



# FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. Ronald L. Bowens  
Pastor

Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto man His Son hath given;  
While angels sing with tender mirth,  
A glad new year to all the earth.

JANUARY 2020

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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# FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE

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### CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 19 MLK Sunday Super 4pm
- 20 MLK Jr Day Outreach Event 10am
- 23 Pastor Bowen's Birthday
- 25 Safety & Security Training 10:30am
- 25 Senior's Ministry Meeting 11:00am
- 25 Honda Battle of the Bands 2pm
- 29 Financial Peace University 7-9pm

#### FEBRUARY

- 14 Marriage Valentine's Event 7-11pm
- 15 City of Zion – A Night of Talent 7-9pm
- 23 Springfield BC, Molena GA 3pm

#### FBC MISSION STATEMENT

Exalt the Savior  
Equip the Saint  
Evangelize the Sinner

# faith

The secular meaning of Faith by the English Dictionary is considered as complete trust or confidence in someone or something. The words that back up this statement are: Trust, Belief, Confidence, Conviction, Credence, Reliance, Dependence, Optimism, Hopefulness and Expectation.

Faith is also considered as a strong belief in God or in the doctrines of a religion, based on spiritual apprehension rather than proof. Supporting words can be termed as: Religion, Church, Sect, Denomination, Persuasion, Belief, Ideology, Creed, Teaching, Dogma and Doctrine.

People of Faith refers to any person who can be delineated or classified by an adherence to a religious tradition or doctrine, as opposed to those who do not publicly identify or in any way espouse a religious path.

Faith is belief in someone or something beyond ourselves. So, to a Christian, it is a belief in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We cannot see God but yet we believe in Him. The Bible, which is available to everyone, gives the basis of Faith. Faith by itself means that God forgives sinners through the belief in Jesus as the one who died for us and not by what we do or how we behave.

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Belief is centered in Faith, thus it can be said that belief is the subset of Faith. On the other hand, Faith can be equated to evidence, whereas belief cannot be equated with evidence but can be considered as a substitute for knowledge.

Faith in God means that you trust God with your life more than you trust yourself. It means that you trust his timing even when you are running out of patience. It means that you trust His decisions even if you don't like them. It means that you will love Him with all your heart even when you don't understand Him.

Our Faith should be unwavering, so in times when we tend to question God, we still believe in Him. When we are tired of the trials and tests, we can be rest assured that He knows what He is doing, so instead of fighting with God, we fight for Him and instead of complaining of things going wrong we thank Him for walking us through it.

Faith doesn't change anything around us but it changes everything within us. Faith helps us to live through pain and darkness. It keeps us going when others are giving up. It gives us hope and teaches us the meaning of life and how to maintain a godly lifestyle.

Faith is not seeing God but knowing He's there, it's not hearing Him but knowing He's listening and doing what is best for us. We are reminded in Hebrews 11:1, "Now Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".

Faith is the means by which we receive those things we hope for. Neither is faith sight. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. Faith can only operate in the realm of the invisible concerning those things we hope for and do not yet see. Faith cannot exist in the visible realm.



*"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* Hebrews 11:6

Submitted by Sis. Hyacinth Chung,  
Communications Ministry

## HYMN OF THE MONTH - "THE SOLID ROCK"

Submitted by Sis. Hyacinth Chung, Communications Ministry



This song was written by Edward Mote and the tune composed by William B Bradbury in 1863. Edward Mote was born in Upper Thames, London on January 21, 1797. He underwent a great spiritual change through the preaching of Rev. J. Hyatt of Tottenham Court Road Chapel, and ultimately became a Baptist minister. He was a Pastor at

Horsham, Sussex, for the last 26 years of his life and he died on November 13, 1874. Mr. Mote published several small pamphlets and also Hymns of Praise. A New Selection of Gospel Hymns, combining all the Excellencies of our spiritual poets, with many originals by Edward Mote published in 1836.



**HYMN HISTORY:** Sometimes the grace of God penetrates into unlikely places. Edward Mote's parents were hostile to religion, but while still a boy Edward became a Christian through the influence of a cabinetmaker to whom he was apprenticed. As a man, he became a skilled cabinetmaker with a successful business of his own.

Regardless of the claims of his business on his time, Mote always found time to worship God. He was especially interested in Christian music, and one day felt inspired on the way to work to write down a verse that came to his mind. Before the day was finished, he had completed four verses. His new hymn began with the words, "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

Not long thereafter, Mote visited a friend whose wife was ill. It was a Sunday, and the friend mentioned that he and his wife liked to observe Sunday by singing a hymn, reading a scripture, and having prayer together. Mote had a copy of his hymn in his pocket, so they sang it. The friend's wife was so taken with the hymn that she requested a copy for herself. Encouraged by her interest, Mote had copies printed -- and soon found himself the author of a beloved hymn.

**BIBLE VERSE:** Matthew 7:24 - *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

### "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand"

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

#### Chorus:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
support me in the 'whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found,  
dressed in His righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne.

## Pastor Ronald L. Bowens

God has –  
*Called you,*  
Chosen you,  
*Ordained you,*  
Gifted you,  
*Equipped you,*  
Anointed you,  
*Instructed you,*  
Guided you,  
*Enabled you,*  
Blessed you.



**To the UnderShepherd  
of this Great Church,  
Happy Birthday!  
January 23, 2020**

## OUTREACH MINISTRY - "One Body Saved to Serve"

Sis. Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader

### **OUTREACH CENTER HOURS:**

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

Wednesdays: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

For more information about the Outreach Ministry 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**

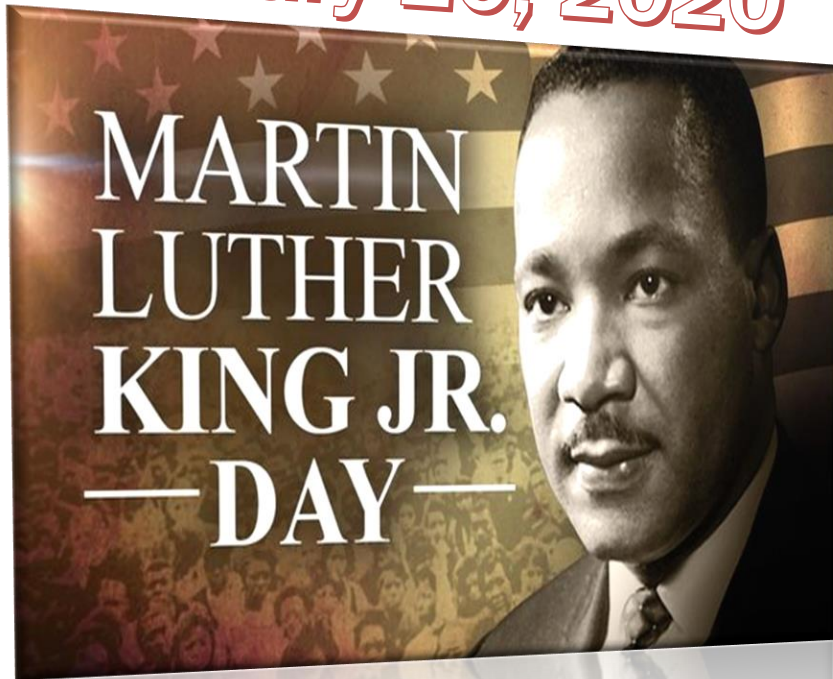


The FBC Outreach Ministry offers a Care Community to support foster care parents and information on becoming a foster parent. We also offer training to members who wish to become Care Community volunteers. Please contact Venda Young at 219-688-1365 or Linda Milton at [LBmilton1@charter.net](mailto:LBmilton1@charter.net) for more information.



