

*Happy*  
**THANKSGIVING**  
*we welcome you*

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**FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE**

**What's Happening**

**NOVEMBER**

- 2 Men's Ministry Meeting 10:30am
- 9 Women's Ministry 9:00am
- 11 Veterans Day
- 27 Thanksgiving Eve Service/Luncheon
- 27 Outreach Center closed
- 27 Bible Study cancelled
- 28 Thanksgiving-Church Office closed
- 29 Church Office closed

**DECEMBER**

- 7 Men's Ministry Meeting 10:30am
- 14 Women's Ministry 9:00am
- 22 Christmas Program 3:00pm
- 24 Church Office closed
- 25 Christmas-Church Office closed
- 31 New Year's Eve Service

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**FBC MISSION STATEMENT**

Exalt the Savior  
Equip the Saint  
Evangelize the Sinner

**GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.**  
*In Everything Give Thanks!*

**Are you thankful no matter what? Perhaps you have lost your job recently, as the economy has continued to struggle. Or you may have lost your health, or a loved one. Such circumstances can be tremendously difficult. But even so, we all have much to be thankful for. Look with me at the story of a man who had every right to be bitter—but wasn't.**

The next footsteps in the corridor, he knew, might be those of the guards taking him away to his execution. His only bed was the hard, cold stone floor of the dank, cramped prison cell. Not an hour passed when he was free from the constant irritation of the chains and the pain of the iron manacles cutting into his wrists and legs.

Separated from friends, unjustly accused, brutally treated—if ever a person had a right to complain, it was this man, languishing almost forgotten in a harsh Roman prison. But instead of complaints, his lips rang with words of praise and thanksgiving!

The man was the Apostle Paul—a man who had learned the meaning of true thanksgiving, even in the midst of great adversity. Earlier, when he had been imprisoned in Rome, Paul wrote, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:19-20, NIV).

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(Thanksgiving cont'd)

Think of it: Always giving thanks for everything—no matter the circumstances! Thanksgiving for the Apostle Paul was not a once-a-year celebration, but a daily reality that changed his life and made him a joyful person in every situation.

Thanksgiving—the giving of thanks—to God for all His blessings should be one of the most distinctive marks of the **believer in Jesus Christ**. We must not allow a spirit of ingratitude to harden our heart and chill our relationship with God and with others.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness. Today, ingratitude and thanklessness are far too common. Children forget to thank their parents for all that they do. Common courtesy is scorned. We take for granted the ways that others help us. Above all, we fail to thank God for His blessings.

Ingratitude is a sin, just as surely as is lying or stealing or immorality or any other sin condemned by the Bible. One of the Bible's indictments against rebellious humanity is that "although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him" (Romans 1:21, NIV). An ungrateful heart is a heart that is cold toward God and indifferent to His mercy and love. It is a heart that has forgotten how dependent we are on God for everything.



From one end of the Bible to the other, we are commanded to be thankful. In fact, thankfulness is the natural outflowing of a heart that is attuned to God. The psalmist declared, "Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving" (Psalm 147:7, NIV). Paul wrote, "Be thankful" (Colossians 3:15, NIV). A spirit of thanksgiving is always the mark of a joyous Christian.

Why should we be thankful? Because God has blessed us, and we should be thankful for each blessing.

### **Thank God for the Material Blessings That He Gives You**

We seem never to be satisfied with what we have—rich or poor, healthy or sick. But what a difference it makes when we realize that everything we have has been given to us by God! King David prayed, "Wealth and honor come from you ... We give you thanks, and praise your glorious name ... Everything comes from you" (1 Chronicles 29:12-14, NIV).

Are you constantly preoccupied with what you do not have? Or have you learned to thank God for what you do have?

### **Thank God for the People in Your Life**

It is so easy to take people for granted, or even to complain and become angry because they do not meet our every wish. But we need to give thanks for those around us—our spouses, our children, our relatives, our friends and others who help us in some way.

Do you let others know that you appreciate them and are thankful for them? The Christians in Corinth were far from perfect, but Paul began his first letter to them by saying, "I always thank God for you" (1 Corinthians 1:4, NIV). When a group of believers (whom Paul had never met) came out to greet him as he approached Rome, we read that "at the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged" (Acts 28:15, NIV). Thank God for those who touch your life.

(Thanksgiving cont'd)

### **Thank God in the Midst of Trials and Even Persecution**

We draw back from difficulties, yet not one of us is exempt from some kind of trouble. In many parts of the world it is dangerous even to be a Christian because of persecution. And yet in the midst of those trials we can thank God, because we know that He has promised to be with us and that He will help us. We know that He can use times of suffering to draw us closer to Himself: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance" (James 1:2-3, NIV).

Cultivate a spirit of thankfulness even in the midst of trials and heartaches.

### **Thank God Especially for His Salvation in Jesus Christ**

God has given us **the greatest Gift of all—His Son**, who died on the cross and rose again so that we can know Him personally and spend eternity with Him in heaven: "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV).

The Bible tells us that we are separated from God because we have sinned. But God loves us—and He wants us to be part of His family forever. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son into the world to die as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. All we need to do is reach out in faith and accept Christ as our Savior and Lord: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16, NIV). We should not let a day go by without thanking God for His mercy and His grace to us in Jesus Christ.

### **Thank God for His Continued Presence and Power in Your Life**

When we come to Christ, it is not the end but the beginning of a whole new life! He is with us, and He wants to help us follow Him and His Word. In ourselves we do not have the strength that we need to live the way God wants us to live. But when we turn to Him, we discover that "it is God who works in [us] to will and to act according to his good purpose" (Philippians 2:13, NIV). Jesus promised His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:18, 20, NIV).

**Do you know the joy of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? If you'll turn to God, He can take away your bitterness and give you the spirit of true thankfulness.**

Submitted by Paulette Tapp

Source: [www.billygraham.org](http://www.billygraham.org)



GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES;  
FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL  
FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 *Thessalonians* 5:18

## GRATITUDE THANKFULNESS APPRECIATION

To our Pastor, Rev. Ronald L. Bowens, we at Friendship want to thank you for all you do as the Shepherd of this flock and most of all, we:

### **Thank you**

for the early Sunday mornings & the late Wednesday nights.

### **Thank you**

for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

### **Thank you**

for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

### **Thank you**

for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

### **Thank you**

for the sacrifice and service.

*For all you do in Jesus' name...  
May you be blessed today, in every way.*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

# Thank You, Pastor



## **"HOW TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT OUR PASTOR"**

*Mother Gerald Baker, President of the Mother's Board*

To encourage and support our Pastor as he leads us by directions from the Lord, **let us:**

- Pray for Pastor and his family.
- Be present for the preaching of God's Word.
- Seek out a ministry to use your gifts and talents and do so faithfully.
- Be obedient in our stewardship and giving.
- Teach our children to respect and honor their Pastor.
- Support our Pastor's vision for the church and take an active part in making that vision a reality.
- Increase our love for our church family and friends.
- Share Christ and our church ministries with others in outreach.
- Look out for Pastor's welfare.
- Let him know you appreciate him.

