped would help raise money for famine relief in Africa. The song was a huge success, going multi-platinum and bringing in millions of dollars.

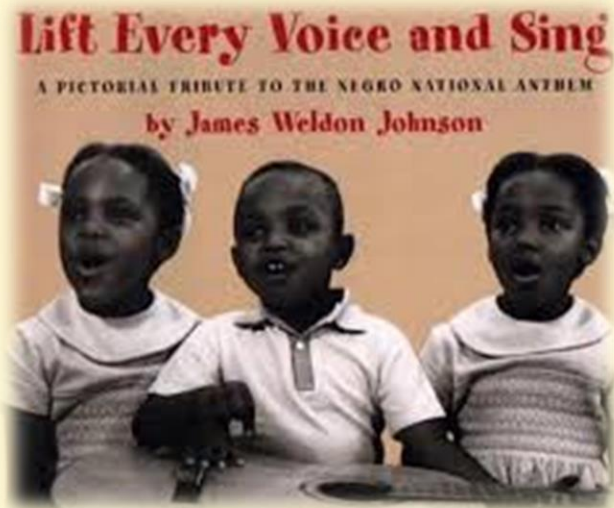
**Fact #16:** Before becoming a professional musician, [Chuck Berry](#) studied to be a hairdresser.

**Fact #17:** [Chuck Berry](#)'s famous "duck walk" dance originated in 1956, when Berry attempted to hide wrinkles in his trousers by shaking them out with his now-signature body movements.

**Fact #18:** The parents of actress [Halle Berry](#) chose their daughter's name from Halle's Department Store, a local landmark in her birthplace of Cleveland, Ohio.

**Fact #19:** In 1938, first lady [Eleanor Roosevelt](#) challenged the segregation rules at the Southern Conference on Human Welfare in Birmingham, Alabama, so she could sit next to African-American educator and activist [Mary McLeod Bethune](#). Roosevelt would come to refer to Bethune as "her closest friend in her age group."

**Fact #20:** Legendary singer [James Brown](#), the Godfather of Soul, performed in front of a televised audience in Boston the day after [Martin Luther King Jr.](#) was assassinated. Brown is often given credit for preventing further riots with the performance.



### 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.



**GriefShare Ministry Leader**

Minister Karen L. Blacknell

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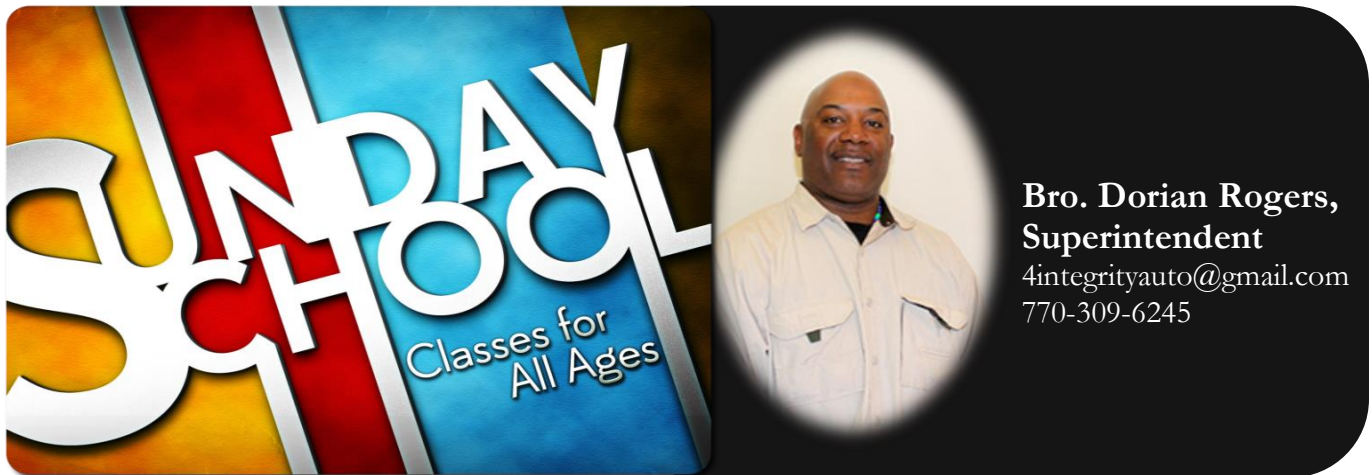
[Karen83052@gmail.com](mailto:Karen83052@gmail.com)**Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, a child, family member or friend.**

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 in 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	<b>Note: All Adult classes are combined on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays and meet in the Sanctuary</b>	
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-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)
- Juniors (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)





# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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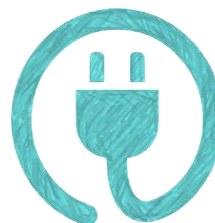
Adult Bible Study	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Deacon's Meeting	Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	7:00 pm	Room 232 Family Life Center
Intercessory Prayer	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Mid-Week Service	Wednesday	12:00 noon	Lower Level Main Building
New Members' Class	Sunday	9:45 am	Room 209 Family Life Center
Recovery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

## M O N T H L Y

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

## S P E C I A L M O N T H L Y S E R V I C E S

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



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