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

# January 20, 2020



On January 20<sup>th</sup>, Friendship Baptist Church together with the Jack and Jill Chapter of Greater North Atlanta will host a breakfast and program for our young people as we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day 2020.

**This will be a Day of Service for the Outreach Ministry as we restock our FBC Food Pantry.**

The MLK Jr. Breakfast Program will begin at 10:00 am in the Family Life Center.

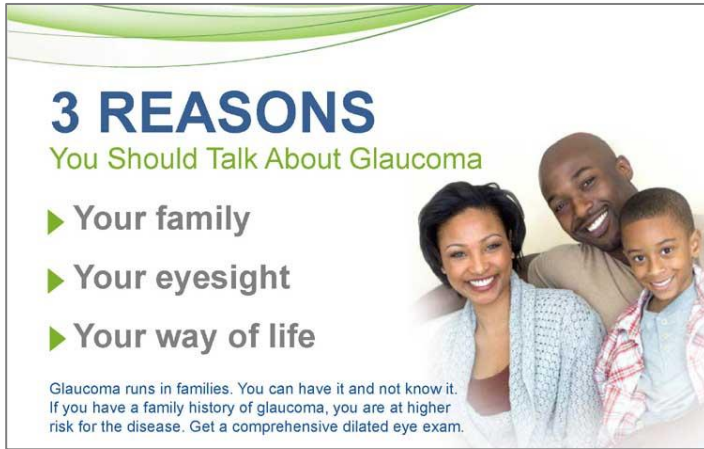
**Please encourage our Youth to attend and participate.**

More information to follow.



# HEALTH MINISTRY - Glaucoma Awareness Month

Sis. Vickie Perry, RSN/BSN, Ministry Leader



Glaucoma is a leading cause of vision loss and blindness in the United States. People are often unaware that glaucoma has no symptoms in its early stages. If detected early, before noticeable vision loss occurs, glaucoma can usually be controlled and severe vision loss can often be prevented. Vision that is lost from glaucoma cannot be restored.

## FIVE GLAUCOMA GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER:

1. More patients than ever. Over 3 million people in the U.S. have glaucoma, and the number is rising.
2. Glaucoma can affect people of all ages. Although generally associated with seniors, glaucoma can strike anyone since each person has their own level of eye pressure tolerance.
3. Demographics do play a role. Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness among African Americans; it's also highly prevalent in Hispanics over the age 65.
4. Is glaucoma hereditary? The risk of developing primary open-angle glaucoma is up to nine times more likely if parents or siblings have the disease.
5. Hope for future glaucoma patients. Although there is no cure for any form of glaucoma, early diagnosis and treatment help control the disease and slow the process of vision loss or blindness.

HEALTHY FOODS    HEALTHY HEART    FITNESS

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

# EDUCATION MINISTRY

Sis. Sharon Norman, Ministry Leader

Knowing that the world is becoming increasingly dangerous for all, but especially for women, the Education Ministry offered a Self Defense Program, RAD, free of charge.



RAD, Rape Aggression Defense, was taught by Officer Parker of the Gwinnett County Police Department. This class was designed for women to offer realistic self-defense tactics and techniques. RAD's objective is to provide options of self-defense and repeating and practicing the options so that they become viable considerations to the woman who might be attacked. This class taught the students to be aware of their surroundings, yell when feeling threatened, and totally engage (fight) when needed.

Officer Parker was a great instructor who worked with the group to ensure that everyone attending felt comfortable and empowered to defend themselves if ever put in a compromising situation where self-defense would be necessary.

Sis. Sharon Levister led this effort.







# **RAD:** Rape Aggression DEFENSE

Can you defend yourself?



## DRAMA MINISTRY

*Sis. Victoria Jones, Ministry Leader*

**"Let's Keep God's Love in Christmas"** - the beautiful theme that filled the FBC Family Life Center for this year's Christmas program on Sunday, December 22. The celebration highlighted our youth of all ages in the forms of recitals, singing, acting, musical instrument solos, and dancing.



To start the evening, we heard Christmas recitals from several children. Our hearts exploded with joy and pride as they bravely recited their Christmas readings and poems. Also as an added surprise, they all took the stage together to sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. Absolutely heart-warming! What a wonderful reminder of the true gift and meaning of this beautiful season.

The recitations were followed by a pageant entitled "Let's Keep God's Love in Christmas" presented by the Drama Ministry and youth. This fresh, modern story framing the birth of Jesus featured the amazing acting and voices of teens Jocelyn May and Michael Sharpless. A story was told of one director's determination to put God's love back into Christmas so that children will understand the true meaning of the occasion. While the teens were somewhat distracted, a tragic accident served as a reality check that quickly changes their attitudes and results in a magical Christmas pageant with Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men. The Family Life Center was overflowing with the beautiful voices of our children rejoicing in the birth of our Savior.

What's that sound? Why, that was FBC's very own Brady Williams blessing us with a beautiful trumpet rendition of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"! What a treat! Friendship is blessed with amazing and endless talent!!

To conclude the evening, the Dance and Drama Ministries collaborated to bring us a dramatic performance like we've never seen before. A remarkable depiction of the spiritual warfare at hand when Jesus was born. Angels and demons battled as Satan set out to destroy the baby Jesus; however, victory prevails because as we all know: God will always win.

A huge thank you to all the participants, parents, and everyone who helped make this program a wonderful, spirit-filled afternoon!



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**Let's Keep God's  
Love in Christmas**



Pastor Bowens preached the Word from Job 1:6-22 KJV to a packed house on New Year's Eve. The sermon topic was "The Invisible War." He shared that there is conflict all around us like sickness, death, pain, sorrow, trouble, but there is an area of conflict that goes on around us that we cannot and do not see. We are all engaged in spiritual warfare. We forget that God sees all, nothing escapes Him, and He has a plan for each one of us just as He had for Job.

➤ **An Unlikely Candidate (v. 1-5)**

Job was a man of purity, holiness and someone who walked in integrity. He was wealthy and righteous and blessed. Job was not a part-time believer. He lived this way every day. He lived out his relationship with God. Just because we are doing the right thing doesn't mean trouble won't come. Sometimes God sends suffering to test and grow us. Job suffered for the glory of God. We are more likely to suffer and be attacked when we stand tall for the Lord.