## HYMN OF THE MONTH



Judson W. Van DeVenter

Born: December 5, 1855, near Dundee, Michigan.

Died: July 17, 1939, Temple Terrace, Tampa, Florida.

Maple Grove Cemetery, Dundee, Michigan.

**"I Surrender All"** is a Christian hymn with words written by American art teacher and musician Judson W. Van DeVenter who, subsequently, became a music minister and evangelist. It was put to music by Winfield S. Weeden (1847–1908), and published in 1896.

Van DeVenter said of the inspiration for the text: *"For some time, I had struggled between developing my talents in the field of art and going into full-time evangelistic work. At last the pivotal hour of my life came, and I surrendered all. A new day was ushered into my life. I became an evangelist and discovered down deep in my soul a talent hitherto unknown to me. God had hidden a song in my heart, and touching a tender chord, He caused me to sing."*

## I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Humbly at His feet I bow;  
Wordly pleasures all forsaken,  
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessings fall on me.

### Refrain

I surrender all, I surrender all,  
All to Thee my blessed Savior,  
I surrender All.

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;  
Let me feel the Holy Spirit  
Truly know that Thou art mine.

Submitted by Paulette Tapp  
Communications Ministry



## INSPIRATION FROM THE PSALMS

Written by Evangelist Deloris Williams

### LORD, WHEN I'M FALLIBLE



To The Chief Musician of David Psalm 31:1-24 (KJV)  
*"In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed; deliver me in thy righteousness."*

Life is a massive room consisting of doorways, timelines and surely good, bad, painful, joyful, beauty and not so beautiful journeys. The mortal named David finds himself operating purposefully of His Creator as a man of great armies. David's life has gleamed through biblical history from the Psalms, and the bible, which is the "**Absolute Center**," where all things arrive at their themes out of events therein. These characters and their experiences are to inspire us today where life's drosses of our highs and lows, too, are writing our experiences, and have left us a

"**prolific prophetic finger**" pointing us to the "**Dunamis Honorable Creator**" who has gracefully prepared us to enter into a plain view of what the grip of **His Grace** really means! Let us lift up the WORTHY, name ABOVE ALL! There is a mighty presence of peace in the one who commands his words and they ACT!

In the era of an age of great spiritual soldiers like David, we see that the Bible is a (spiritual tool) straight from the (treasury of GOD's) **own Living Breaths**, teaching us by way of symbols, parables, straight out examples, and Word, then the preached word, and his commandments, how to survive through millennium grosses of past genealogical ancestors and lines of descents. **All this said**, we are the ones who have no reason to perish because of the lack of knowledge and understanding of where our **Sovereign Parental Father**, family above every family, is trying to lead us to a better home, to soothe our pains, calm our lamenting and show us what **real love is**. Our Sovereign Father helps us to grasp the hint that once truly submitted back to Himself through a born and bred Messiah (the Savior, the Divine Physician, who can raise the dead and now his **Holy Spirit** hovers around his people to this present time) is saying through **His Scripture** for those of us to awaken from a **spiritual sleep** to break our slumbering and eat maturity and drink from the spiritual cup of his Word, understanding we are those (**living in the last days**), and greater should be our works and spiritual awakening.

Sadly, we are making the same mistakes that keep us in a bondage from which we have been free since the Exodus and should be reaping the **ripe vestige** of spiritual successes promised to our forefathers. **How?**—by seeking the "**Truth**" of **only one life to live!** Let us leap into the plan for our eternal successes of a plan to live large, safe and detached from erroneous ways. David's testimony hints how to "**loving leap**" into the arms of **Redeeming Grace!** Those worldly receive worldly rewards, but in the end, eternal departure! The Scriptures are not hard, but simple enough that a child can understand. Every person in scripture in the past and in the present met accountability and did not live as they pleased. Sin cannot remain SIN and get into the Kingdom where sin is NOT a thought! History records they walked the talk!

(Inspiration from the Psalms cont'd)

**WE ALL ARE LIVING ON A TIMED LEASE WITH MATERIAL TOYS--STAY WITH GOD!  
A HEART MATTER AND OBEDIENCE IN ALL THINGS IS A SERVANT'S PASSPORT  
[David's Lament]**

**THE MORTAL'S SPIRITUAL COMPASS:** Verses 1-6 convey David's moral compass needed to be strength and grace proof. David committed his life in his trust in God. Jesus, trusted in his Father in absolute dependence, the same when dying on the cross (Luke 23:46). Stephen, as he was being stoned to death (Acts 7:59), trusted as he was (triumphing) at that moment looking up seeing Jesus knew death would induct him into the heavenly and eternal place where no more earthly sorrows could hold him from a higher good. Today, don't give up you "**precious and bold converts**" who no longer walk on your own merit. In these last days, you are going to be tried. **Stand firm holding to the Word!**

**LITTLE GODS AND THEIR VICIES:** Lying vanities where David contrasts the darkness of false worship, idolatry of heathen religious rituals in Israel and Judah, false teachers, then and so to the present in many of our secular churches today, yet, still practiced. Israel was never really free of heathenism. David's spirit despised men who bowed to idols. Man's belief in (his) own importance over others is a form of (idolatry). David with other kings of that era fought to rid Israel from her (evil). But as we, those who have traced, experienced and have become a romantic and really have had a spiritual awakening, kiss the goodness of our Lord. Too, we see evil plain in view today! David's hatred of Israel's practices is God's own hatred when mankind bows to idols such as wealth, success, materialism, and exaltation of self-importance. God cannot be the center of their life. David refused to accept this **doomed state** in the deep regions of himself. Boundaries are not only physical borders but spiritual restrictions as well. David knew God abhorred, meaning God detested and disapproved and rejected very strongly this state of man's need to be elevated over others or to become a **legend** in his own mind. What and whom are you idolizing? Legend means seeing one's self excluded from mere or even equal to their Master. **Foolishness?** How do we (resemble) Israel today? How as a blessed or adopted people must we be reminded how we are to *love righteousness*? No one who had a true encounter with Jehovah or Jesus stayed as they were!