➤ **An Unseen Conflict (v. 6-12)**

The angels give an account of their service to God. While we are living down here on earth doing what we do, there is a conflict going on in the atmosphere. The one wreaking havoc is called by many names-- Satan, Lucifer, the liar, a deceiver and an accuser of the brethren.

➤ **An Unbelievable Crisis (v. 7-19)**

Satan released hell in Job's life. All 10 of Job's children died in one day. He lost his livestock, his land, everything. As long as you don't lose Jesus, you have everything you need, and as long as you walk with God, He can be glorified in your crisis. Satan's attempt is to rob God of His Glory so he gets busy in our lives, too.

➤ **An Unfazed Commitment (v. 20-22)**

No matter what all you go through, don't stop worshipping God. Stay committed to Him.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Sis. Cheryl Alford, Ministry Leader*



January 11, 2020

What a blessing it is to enter into a new year and to start it with a great turnout. While it's questionable as to whether it's the beginning of a new decade or the winding up of the old, this new year is an opportunity for new beginnings, for renewal and commitment and for a determination to walk worthy of our calling in the Lord. There's no doubt that we're on the right path.

We began our ministry activities with prayer led by Sis. Alice Burnes, followed by the reading of Psalm 1:1-3 led by Sis. Geraldine Powell who shared these verses in both the King James and the New Century versions. If you're following us via these articles, you know that we always give honor to our Heavenly Father through several uplifting songs. This morning, we began our musical interlude with "Change Me" by Tamela Mann. Another constant in our ministry is acknowledging and gifting first-time attendees. Joining us today were Sisters Carolyn Williams, Shirley Tyler and Karen Hayes.

Sis. Harriett Hairston, Ministry Secretary, acknowledged the following sisters who celebrated birthdays and/or anniversaries during January. Birthdays included Sis. Alice Burnes – 1/12; Sis. Geraldine Powell – 1/15 and Sis. Rose Garnett – 1/24. Congratulations went out to Sis. Barbara Johnson on 43 years of marriage and to Sis. Karen Hayes celebrating 7 years.

We have determined to share the ministry covenant each time we assemble as our Assistant Servant Leader, Sis. Gerry Wright, led us as we spoke in agreement with her. Given that we're beginning a new year, we thought it important to give our sisters an opportunity to share their journey thus far. Sis. Harriett invited anyone who desired to share a testimony. Sis. Geraldine mentioned how grateful she was that God took her through some health issues and storms and she is happy she can say "Hallelujah."

Sis. Mary Blackburn mentioned that while she was vacationing in Hawaii with her daughters, they heard of a car accident that involved students of her daughter and there were fatalities. On the brighter side, she met a lady at the hotel and they both spoke about how they missed church while they were away. Sis. Mary shared with the lady of how she started reading the book of Luke on December 1<sup>st</sup> starting with the first chapter and each day read a chapter. She ended with chapter 24, which is the last chapter and it was also Christmas Eve. These verses tell the story of the birth of Jesus and why we celebrate Christmas. The lady was astonished that in all her years of going to church she did not know this and was deeply appreciative. Sis. Harriett shared that she and her husband read the same 24 chapters of Luke together and it was a blessing to the both of them.

Sis. Gerry followed these beautiful testimonies with "Grateful" sung by Hezekiah Walker. As noted by Sis. Harriett, this really brought in a spirit of worship and everyone joined in singing and praising God.

Our theme for the morning was "A Look Back." At the invitation of Sis. Cheryl Alford, Mother Gerald Baker agreed to share a bit of history as it pertained to the Women's Ministry. Sis. Cheryl believes it's important to look back every now and then, not to pine for what was but to praise God for where He's brought us from and for the journey we're on presently. It's also important to not listen to rumors but to get the facts as accurately as possible.

What better person to enlighten the women than Mother Gerald Baker, a long-standing, faithful member and 'unofficial' yet knowledgeable historian of Friendship Baptist. While we can't share every word, we do want to share some of that history to our readers.



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This ministry was established by Pastor Bowens in 2004 to help satisfy a need for fellowship due to a progressive growth in the presence of women.

Over the years, several women served as leaders beginning with Min. Denise Harvey (Jackson) and Evg. Karen DeLee. These two faithful sisters served the ministry until 2007. Activities included a "Secret Sisters Brunch," and A Mothers' Gala. Teaming up with them for the latter event was the Mothers Ministry.

In 2006, Pastor Bowens placed the annual Women's Day under the auspices of the ministry. At the time, Andrian Oldham was chairperson and the two ministries worked together to host a retreat in Asheville, NC. After serving for three years, Evg. Denise resigned and the ministry became inactive until 2009 when Sis. Venda Young and Sis. Diana McGhee were appointed to lead as Chair and Co-Chair.

During their tenure, the Annual Women's Day was still active and led by Sis. LaRahn Walden and Sis. Pamela Crenshaw. While Sis. Diana served only during 2009, Venda and new assistant, Sis. Yvette Leverett continued to serve until 2011. Highlights included a roundtable discussion, celebration of Mother Geneva Burse's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, a Mother/Daughter brunch, a Widows' luncheon spearheaded by Min. Leslie Green and a Women's' Retreat.

In 2012, Min. Roslyn Long began serving as Chairperson. Assisting her were Sis. Yvette Leverett, 2012-13, and Sis. Vickie Chambers, 2014-16. Highlights during Min. Long's tenure included a Teen summit, a study on "Women Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit," A "Word Up" conference, a fashion show and a study of women in the Bible. The women who shared in this event donned attire in assimilated fashion to what was worn during that period as they shared an interpretation of those women being represented. Also, The Creative Learning Workshop was established by Sis. Sharon Wilson and Sis. Pat Malone.

In 2017, Vickie assumed responsibility as Servant Leader with Min. Nicole Walker as assistant. A study of two books was done: Having a Mary's Heart in a Martha World and The Full Armor of God. Other highlights during her tenure included "Hatitude," Christmas in July (hosted by Creative Learning), the honoring of those women who had reached the age of 75+ and a weekend trip to the Holy Land Experience in Orlando Florida.

In 2019, with the approval of Pastor Bowens, Sis. Cheryl Alford became Servant Leader and Sis. Geralyn (Gerry) Wright, Assistant Leader. Prior to Sis. Cheryl assuming the leadership role, Sis. Vickie Chambers had been praying about what to share going forward. She and Sis. Cheryl had a discussion at which time Sis. Cheryl provided several ideas. Vickie chose one of them to be presented at the beginning of the year. However, Sis. Vickie was reassigned to head the Shepherd's Care Ministry so Cheryl followed through and introduced it to the ministry. The activity was a two-day event entitled, "Removing the Mask." Another highlight of the year was the Panel Discussion which actually took three months to complete and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It's important to note that Creative Learning became an independent ministry during 2019. And there you have it!

It's 2020! Sisters Cheryl Alford, Gerry Wright, Geraldine Powell, Shirley Price, Harriett Hairston, Linda Berry and Mothers Pat Ashe and Shirley Thomas are our leaders. We are determined to serve you faithfully throughout the year, so please continue to pray for this ministry as we endeavor to do that which The Lord has placed on our hearts and pray that the women of Friendship will be blessed and that more of you will desire to come out and unite with us as we walk by faith, looking only unto Jesus to guide and direct us.

The morning's fellowship closed with remarks by Sis. Cheryl who encouraged the ladies to attend Creative Learning Workshops. There is not only much to be learned, but it's a wonderful fellowship of women. She shared that she began to sew again after many years because of the excitement in learning how to make quilts and bags. It has led to making a variety of items that she loves gifting to others. Sis. Hazel Franklin shared that you don't need to know how to sew or use a sewing machine. Ministry members are available to teach and help along the way.

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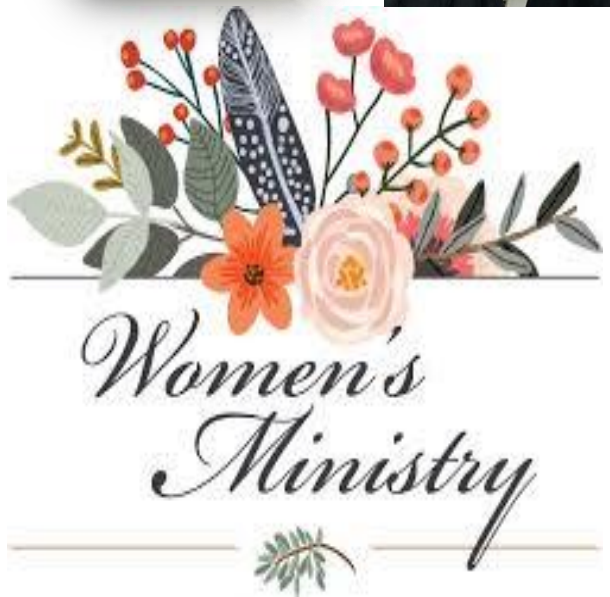
Min. Long invited the women to attend the upcoming Sisters in Christ Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> in Carrollton, Georgia. Several sisters indicated they would love to go. The conference is free and more information will be provided. We hope to use the church van. However, seating availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If interested, please contact Sis. Cheryl Alford at 678-407-4404, Sis. Gerry Wright at 404-783-0009 or Mother Pat Ashe at patriciaashe6@gmail.com.

We hope to see more of you next month. Meetings take place in the Fellowship Hall and begins at 9:00 am. Light refreshments will be served. Hoping your New Year will be filled with prosperity in all things.

Contributors to this article: Sisters Gerry Wright, Harriett Hairston and Cheryl Alford.



Happy  
New Year  
2020



# SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020



FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH  
YOUTH MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP  
AT THE 17TH ANNUAL  
HONDA BATTLE OF THE BANDS  
MERCEDES-BENZ STADIUM  
CONTACT SIS. KEISHA THORNTON  
OR SHEVONNE MEEKS  
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!



Dave Ramsey's  
**Financial** *Peace*  
UNIVERSITY

**Join us on a 9-week journey to financial peace.** Dave Ramsey's 9-week course teaches steps to achieve and maintain financial peace.

The Financial Peace University will be held Wednesdays beginning January 29<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. The next free preview will be on Wednesday during Bible Study on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**FBC members can take the course at the discounted rate of \$50.** For more information, please contact the FBC office or one of the following to sign up:

Sis. Sharon Levister, Ministry Leader @ 404-218-8662  
Sis. Kittrich Pettway @ 678-521-9555  
Sis. Marcia Mullins @ 770-713-7191



# *FBC Marriage Ministry*

## Presents A Night To Remember *Valentine's Dinner & Dance*



Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day  
Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:00 – 11:00 pm  
Embassy Suites Gwinnett  
2029 Satellite Blvd, Duluth, GA 30096  
Cost: \$130 per couple

Space is limited to 100 married couples only.  
For additional information, contact Violet Sanford at 404-625-4597  
or email: [mchcfbc@gmail.com](mailto:mchcfbc@gmail.com)

## TECH CORNER

Submitted by Sis. Tina Patterson, Communications Ministry

### Embracing the Online World: 5 Ways Technology Benefits the Family Life



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As a parent, you may feel that your children spend far too much time using technology such as cell phones and computers. Your teen may even roll their eyes at you when you ask them to put their cell phones down during dinner. There is no escaping the fact that **technology has impacted almost every aspect of family life.**

The Internet and various tech devices have provided families with options that didn't even exist a decade ago. For example, **technology has significantly impacted the way in which families communicate.** From texting and Facebook to Skype and FaceTime, it is possible to be in touch with anyone at any time. A poll conducted in 2012 by AARP and Microsoft showed that 83 percent of families considered technology "helpful" in increasing the quality and frequency of communication among its members.

**Technology has brought about advances in many other areas of family life as well, including work, education, and child development.** The following takes a closer look at some of the ways embracing technology can benefit your family.

#### 1. Work and Finance



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Many families are embracing a digital lifestyle as a way to achieve a better balance between professional and family life. Work used to mean long commutes and being tethered to a desk from nine to five. **Digital technology, email, and remote access connections make it possible to work from anywhere with more flexible hours.**

More and more employers are offering their employees the option of **telecommuting.** Working from home allows families to spend more time together and can save thousands of dollars a year in transportation and childcare costs.

**Technology also has substantial advantages in the area of household management.** For example, more and more people are turning to the convenience of the Internet for banking, shopping, and paying bills. Parents are also taking advantage of mobile apps to help track budgets and manage family schedules.

#### 2. Communication



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**Digital technology makes it easier than ever for families to stay in touch despite hectic schedules** that involve work, errands, and the kids' extra-curricular activities. Parents and children can check in with each other throughout the day with a quick call or text. Parents also get the peace of mind of knowing where their kids are at all times and that their children can reach them quickly in the event of an emergency.

**Many families also use technology to strengthen and maintain bonds with grandparents and other relatives who may live farther away.** Parents and

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children can keep each other updated instantly through email and various social networks. Some families are even creating their own websites and blogs as a way to share pictures and important family milestones.

Many parents, especially those with teenagers, struggle with getting their children to open up about aspects of their daily life. Social media accounts, such as Facebook and Instagram, can give parents insight into the people, places, and events that are important to their teen. **Technology and social media can also be a channel for opening up a dialogue between parents and kids about events affecting our world.**

Technology also makes communication possible for many individuals with special needs. Adaptive technology makes it possible for people with speech, hearing, vision, and mobility challenges to engage with family, attend school, and work.