**OPERATION BOUNDARIES:** Verses 8-19: David's army was massive; God provided open precincts of space but drew a margin for which David was to execute with (Spiritual Authority) his military maneuvers under the "Mantle" given him of God. David's great troops and their chariots were compelled to regions' (yet God) restrained boundaries. We today are given boundaries. Exceed them?! Then woe? Beyond God's constraints lie factors of spiritual and physical peril? *How so?* David describes the helplessness and hopelessness we feel when hated and rejected. But adversity is easier to except as (true bred anointed) servants of our Lord, carrying (Mantles)! When the Holy Spirit pours out his spirit, our identity transforms! We know whose we are. What we carry is from the Sovereign Power, and relentlessly get back-ups from set-downs, pass-overs, when evil brothers and sisters finger point and manipulate insignificant error as a blasphemous deed that they overlook in themselves of much more dross! David puts emphasis in Verses 14-18. *Read the Psalms. See and hear!*

**WHEN EVIL PEOPLE BLUSH AT THEIR DEEDS:** Verses 20-24: Evil enemies may seem to have an upper hand in this life; they truly are the ultimately helpless and hopeless ones for even touching God's servants in whom he shelters from vicious slander, ambush, attacks, plots or schemes!

(Inspiration from the Psalms cont'd)

**THE MAJESTIC THEME IS:** David encountered enemies because he obeyed God, not only as a Warrior, King, Visionary, Prophetic Promoter, but God's writer. Today, we read his Psalm 21 as a man who records: My heart is composing a goodly matter; I speak of the verses which I have made concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer! These same people also sweat for Jesus, enlightening the written Word to you! We can have courage today because the Lion of Judah will protect us when Satan works his evils through those who serve him faithfully. David did not fear his enemies, but prayed to God to protect him. We do NOT have to fear our enemies of today. Remember they didn't stop David for being true. David records all his circumstances and enemies are in God's hands. Evil has its day and those who promote every form of evil. David knew it is God who keeps his servants **steady** in their calling. It is wise to obey as Jesus obeyed his Father!

**Why does God laugh at evil? Psalm 37:13, 14 says *"the LORD shall laugh at him; for he seeth his day is coming. Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bow shall be broken."* We can have courage today because the Lion of Judah will protect us when Satan works his evils through those who serve him faithfully!**



**FEAR NOT OUR ENEMIES, FOR THEIR DAY HAS BEEN PRESERVED BY GOD - THEY DIDN'T STOP DAVID AND CAN'T STOP THE WILL OF GOD!**



## HEALTH MINISTRY

Sis. Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



Alzheimer's Disease may be one of the cruelest diseases because a sufferer seemingly "disappears" until the person they were — no longer exists. National Alzheimer's Disease Month, each November, reminds us that over 5 million Americans suffer. Alzheimer's Disease (AD), a form of dementia, impacts memory, thinking, and behavior. AD ranks as the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. and the most common form of

dementia in 60-80% of all diagnosed cases. Learn the symptoms, treatments, and latest research, as well as how you can help.

### 1. IT'S PROGRESSIVE

AD worsens over time and eventually the sufferer can no longer do routine tasks. During full progression, patients aren't sure where they are or may not be able to converse. When symptoms are fully apparent, people with AD may only live an average of eight years, but some can survive up to 20 years, depending on their overall health.

### 2. IT INTERFERES WITH YOUR MEMORY

AD attacks your memory of people, places, and things. The symptoms to look for include memory loss (especially short-term), trouble making plans and solving problems, confusion over times or places, and misplacing objects. AD patients also experience mood and personality changes that can devolve into someone being confused, suspicious, or even depressed.

### 3. IT ENCOURAGES A ROUTINE

When someone has AD, having a routine is critical to helping the person manage their symptoms. As a caregiver, try to keep from overstimulating the person. Keep details to a minimum and speak calmly about one idea at a time. Most importantly, reassure your loved one that they are safe with you.



#### FAMILY LIFE CENTER GYM AND FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

Mornings	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 12:00 noon
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## OUTREACH MINISTRY - "One Body Saved to Serve"

Sis. Diane McGhee, Ministry Leader

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### **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.

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## "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**

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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.

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

# Friendship Thanks All Our Veterans For Serving Our Country With Honor and Distinction



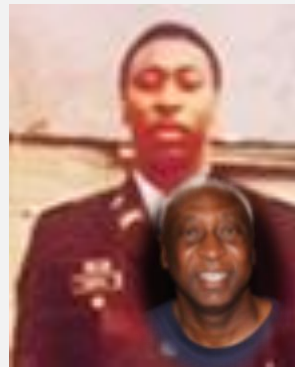
**Audrey CW Anderson**  
US Army Reserve  
Specialist 4  
12 years of service



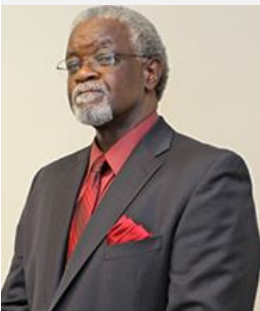
**Eddie Borders**  
US Army, Vietnam  
E-4 Sharpshooter  
3 years of service



**Gregory Bostic**  
US Army, Master Sergeant  
11Z50 Infantry, NCOIC-S3  
Sr. Instructor, 1<sup>st</sup> Operation  
Brigade, 78<sup>th</sup> Training Division 37  
years of service



**Rickie J. Bowens**  
US Army, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant  
(2) Army Commendation Medals  
(2) Army Achievement Medals  
4 years of service



**Deacon Melvin Brown**  
US Army  
Sergeant



**Randel Carr**  
US Air Force, Major  
Logistics Officer  
Company Grade Officer  
Retired; 24 years 8 months  
of service



**Eric Chesley**  
US Army, Sergeant  
Desert Shield/Desert Storm,  
Surveyor; 12 years of service

**LaKeesha Chesley**  
US Army, Staff Sergeant  
Legal Specialist; Legal NCO of  
the year; Legal Specialist of the  
year; 9 years of service



**Melvin Clay**  
US Marine Corps Corporal  
Medals: National Defense Service,  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign  
Armed Forces; Expeditionary; M-14  
Rifle and .45 Pistol Marksman Badges,  
Presidential Unit Citation; 4 years of  
service

# Friendship Thanks All Our Veterans For Serving Our Country With Honor and Distinction



**Deacon Kevin W. Corbett**  
US Navy  
Rank E-3  
7 years of service



**Frances Dibrell**  
US Army - Women's Corp  
Private First Class  
Vietnam War  
2 years of service



**Gilbert Fairley**  
Lieutenant Colonel  
US Air Force  
23 years of service  
Retired March 2000



**Dwight Flowers**  
US Marine Corp  
Captain  
6 1/2 years of service



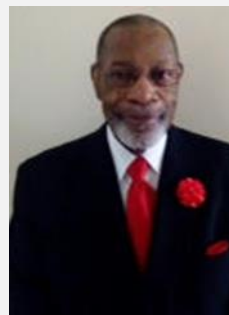
**James H. Garnett**  
US Army  
Sergeant E-5  
Vietnam Service Medal  
Vietnam Campaign Medal  
2 years of service