### 3. Education



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Technology gives us access to vast amounts of information any time of day or night. Not that long ago, our fathers would stay up-to-date on world events by buying newspapers. Our mothers would get new recipes by copying them down from books and magazines they found in the library. A school term paper typically meant hours at the library pouring through card catalogs and stacks of books. **Digital technology, virtual libraries, and various apps give us access to instant news alerts and other information 24/7 without leaving home.**

**Educational technology and e-learning are becoming more popular by the day.** Students are able to take courses online thanks to technology that allows them to upload homework and interact with fellow students and teachers through chat rooms and online forums. Online education has also made it very simple for students to receive personal attention from qualified teachers, and for the parents to track academic progress of their children online. Parents are also benefiting from online learning that makes it easier for working adults to pursue college degrees.

The digital age is even changing many aspects of the traditional classroom. **Teachers are able to use computers, projectors, and specialized whiteboards with touch screens to make lessons more engaging and interactive for students.**

### 4. Development

What may appear to you as mindless screen time may actually contribute to your child's mental and social development:

- Video games require a great deal of **manual dexterity and may increase your youngster's hand/eye coordination.**
- A number of apps and computer games are available to **enhance reading and phonics skills or even help your child learn a second language.**
- E-books and online libraries can **expose your child to new worlds and encourage a life-long love of reading.**
- Various apps and games can **help your child learn numbers, shapes, or improve their skills in more advanced mathematics.**
- Blogs, websites, and social media sites can **help your child develop social skills** by allowing them to communicate easily with family and peers from all different backgrounds and cultures.



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(Tech Corner cont'd)

- Technology can **make your child more prepared for school**. Not only do apps and games teach basic skills like reading and math, but they also teach high-level skills such as problem-solving, strategy, and critical thinking that are essential to academic success.
- Gaming **teaches kids skills such as focusing and paying attention to detail**. These skills can help them both in school and later in life.
- Most games and apps require the user to successfully complete one level before being allowed to move on to the next. This can **help teach your child the value of persistence, competition, and motivation**.
- Technology **encourages children to broaden their horizons**. Many kids discover an interest in a subject such as history or geography through an online video or game and go on to do research into the subject.
- Technology can **help your child discover hidden skills and creative talents**. The Internet is a forum for many forms of self-expression such as writing, video, and music. By exposing your child early on to the many possibilities available with today's digital technology, your child may develop interests and talents that lead them to their future career.

## 5. Entertainment



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Technology provides us with an almost endless array of family entertainment options. **Our favorite music, television shows, movies, or games are available at our fingertips through streaming services and mobile apps.** The vast array of entertainment selections can even help bridge generation gaps within families. You can bond with your teen over a favorite movie from when you were their age or try your hand at their favorite game.

If you are not a major technology buff, you may feel a little intimidated about using some of the gadgets and gizmos that seem so easy for the younger generation. Here are some tips that may make going digital a little easier:

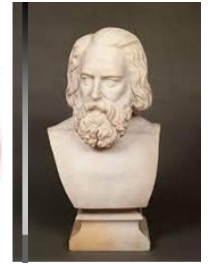
- You can **try using a tablet to play online games with your kids**. Tablets are more portable than laptops and kids typically prefer them over other mobile devices.
- **Look for games that you feel are fun and age-appropriate**, and make a point of learning them together with your child.
- Make it a point to play games with your kids more often. For example, you can **try scheduling a weekly family tournament surrounding their favorite game**.
- Remember to be patient, and be willing to allow your child to be the teacher. **Letting your youngster share their expertise can be a huge confidence booster.**

**Final Word: As parents, we tend to be very concerned about the negative aspects of technology.** Of course, there are certain risks involved in sharing our lives online that young children and teens may not fully understand. That is where we, as parents, must educate and guide our children.



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Technology creates opportunities for parents to discuss critical issues with their children such as balancing privacy with the parental need to stay informed and the importance of being a good online citizen. **By understanding technology and engaging with your children online, you can help steer your children through the potential pitfalls while enjoying all the advantages that the digital life has to offer.**



## Who was Edmonia Lewis?

**Edmonia Lewis**, in full **Mary Edmonia Lewis**, (born c. July 4, 1844, Greenbush, N.Y., U.S.—died Sept. 17, 1907, London, England), American sculptor whose Neoclassical works exploring religious and classical themes won contemporary praise and received renewed interest in the late 20th century.



Lewis was the daughter of an African American man and a woman of African and Ojibwa (Chippewa) descent. She was orphaned at a young age and afterward reportedly lived with her maternal aunts among the Ojibwa, who called her Wildfire. With the help of an older brother, she obtained admission to the preparatory department of Oberlin College in 1859, and from 1860 to 1863 she attended the college proper.

Lewis thrived at Oberlin, excelling particularly at drawing, but she left in 1863 after having been accused both of poisoning two of her classmates in 1862 and of theft in 1863. A mob beat her severely before her trial for accusations of poisoning; she was later acquitted, with the help of lawyer John Mercer Langston. Again with her brother's support, she made her way to Boston, where abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison introduced her to a local sculptor, from whom she received a few lessons in modeling.

Lewis's first work seen publicly was a medallion, advertised for sale early in 1864, that featured the head of militant abolitionist John Brown. Later in the year her bust of Col. Robert Gould Shaw (a Boston hero who had been killed leading his black troops in the attack on Fort Wagner, part of the assault on Charleston, S.C.) was widely praised. Sales of copies of the bust allowed her to sail in 1865 to Rome, where Charlotte Cushman, Harriet Hosmer, and other members of the American art community took her under their wing. Lewis mastered working in marble and refused to hire Italian stone carvers to transfer her plaster models to marble, in order to quell any question that the work was her own.

Lewis quickly achieved success as a sculptor. Inspired by the Emancipation Proclamation, she carved *The Freed Woman and Her Child* (1866) and *Forever Free* (1867). She subsequently turned to Native American themes and created *The Marriage of Hiawatha* (c. 1868) and *The Old Arrow Maker and His Daughter* (more than one version), both based on the narrative poem *The Song of Hiawatha* (1855) by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, of whom she carved more than one bust. Her other notable works include busts of Garrison (c. 1866) and Abraham Lincoln (c. 1871) and *Hygeia* (c. 1871), a grave-site statue that was commissioned by Harriot K. Hunt.

Lewis also depicted biblical figures, such as *Hagar* (more than one version). Her career reached its peak in 1876 when her sculpture *The Death of Cleopatra* was exhibited at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. In 1883 she received her last major commission, a version of the *Adoration of the Magi*, from a church in Baltimore, Md. It was variously reported that Lewis had last been seen in Rome in 1909 or 1911, but death records discovered in the early 21st century show that she died in London in 1907.

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*Hagar*, marble sculpture by Edmonia Lewis, 1875; in the Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, D.C.

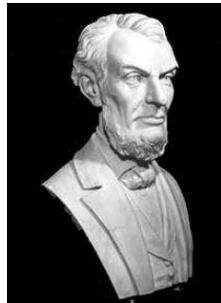
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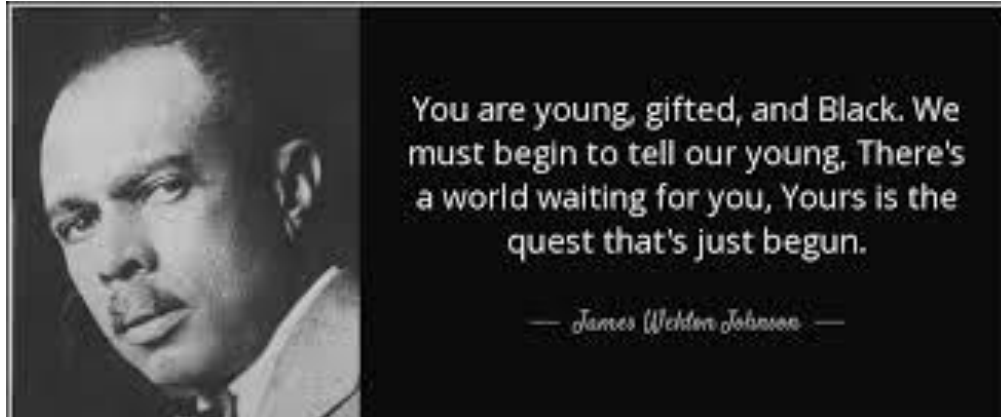
Note: While many of her works did not survive, some of Lewis's pieces now can be found at the Howard University Gallery of Art, Detroit Institute of Arts, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Baltimore Museum of Art. Lewis recently became the subject of a Google Doodle that pictures her working on *The Death of Cleopatra*. Also, the *New York Times* featured her on July 25, 2018 in its "Overlooked

No More" series of obituaries written about women and minorities whose lives had been ignored by newspapers because of the cultural prejudice that revered white men.

Submitted by Sis. Paulette Tapp  
Communications Ministry

Lewis's Other Works





## **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.



## COME JOIN US

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

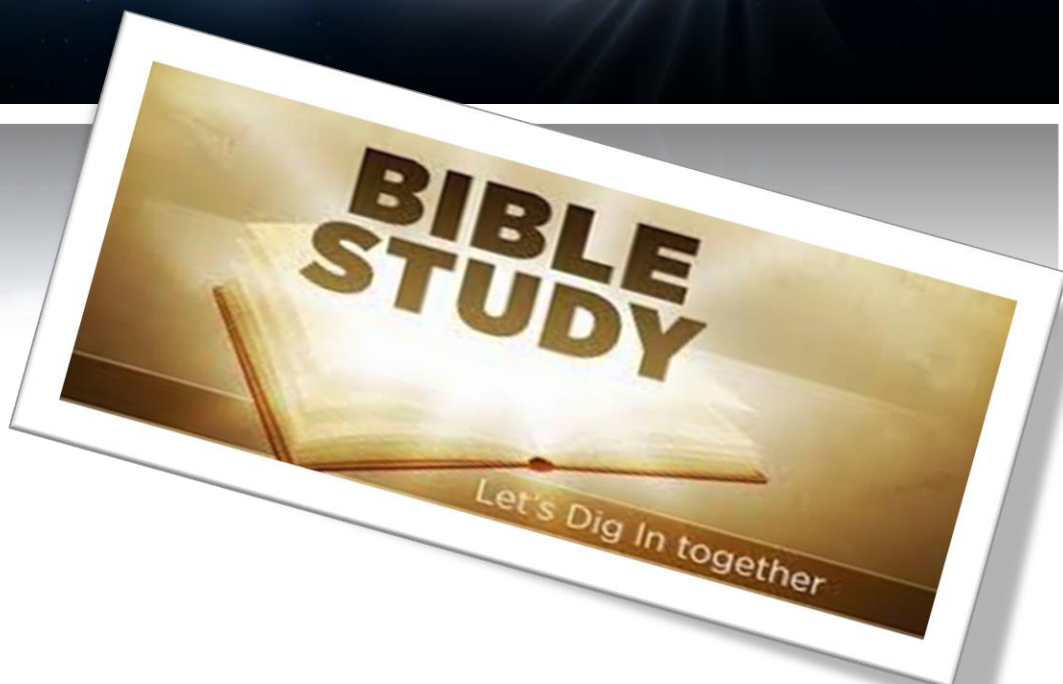
Intercessory Prayer

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

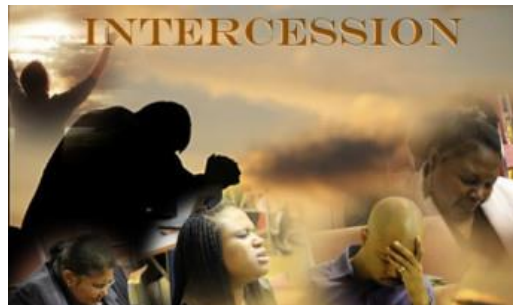
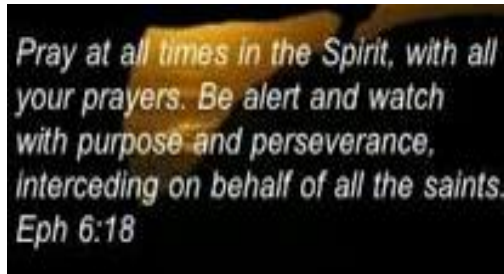
**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

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  
Sis. Joyce Brooks  
Sis. Sherie Brown  
Bro. Dwayne Bynum  
Bro. Tyler Caldwell  
Bro. Lakee Danner  
Sis. Nekka Dean  
Sis. Doris Doyle  
Sis. Everlene Fisher

Sis. Marlon German  
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

Dea. Jack Leverett  
Sis. Sylvia Marrow  
Sis. Roxanne Motley  
Evg. Valerie Montaque  
Sis. Gloria Peters  
Bro. Garvin Potts  
Sis. Carrie Rawls  
Sis. Peggy Rogers  
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.*

# 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 & Min. Barbara Williams, Ministry Leaders*



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

**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.



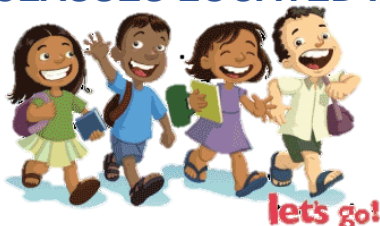
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**CLASSES LOCATED IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER (FLC):**

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		

**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)





## 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).
- IT/Facilities Assistance II – Full Time w/after-hours and weekends required. If interested, send your resume to [kim.thompson@southeastmortgage.com](mailto:kim.thompson@southeastmortgage.com).