**Krysteana L. Gaskin**  
US Army  
Specialist E-4



**Antwan (Twan) Grant**  
US Marine Corps  
Lieutenant Corporal 1991  
Desert Shield Storm  
Persian Gulf Medal of Honor  
8 years of service



**Rev. Eugene B. Graves**  
US Army, Specialist 4  
Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze  
Service Stars; National Defense Service  
& Republic of Vietnam Campaign  
Medals; Expert (Rifle); 6 years of service

# Friendship Thanks All Our Veterans For Serving Our Country With Honor and Distinction



**Brenda Jean Heyward**  
SP4, US Army  
Medical supply clerk  
Vietnam era  
4 years of service



**Dale Hill**  
US Air Force  
Senior Airman  
Weather Specialist  
4 years of service



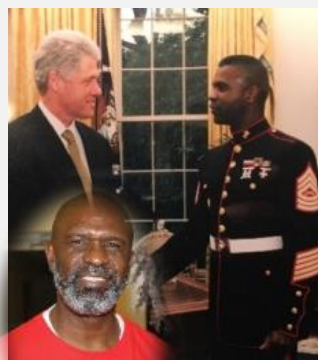
**Leslie Purdy Houston**  
US Army  
Sergeant First Class  
24 years of service



**Reginald G. Hurst**  
US Air Force Reserves  
Staff Sargent; Reserves  
8 years of service



**Raymond W. Jenkins**  
US Air Force  
Sergeant  
4 years of service



**Deacon Michael J. Jerralds**  
US Marine Corps  
Master Sergeant  
Military Police, assigned to the White House Helicopter Squadron – Operation Chief of Security; 23 years of service



**Deacon Larry Kinsey**  
US Army  
Sergeant Major



**Nellie T. Mims**  
US Army  
Sergeant First Class  
Retired 2004

# Friendship Thanks All Our Veterans For Serving Our Country With Honor and Distinction



**Deacon Michael Patterson**  
US Army Captain  
Armor/Quartermaster Officer  
14 years of service



**Andrew T. Roach**, son of Deacon Thomas (Leslie) Roach; US Marine Corp; Staff Sergeant; 2<sup>nd</sup> Recruit Training Battalion Drill Master; (2) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals; (3) Meritorious Unit Commendation Medals; (1) Afghanistan Campaign Medal; (1) Drill Instructor; Campaign Medal; (1) National Defense Medal; (3) Good Conduct Medals; (3) Overseas Campaign Medals; (1) NATO medal; and (1) Global Award on Terrorism medal; Active service for 9 ½ years



**Derick E. Rogers**  
US Marine Corps  
Corporal  
Leatherneck Honor  
Award; Recruit  
Training 2010  
7 years of service



**Deacon Tennyson K. Smith**  
SPC, US Army E-4  
Power Train specialist  
5 years of service



**Ronnie Timmons**  
US Marine Corps  
Corporal  
Data Communications and  
Transportation; Rifle Expert  
Badge, National Service Medal,  
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon,  
Meritorious Mast, Desert Storm  
Letters of Appreciation;  
8 years of service



**Vernell Timmons**  
LTC, Army Nurse Corps  
Psychiatric Nursing Consultant to  
Surgeon General, Afghanistan and  
Iraq Campaign Medals-2 stars,  
Bronze Star Medal, Other Medals  
Awarded: Meritorious Service,  
Army Commendation, Army  
Achievement, US Navy  
Achievement, National Defense  
Service Medal; 22 years of service



**Jim Vandiver**  
SPC, US Army E-4  
Fort Gordon, GA  
South Vietnam  
2 years of service



**Deacon Anthony Williams**  
US Army, Sergeant  
11 years of service

# Friendship Thanks All Our Veterans For Serving Our Country With Honor and Distinction



**Rev. Stanley Williams**  
CPT-MOS 25C, US Army  
Communications Officer  
11 years of service



**Deacon Thomas Young**  
SN, US Navy  
Seaman E-2 USS Taylor  
3 years of service



**Martha Bailey**  
US Air Force  
Captain  
5 ½ years of service

**Veterans Day is Observed every year on November 11<sup>th</sup> for those who have honorably served in the military and for those still on active duty,**



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sis. Cheryl Alford, Ministry Leader

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November, 2019

As usual, this chilly yet sunny morning was a wonderful opportunity for the women of Friendship to come together to share knowledge, to encourage one another and to enjoy each other's company as we praised our Lord through all that transpired.

The morning began with a heartfelt prayer led by Sis. Alice Burnes, followed by scripture (Psalm 37:3-8) read by Min. Roslyn Long who shared with enthusiasm her love of said verses.

During the course of the morning, attendees were uplifted with three songs which set the tone throughout: "My Help" (Brooklyn Tabernacle ); "Because of Who You Are" (Vickie Yohe) and "Awesome" (Charles Jenkins). These songs were chosen specifically because they speak of the character of our great and mighty God and because they were relative to our morning exercise. Before we get to that, we welcomed 1<sup>st</sup> time attendee, Sis. Olivia Railey. It has been our custom to ask those attending for the first time to share how they would describe themselves using the first letter of their name and a "spiritual" word." Sis. Olivia gave us "O" for *obedience*. She went a step further and gave us "R" (last name) for "*ready to serve*." It was awesome to hear how serious she is about her Christian journey.

We did not stray from our customary program as we were led in the reading of our covenant by Sis. Geralyn (Gerry) Wright. It has been and will continue to be a part of our routine as we embrace the words and follow through with our actions.

Last month, Sis. Geraldine Powell asked the women to complete a survey that would help the ministry plan for 2020. She made the same request to those who were not present at this gathering. While some of the women were filling out the survey, Sis. Gerry played "Because of Who You Are" so as to set the tone for our table discussions.

Once completed, Sis. Cheryl Alford briefly explained that for some time, she had a desire to do research on the names of God, something she had started but had not quite finished. She felt led to bring this topic to our ministry. During her research, she found at least 21 names for God, not including names for Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Sis. Cheryl shared that these names describe "the different aspects of God's character." Of the 21 names found, seven were selected for the women to research, i.e., find scriptures, discuss them and share with the group as a whole. We had four tables of faithful attendees. Three of those tables had to work with two names. It was made clear to the group that we are not presenting ourselves as bible scholars or teachers. Our aim is and will be to work together as one body in Christ, encouraging one another, helping each other and sharing what we've not only learned but how it relates to us personally.

While we're not able to share verbatim what each of those tables presented, we'd like to offer to you, our readers the names of God, what they mean and where they were found in scripture as well as the chosen spokesperson for said table, a brief comment if provided and/or a summary from our research.