### **Scholarships**

1) The Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated is pleased to announce that we are offering scholarships for high school seniors. All African-American high school seniors who attend a high school in Gwinnett County, except Centerville, Snellville and Loganville, are eligible to apply. The link for the online application is [:tinyurl.com/GCACscholarship](http://tinyurl.com/GCACscholarship). **Deadline is January 31, 2020.**

2) 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.**

### **ONLINE GIVING**

<https://abundant.co/fbcduluth/give>. Go to [fbcduluth.org](http://fbcduluth.org) and click on: "Giving" tab or text: [fbcduluth](http://fbcduluth.org) to 73256.

**The Senior's Ministry** will meet on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone 55+ who would like to become a part of this ministry - Seniors Caring for Seniors.

**FBC Creative Learning Classes** - Class meets Saturdays at 11:30 am in the Heritage Fellowship Hall.

**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.

**MLK Sunday Supper** - Partner with us on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at South Gwinnett High School as we "Reignite, Rebuild and Reconnect" members of the community through memories of the past in order to aim our youth in the direction of a full and prosperous future! Our featuring activities include spoken word, song selections, guest speakers, a presentation of our newly formed Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Program. Tickets are \$5 per person and \$20 max per family with 5 members or more! Tickets can be purchased at <https://gnaacpmlksundaysupper.eventbrite.com>. For further inquiries, please contact us at [secretary@naacpgwinnett.org](mailto:secretary@naacpgwinnett.org).

**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.

**GCPD OFFERING INFORMATIONAL CLASS ABOUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING** - The Gwinnett County Police Department is partnering with New Mercies Christian Church to offer a second class about human trafficking **January 22 at 7:00 pm at the church at 4000 Five Forks Trickum Road in Lilburn**. The class is expected to be about 90 minutes, including a question-and-answer period at the end. Representatives from the Georgia Attorney General's Office, Gwinnett County Public Schools, as well as other community agencies and nonprofits will be participating. This class is not recommended for children under the age of 16. Child care is provided onsite. No RSVP or registration is required.

For more information, email [ashley.wilson@gwinnettcountry.com](mailto:ashley.wilson@gwinnettcountry.com) or call the church at 770-925-8600.

## READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE OR JUST THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020!

This special Bible reading system allows you to read the entire Bible (or just the New Testament) in one year while only reading five times a week. Five readings a week gives room to catch up or take a day off to focus on other Bible readings or spiritual disciplines, and makes daily Bible reading practical and do-able. Many people have successfully reached their goal of regular Bible reading using this schedule. Further, reading the Old Testament in chronological order (even the Psalms have been placed chronologically when possible) aids understanding of the Bible story, and help the reader to look forward to reading God's Word. The New Testament readings space the Gospels out throughout the year to keep the reader constantly coming back to the life and teachings of Jesus. Always do the reading in the order it appears on the Schedule. For example, if a reading from Chronicles appears before Kings, read from Chronicles first. Check off each day's reading and then check off each week in the Weekly Progress Register. You will be amazed at how soon you are deep into the year and still reading your Bible regularly! God's blessings rest with those who will read, understand, and live by His Word. May this guide help you to that noble end. "Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105). Source: [www.FiveDayBibleReading.com](http://www.FiveDayBibleReading.com) Lower Lights Publications, 3808 Horizon Drive, Bedford, Texas 76021. Check out the Bible Readers' Companion, a study guide that follows the Five Day Schedule and helps you understand as you read. It is available at the website above. Versions of this Schedule and the Companion are also available for your e-reader.

### **Week 1 – January 5-11**

Gen 1-2; Psa 19; Mark 1  
Gen 3-5; Mark 2  
Gen 6-8; Psa 104; Mark 3  
Gen 9-11; Mark 4  
Gen 12-15; Psa 148; Mark 5

### **Week 2 – January 12-18**

Gen 16-18; Mark 6  
Gen 19-20; Psa 1; Mark 7  
Gen 21-23; Psa 107; Mark 8  
Gen 24-25; Psa 4; Mark 9  
Gen 26-27; Mark 10

### **Week 3 – January 19-25**

Gen 28-29; Mark 11  
Gen 30-31; Psa 11; Mark 12  
Gen 32-34; Psa 145; Mark 13  
Gen 35-37; Psa 12; Mark 14  
Gen 38-40; Mark 15

### **Week 4 – January 26-February 1**

Gen 41-42; Mark 16  
Gen 43-44; Psa 24; Gal 1  
Gen 45-46; Psa 108; Gal 2  
Gen 47-48; Psa 25; Gal 3  
Gen 49-50; Gal 4

### **Week 5 – February 2-8**

Exo 1-3; Gal 5  
Exo 4-6; Gal 6  
Exo 7-9; Psa 105; Eph 1  
Exo 10-12; Eph 2  
Exo 13-15; Psa 114; Eph 3

### **Week 6 – February 9-15**

Exo 16-18; Eph 4  
Exo 19-21; Psa 33; Eph 5  
Exo 22-24; Psa 109; Eph 6  
Exo 25-27; Psa 90; Phil 1  
Exo 28-31; Phil 2

### **Week 7 – February 16-22**

Exo 32-34; Phil 3  
Exo 35-37; Psa 26; Phil 4  
Exo 38-40; Heb 1  
Lev 1-3; Psa 27; Heb 2  
Lev 4-7; Heb 3

### **Week 8 – February 23-29**

Lev 8-11; Psa 110; Heb 4  
Lev 12-14; Psa 111; Heb 5  
Lev 15-18; Psa 31; Heb 6  
Lev 19-20; Heb 7  
Lev 21-23; Heb 8

### **Week 9 – March 1-7**

Lev 24-25; Psa 81; Heb 9  
Lev 26-27; Psa 112; Heb 10  
Num 1-2; Psa 64; Heb 11  
Num 3-5; Heb 12  
Num 6-7; Heb 13

### **Week 10 – March 8 - 14**

Num 8-11; Col 1  
Num 12-14; Psa 28; Col 2  
Num 15-18; Psa 113; Col 3  
Num 19-21; Col 4  
Num 22-25; Luke 1

### **Week 11 – March 15 - 21**

Num 26-29; Luke 2  
Num 30-33; Psa 35; Luke 3  
Num 34-36; Luke 4  
Deut 1-3; Psa 36; Luke 5  
Deut 4-5; Luke 6

### **Week 12 – March 22 - 28**

Deut 6-9; Luke 7  
Deut 10-14; Psa 5; Luke 8  
Deut 15-18; Psa 115; Luke 9  
Deut 19-22; Psa 6; Luke 10  
Deut 23-26; Luke 11

### **Week 13 -March 29 - April 4**

Deut 27-31; Luke 12  
Deut 32-34; Psa 13; Luke 13  
Josh 1-4; Psa 143; Luke 14  
Josh 5-8; Psa 14; Luke 15  
Josh 9-13; Luke 16