**EL SHADDAI** (God Almighty): Speaker - Sister Shevonne

Genesis 17:1: "*When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty;" walk before me faithfully and be blameless.*" God has ultimate power over all. He is the all-sufficient source of all our blessings. Because of who He is, we know that our problems are not too big for Him to handle. Additional scriptures: Genesis 35:11, Genesis 28:3 and Exodus 6:3.



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**JEHOVAH-RAPHA** (The Lord Who Heals): Speaker - Sister Mary

Exodus 15:26: *"And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee."* He has provided the final cure for spiritual, physical and emotional sickness through Jesus Christ, and Jesus demonstrated that He is Jehovah-Rapha in healing the sick, blind, lame and in casting out demons. Additional scriptures: Psalm 103:3; 147:3.

**JEHOVAH-ROHI** (The Lord Our Shepherd): Speaker - Sister Mary

Psalm 23:1: *"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want."* After David pondered his relationship as a shepherd to his sheep, he realized that was exactly the relationship God had with him, and so he declares, "Jehovah-Rohi is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Our God protects, provides, directs, leads and cares for his people. Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down his life for all people. Note: aka Jehovah-Raah. Additional supporting verses: Genesis 48:15; 49:24 and Isaiah 53:6.

**JEHOVAH-JIREH** (The Lord will provide): Speaker - Minister Karen

Genesis 22:13-14: *"And Abraham called the name of the place Jehovah Jireh: as it is said to this day, in the mount of the Lord, it shall be seen. And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son."* Additional scriptures: Exodus 15:26; Ezekiel 48:35; Psalm 23 and Judges 26:24.

**JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU** (The Lord our righteousness): Speaker - Minister Karen

Jeremiah 23:6: *"In his days, Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called the Lord our Righteousness."* It is God alone who makes us righteous through Jesus Christ. He is the one who became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Additional scriptures: Jeremiah 33:16; Isaiah 59:17 and Ezekiel 36:26-27.

**JEHOVAH-NISSI** (The Lord my banner): Speaker - Sister Diane

Exodus 17:15: *"And Moses built an altar and called the name of it Jehovah Nissi."* In this sense, the banner is understood to be a rallying place. The name commemorates the Israelites desert victory over the Amalekites. Also, our battles belong to the Lord. It is He who gives us victory against the flesh, the world and the devil. Additional scriptures: Isaiah 11:10-12 and Ephesians 6:10-18.

**JEHOVAH-SHALOM** (The Lord our peace): Speaker - Sister Diane

Judges 6:24: *"Then Gideon built an altar there unto the Lord and called it Jehovah-Shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites."* This is the name given by Gideon after the angel of the Lord assured him that he would not die as he thought he would. We can also find in Isaiah 9:6 that the Messiah will be known as the Prince of Peace. Additional scripture: Hebrews 13:20.

In closing, it was a wonderful sight to observe the women working together, searching through their bibles or using their cell phones to gather information and chatting about what they were learning and how it was relevant today.

After discussions were completed, we began to discuss some ideas for 2020. It seemed that several ladies were on one accord as to one such event that was needed. We'll share more about this as we move closer to the New Year.

We do not want to end this article without extending an invitation to each of our sisters, young and new, older and seasoned, to join us each month; nor do we want to overlook our sister, Gertie Brock, who faithfully prepares physical refreshments each month. **Thank you, Sister Gertie, for your dedication.**

(Women's Ministry cont'd)

If anyone would like to share comments or concerns that relate to this ministry or offer suggestions on topics of interest, please email Cheryl - [bexalted@att.net](mailto:bexalted@att.net) or [bexalted@msn.com](mailto:bexalted@msn.com) (put your name in the subject line or reference Women's Ministry) or call 678-407-4404 and follow the prompt. I would love to have your input. Please take note that future meeting dates and time reminders will come from **Mother Patricia Ashe**, [patriciaashe6@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaashe6@gmail.com).

Our next meeting date will be **Saturday, December 14, 2019**, at 9:00 am promptly and will end at 11:00 am or earlier.

Finally, we would like to share a portion of the prayer offered by Mother Ashe as we closed our fellowship:

*Dear God,*

*Our help comes from you. Let us be mindful of that truth. Whatever we need comes from you. Father, thank you for always reminding us that You and You alone truly supply all and because of who You are we give You glory.*

*Yes Lord, You are awesome; You are our provider; our protector; and because of who You are to us, we give You all the praise, honor and glory. In Jesus Name, Amen!*



## women's FELLOWSHIP





## *Women's Ministry Invitation*

*You Are Invited!*

*Saturday, December 14, 2019*

*Time: 9am - 11am*



*Where: Fellowship Hall*

*Please join us as we close out the year  
in a time of  
Fellowship, Food and Fun Facts*

*Please contact Cheryl Alford @ [bexalted@att.net](mailto:bexalted@att.net)  
or 678 407-4404*

*Looking forward to seeing all of our sisters in Christ.*

# FBC Youth Ministry Hallelujah Night Event

## October 31, 2019



“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalms 118:24

... and rejoice we did! The Youth Department hosted its annual Hallelujah Night on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

There was plenty to see and do for everyone! A hearty meal was served including funnel cakes (Yum Yum!). There were games, a Friendship line dance, a costume parade, a fall photo booth and a trunk contest for the best decorated trunk. Best of all, there was laughter and lots of candy!!!

The costume parade featured angels, super heroes, lions, lady bugs, cheerleaders and there was a Tiger Woods and his caddie sighting! The Best Individual Costume was awarded to Germain Patterson, Jr. (Identity Thief) and the Best Family Costume winners were Shawntah and Tayden Hartz who were a fantastic Taekwondo Duo, who stayed in character and displayed their martial arts skills.



The highlight of the evening was when the children went Trunk or Treating for candy. The weather changed the plan, but it didn't stop the fun! The upper level of the Family Life Center was the perfect location to showcase “Trunks” and get plenty of sweet “Treats.” Friendship members were creative and very enthusiastic displaying Trunks representing the theme “On the Lord’s Team.” There was even a Candyland that had everyone in awe! The competition was friendly but fierce for the Best Decorated Trunk. The New York Giants, Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers and Georgia Bulldogs came strong but were “Rolled by The Tide” of The University of Alabama represented by Bro. Rommell and Sis. Kindell May, who won tickets to an Atlanta Hawks game.

Food, fellowship and fun are always wonderful to celebrate all that God has done and continues to do each day for us!

Submitted by Sis. Gail Lewis  
Photography by Bro. Louie Malone















# ATTENTION: FBC YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2019

**Advent Sunday Begins**

Sunday, December 1, 2019

**Parents' Night Out**

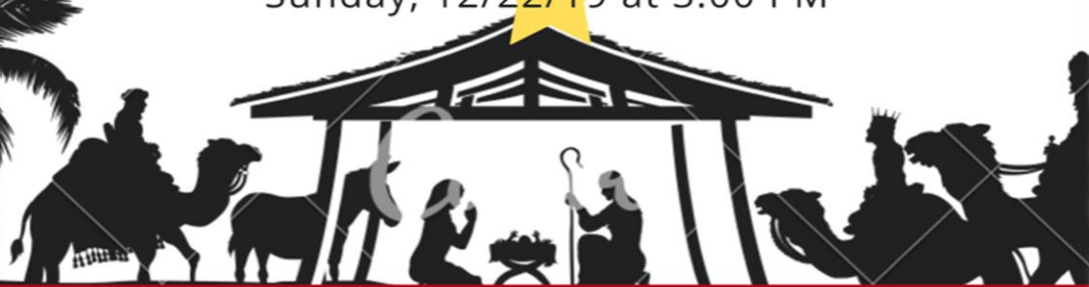
Friday, 12/13/19 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

**Bible Study Fun Night**

Wednesday 12/18/19 at 7:30 PM

**Christmas Program**

Sunday, 12/22/19 at 3:00 PM



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Is 9:6 (NIV)

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*Sis. Charlene Benn, Ministry Leader*

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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**



## The New Family Divide: How Can Technology Impact Family Time?

Oct 28, 2018

*by editorial team*

Technology has been increasing at a fast pace since the late 1990's and 2000's, making it difficult for parents (and adults in general) to handle the challenges of changing technology in their workplaces and homes.

This increase in technology adds a new dynamic to parenting: challenging meaningful communication and strong relationships with our children. It can challenge our adult and family relationships as well.

### **WHY DOES A FAMILY DIVIDE HAPPEN?**

Family divides can happen when there is a breakdown in communication and connection among parents and children, or between adults. A breakdown in communication might involve dishonest, disrespectful, and distant (not being present) conversations, or simply having no conversation at all.

It can create innocent misunderstandings, distrust, and a feeling of distance between family members. When a breakdown in communication continues, the problem can snowball, furthering the distance between family members.

### **THE DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN WORKING PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN**

Working parents often have an obligation to work long hours away from home, resulting in "latchkey kids" that come home each day and spend time without parents present. During that time, it's easy for children to spend their time playing video games, visiting social media sites, and checking in with their cell phones to connect with friends.

Technology such as cell phones and online gaming allows for children to be constantly connected to friends, making peers one of their largest influencers. In these cases, some children turn to friends for advice instead of their parents.

### **THE DIFFICULTIES FOR PARENTS IN MASTERING TECHNOLOGY**

Technology is changing at a rapid pace and in order to master the latest technology, parents must continuously spend time learning new devices, apps, social media sites. For some parents, this becomes a real challenge. It can be difficult to balance family, work, household activities, and social calendars, let alone learning the latest technology. Therefore, mastering technology often falls by the wayside.

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In addition, many parents (and adults in general) today were raised in a culture where technology was not as large a part of everyday life as it is today. There were no Smart Boards in classrooms, cell phones were novelties, and online gaming had not yet been invented. Some homes didn't even have a computer.

The learning curve for parents and adults to learn and master technology has been steeper than it has been for children that grew up with computers, tablets, smart TVs, and cell phones at their fingertips.

### **NOW PARENTS CAN'T MONITOR THEIR CHILDREN'S COMMUNICATION**

In the beginning, social media sites could easily be monitored by parents. It was common for parents to "friend" their children and monitor their online communication. Today, children are using social media platforms such as Snap Chat where messages disappear within seconds so that parents can't see the messages stored on their child's phone.

Some children create separate profiles that their parents aren't aware of: one where they connect to family and friends, and one where they only connect with friends. Other common methods children use to avoid parental monitoring are deleting text messages or apps from their phones daily.

### **WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE FAMILY DIVIDE?**

Technology has increasingly changed our culture and family dynamics. It's being used for education, social connections, digital music, video games, television, and in an increasing number of careers ranging from manufacturing to graphic design.

The rapid increase in technology started in the 1990's, noted by the National Bureau of Economic Research in the following statement: "They [authors of NBER Working Paper No. 8359] find that in the first half of the 1990s, true technology grew at an annual rate of 1.2 percent, but this rate rose to 3.1 percent for the 1995-9 period." Fast forward to 2015, the Pew Research Center found 84% of adults in the U.S. use the internet.

The increased impact of technology on family time may [cause family divides](#) and have a long-lasting impact in the following ways:

- **Decreased face-to-face communication.** As children and parents become glued to various types of technology, it can result in decreased interpersonal communication and relationship building among family members.
- **Change in influencers.** With friends being so accessible and children sharing less information with parents, children may turn to friends for advice instead of going to parents.
- **Distanced communication.** It's easy to become distracted by text messages and social media updates. When conversations between family members are constantly interrupted by technology, it may become difficult to "be in the moment." This may cause children to share less information with parents as well.
- **Feeling unimportant.** Many families, parents and children alike, bring technology to the dinner table and family events never taking a break from the online world. This habit may cause feelings of distance and unimportance among family members, conveying that technology and online friends are more important than communicating with family members uninterrupted.

(Technology cont'd)

- **Lack of strong relationships.** When parents and children don't connect face-to-face uninterrupted and fully present, it may result in weakened relationships with families and others.
- **Less comfort, trust, security, love.** Weakened relationships may result in children feeling less comfort, trust, security, and love from parents.
- **Less opportunity to parent.** Communication breakdowns could make it more difficult for parents to parent their children, offer advice, look out for their safety, supervise their activities and friends, and teach children good behaviors and values.

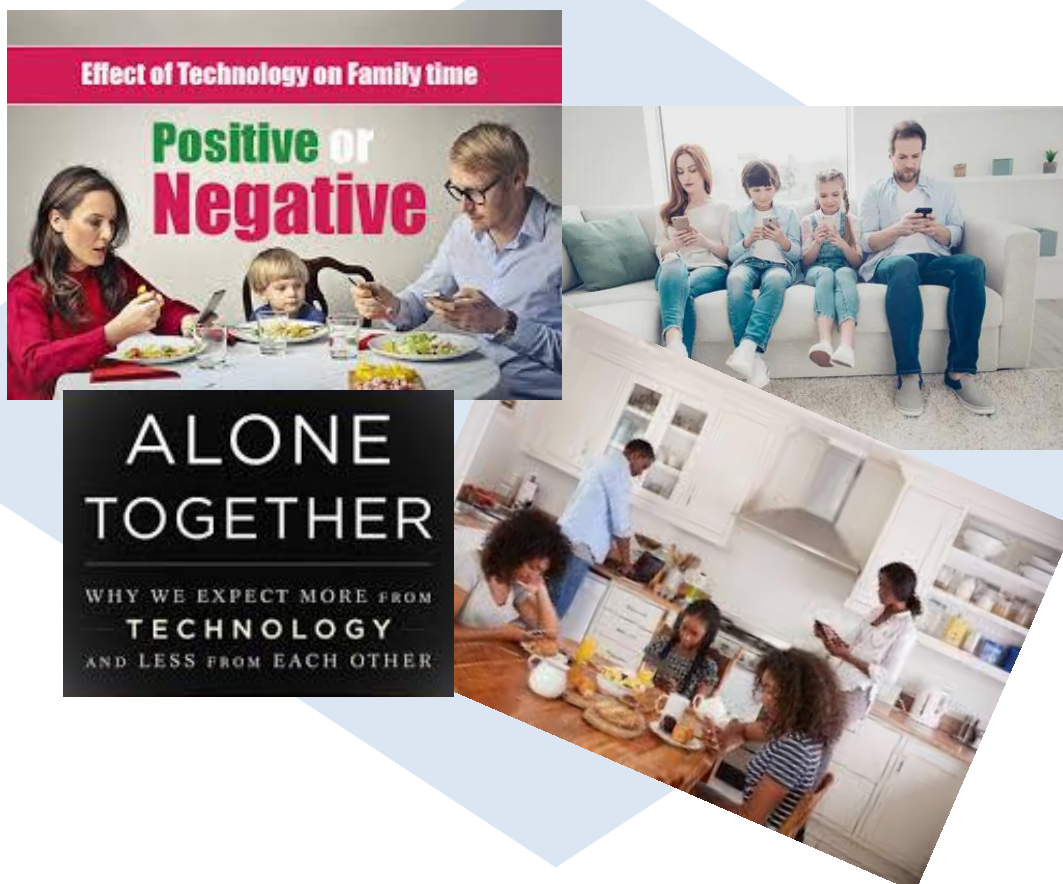
## CONCLUSION

Technology use has been increasing quickly since the 2000's, bringing new challenges for parents, adults, and families. This increase in technology may cause a divide among family members, making it more difficult for parents to connect with their children.

This wedge can challenge parents' ability to have face-to-face communication, influence, and instill in their children feelings of importance, trust, security, genuine connection, and love. Similar affects may be seen in adult relationships as well.

For more information, check out: [Tips to Protect Family Time from Technology](http://www.nontoxicliving.tips/blogs),  
[www.nontoxicliving.tips/blogs](http://www.nontoxicliving.tips/blogs)

Submitted by Tina Patterson,  
Communications Ministry



# BLACK HISTORY FACTS

## Facts 21-30 of 120 Black History Facts:

**Fact #21:** Chester Arthur "Howlin' Wolf" Burnett was one of the world's most important blues singers, songwriters and musicians, influencing popular rock acts like the Rolling Stones and [Eric Clapton](#). Howlin' Wolf maintained financial success throughout his life, held a stable marriage and worked for charitable causes in his Chicago community.

**Fact #22:** Female science fiction author [Octavia Butler](#) was dyslexic. Despite her disorder, she went on to win Hugo and Nebula awards for her writing, as well as a "genius" grant from the MacArthur Foundation.

**Fact #23:** When African-American neurosurgeon [Ben Carson](#) was a child, his mother required him to read two library books a week and give her written reports, even though she was barely literate. She would then take the papers and pretend to carefully review them, placing a checkmark at the top of the page to show her approval. The assignments inspired Carson's eventual love of reading and learning.

**Fact #24:** Politician, educator and Brooklyn native [Shirley Chisholm](#) survived three assassination attempts during her campaign for the 1972 Democratic nomination to the U.S. presidency.

**Fact #25:** Rap artist Chuck D graduated from Adelphi University, where he studied graphic design.

**Fact #26:** Dr. Mayme A. Clayton, a Los Angeles librarian and historian, amassed an extensive and valuable collection of black Americana now found in a museum that houses an estimated 3.5 million items. The collection includes works from a wide range of luminaries, including [Countee Cullen](#), [Marcus Garvey](#), [Zora Neale Hurston](#) and [Lena Horne](#).

**Fact #27:** Before lawyer [Johnnie Cochran](#) achieved nationwide fame for his role in the [O.J. Simpson](#) trial, actor [Denzel Washington](#) interviewed Cochran as part of his research for the award-winning film *Philadelphia* (1993).

**Fact #28:** Record sales from musician and singer [Nat King Cole](#) contributed so greatly to Capitol Records' success during the 1950s that its headquarters became known as "the house that Nat built."

**Fact #29:** The Saint John Coltrane African Orthodox Church in San Francisco, California, uses jazz musician [John Coltrane's](#) music and philosophy as sources for religious discovery.

**Fact #30:** Paul Cuffee, a philanthropist, ship captain and devout Quaker who supported a return to Africa for black citizens, transported 38 free African Americans to Sierra Leone in 1815. He also founded one of the first American integrated schools in 1797.

(Facts 11-20 found in October issue)

Submitted by Paulette Tapp  
Communications Ministry



James Weldon Johnson

## **National Black Anthem**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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

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

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



# 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).

**Annual Thanksgiving Eve Service and Lunch** - Please plan to attend our **annual Thanksgiving Eve service and lunch on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center**. We will gladly accept donations of turkeys and hams no later than Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and desserts on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Contact Diana McGhee at 404-312-1232 or Catherine Stafford at 678-983-7587 for more information.

**Drama Ministry** - Attention Parents: This year's Christmas Pageant will feature the beautiful voices of the FBC youth. We invite all children ages preschool to middle school to come be a part of our very special Christmas choirs. We need your help to bring this year's production to life! Rehearsal dates are: **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am in the Family Life Center**. Please bring your children out to be a part of this wonderful celebration of our Savior's birth! For more information, please contact Victoria Jones at 662-315-1107.

**Christmas recitals will be available for pick up on Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please see Sis. Hazel in the Fellowship Hall following either service.

**Education Ministry** - Students and Parents.... Looking for information on paying for college? ***It's not too early to start!*** December 14, 2019 - The Education Ministry is sponsoring a financial aid workshop. The workshop will provide direction and information on how to fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form to apply for financial aid (grants, work-study and loans) to pay for college or career for your soon-to-be graduating senior. The workshop will also include information explaining the types of aid, finding scholarships, and what financial aid to avoid or use as a last resort. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Family Life Center. For registration and further information please contact Sharon Norman at [sharon4282.sn@gmail.com](mailto:sharon4282.sn@gmail.com).

### **FBC Creative Learning Fall Classes**

The Creative Learning Class is on fall break and will return on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am.

**Scholarships** - Do you know any High School Seniors interested in Agriculture or Animal Sciences who want to attend an HBCU? Requirements: 3.0 GPA and 1000 SAT score. <https://www.outreach.usda.gov/education/1890>. The USDA/1890 National Scholars Program will provide full tuition, employment, employee benefits, fees, books and room and board each year for up to 4 years to selected students pursuing a bachelor's degree at Alabama A&M, Alcorn State, Central State Univ., Delaware State, Florida A&M, Fort Valley State, Kentucky State, Langston Univ., Lincoln Univ., North Carolina A&T, Prairie View A&M, South Carolina State, Southern Univ., Tennessee State, Tuskegee Univ., Univ. of Arkansas, Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore and Virginia State. **Application Deadline: Friday, January 31, 2020.**

**The Gatekeepers Ministry** is looking for volunteers. The Gatekeepers Ministry is a group of volunteer Guardians (1 Chronicles 9: 22-23).

### **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.



<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 3256.**



## COME JOIN US

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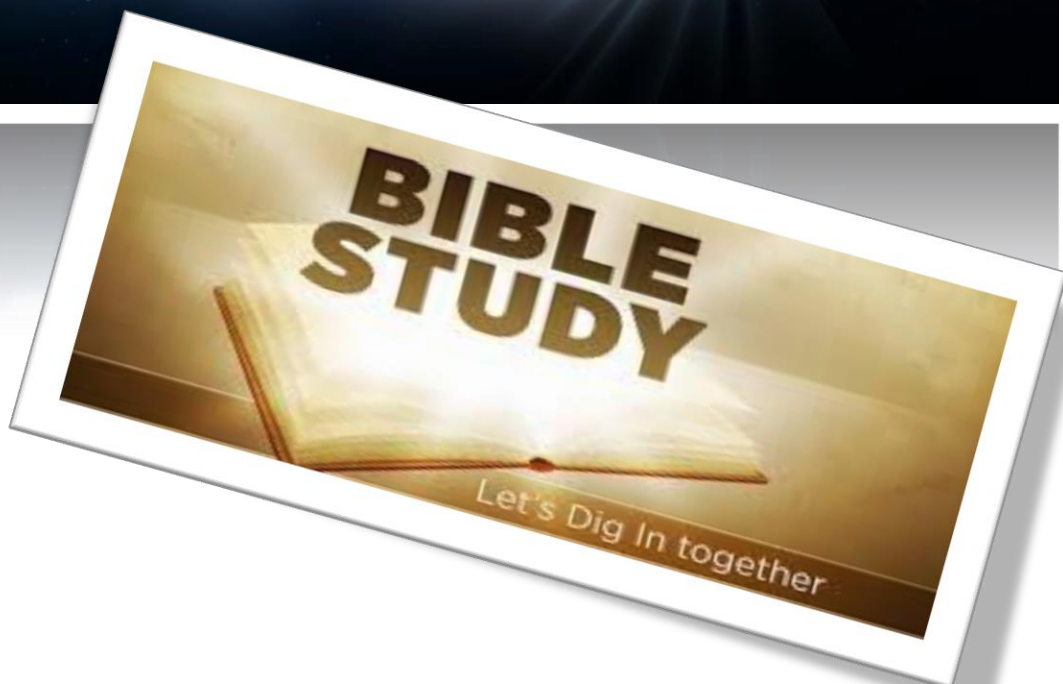
**\*\*\* Every Wednesday Night \*\*\***

Intercessory Prayer  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

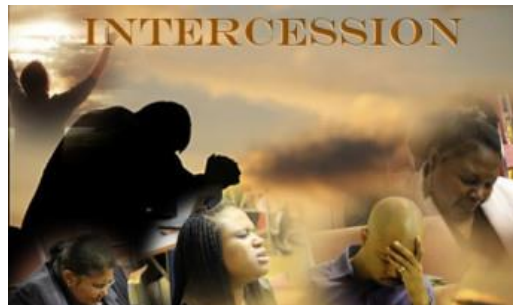
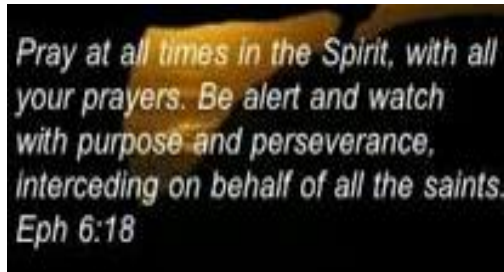
**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

Worship Service & Bible Study

7:30 p.m.



# Prayer List



## REMEMBER WITH PRAYER, CALLS AND VISITATIONS

Bro. Willie Benton  
Min. Karen Blacknell  
Rev. Kenneth Blacknell  
Bro. Farrell Bowens  
Sis. Joyce Brooks  
Sis. Sherie Brown  
Bro. Tyler Caldwell  
Bro. Lakee Danner  
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

PRAYER  
CHANGES THINGS  
STARTING WITH THE ONE WHO PRAYS

FOR THOSE GRIEVING  
THE LOSS OF  
A LOVED ONE

GRIEF  SHARE™

Thanksgiving might be the first holiday after your loved one's death, or maybe it's the second, third or beyond. In the coming days you are going to be facing some tough emotions. You can lessen the emotional impact by knowing what to expect and being prepared. We are starting a new series of GriefShare "Surviving the Holiday" starting Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. You will watch a video, be part of a discussion group, and receive a Survival Guide with daily encouragement and helpful exercises for the days ahead. Join us at 9:45 am in Room 234.



**GriefShare Ministry Leader**  
Minister Karen L. Blacknell  
678-896-1441  
[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.



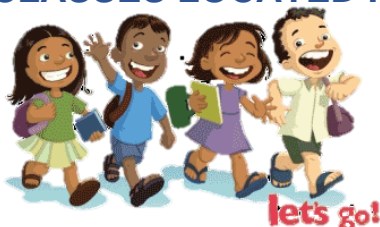
**Bro. Dorian Rogers,**  
**Superintendent**  
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**CLASSES LOCATED IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC):**

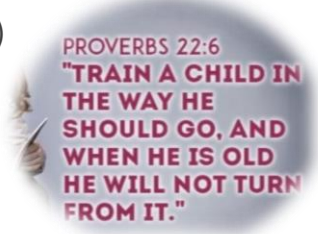
Class	Room	Class	Room
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**Sunday School**

**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

## WEEKLY

Bible Study (Adult)	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
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
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

## MONTHLY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Communication's Ministry	3rd Saturday	11:00 am	Room 135 Family Life Center
Deacon's Meeting	Tuesday (1st & 3rd)	7:00 pm	Room 232 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		

## 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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