### **Week 14 – April 5 - 11**

Josh 14-17; Luke 17  
Josh 18-21; Psa 15; Luke 18  
Josh 22-24; Psa 116; Luke 19  
Judges 1-3; Psa 16; Luke 20  
Judges 4-6; Luke 21

### **Week 15 – April 12 - 18**

Judges 7-8; Luke 22  
Judges 9-11; Psa 17; Luke 23  
Judges 12-16; Psa 146; Luke 24  
Judges 17-18; Psa 21; Acts 1  
Judges 19-21; Acts 2

### **Week 16 – April 19 - 25**

Ruth 1-2; Acts 3  
Ruth 3-4; Psa 37; Acts 4  
1 Sam 1-2; Psa 120; Acts 5  
1 Sam 3-5; Psa 23; Acts 6  
1 Sam 6-8; Acts 7

### **Week 17 – April 26 - May 2**

1 Sam 9-10; Acts 8  
1 Sam 11-13; Psa 38; Acts 9  
1 Sam 14; Psa 124; Acts 10  
1 Sam 15-16; 1 Chr 1; Psa 39; Acts 11  
1 Sam 17; 1 Chr 2; Acts 12

### **Week 18 – May 3 - 9**

1 Sam 18-19; 1 Chr 3; Psa 59; Acts 13  
1 Sam 20; 1 Chr 4; Psa 56, 57, 142; Acts 14  
1 Sam 21-22; 1 Chr 5; Psa 52; Acts 15  
1 Sam 23-24; 1 Chr 6; Psa 54; Acts 16  
1 Sam 25; 1 Chr 7; Acts 17

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**Week 19 - May 10 - 16**

1 Sam 26-27; 1 Chr 8; Acts 18  
 1 Sam 28-29; 1 Chr 9; Acts 19  
 1 Sam 30-31; 1 Chr 10; Acts 20  
 2 Sam 1-2; 1 Chr 11; Psa 96, 106; Acts 21  
 2 Sam 3-5; 1 Chr 12; Psa 122; Acts 22

**Week 20 - May 17 - 23**

2 Sam 6; 1 Chr 13; Psa 60; Acts 23  
 1 Chr 14-16; Acts 24  
 2 Sam 7-8; 1 Chr 17; Psa 132; Acts 25  
 2 Sam 9-10; 1 Chr 18-19; Psa 89; Acts 26  
 2 Sam 11-12; 1 Chr 20; Psa 51, 32; Acts 27

**Week 21 - May 24 - 30**

2 Sam 13-14; Acts 28  
 2 Sam 15-17; Psa 3, 63; Rom 1  
 2 Sam 18-20; Psa 34; Rom 2  
 2 Sam 21-23; Psa 18; Rom 3  
 2 Sam 24; 1 Chr 21; Rom 4

**Week 22 - May 31 - June 6**

1 Chr 22-25; Psa 78; Rom 5  
 1 Kings 1; 1 Chr 26-28; Rom 6  
 1 Kings 2; 1 Chr 29; Rom 7  
 1 Kings 3; 2 Chr 1; Psa 42; Rom 8  
 1 Kings 4; Prov 1-2; Psa 43; Rom 9

**Week 23 - June 7 - 13**

Proverbs 3-5; Rom 10  
 Proverbs 6-7; Psa 7; Rom 11  
 Proverbs 8-10; Psa 144; Rom 12  
 Proverbs 11-13; Psa 8; Rom 13  
 Proverbs 14-15; Rom 14

**Week 24 - June 14 - 20**

Proverbs 16-18; Rom 15  
 Proverbs 19-21; Psa 40; Rom 16  
 Proverbs 22-23; Psa 117; 1 Thess 1  
 Proverbs 24-25; Psa 41; 1 Thess 2  
 Proverbs 26-28; 1 Thess 3

**Week 25 - June 21 - 27**

Proverbs 29-31; 1 Thess 4  
 Song of Sol 1-3; Psa 72; 1 Thess 5  
 Song of Sol 4-6; 2 Thess 1  
 Song of Sol 7-8; Psa 127; 2 Thess 2  
 1 Kings 5; 2 Chr 2; 2 Thess 3

**Week 26 - June 28 - July 4**

1 Kings 6; 2 Chr 3; 1 Tim 1  
 1 Kings 7; 2 Chr 4; Psa 44; 1 Tim 2  
 1 Kings 8; Psa 30; 1 Tim 3  
 2 Chr 5-7; Psa 121; 1 Tim 4  
 1 Kings 9; 2 Chr 8; 1 Tim 5

**Week 27 - July 5 - 11**

1 Kings 10-11; 2 Chr 9; 1 Tim 6  
 Eccl 1-3; Psa 45; 2 Tim 1  
 Eccl 4-6; Psa 125; 2 Tim 2  
 Eccl 7-9; Psa 46; 2 Tim 3  
 Eccl 10-12; 2 Tim 4

**Week 28 - July 12 - 18**

1 Kings 12; 2 Chr 10-11; Titus 1  
 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 12; Psa 47; Titus 2  
 1 Kings 15; 2 Chr 13-14; Titus 3  
 2 Chr 15-16; 1 Kings 16; Philemon  
 1 Kings 17-18; Psa 119; Jude

**Week 29 - July 19 - 25**

1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chr 17; Psa 129; Matt 1  
 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr 18; Matt 2  
 2 Chr 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Psa 20; Matt 3  
 2 Kings 2-3; Psa 48; Matt 4  
 2 Kings 4-6; Matt 5

**Week 30 - July 26 - Aug 1**

2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chr 21; Matt 6  
 2 Kings 9-10; Psa 49; Matt 7  
 2 Chr 22-23; 2 Kings 11; Psa 131; Matt 8  
 2 Chr 24; 2 Kings 12; Psa 50; Matt 9  
 Joel; Matt 10

**Week 31 - August 2 - 8**

Jonah; Matt 11  
 2 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 25; Psa 53; Matt 12  
 Amos 1-3; Matt 13  
 Amos 4-6; Psa 55; Matt 14  
 Amos 7-9; Matt 15

**Week 32 - August 9 - 15**

Hosea 1-3; Matt 16  
 Hosea 4-6; Psa 58; Matt 17  
 Hosea 7-10; Matt 18  
 Hosea 11-13; Matt 19  
 Hosea 14; 2 Chr 26-27; Psa 61; Matt 20

**Week 33 - August 16 - 22**

2 Kings 15-16; Matt 21  
 Isaiah 1-3; Psa 9; Matt 22  
 Isaiah 4-6; Matt 23  
 Micah 1-4; Psa 10; Matt 24  
 Micah 5-7; Matt 25

**Week 34 - August 23 - 29**

Isaiah 7-10; Psa 22; Matt 26  
 Isa 11-13; Psa 118; Matt 27  
 Isa 14-16; Matt 28  
 Isa 17-19; Psa 62; 1 Cor 1  
 Isa 20-22; 1 Cor 2

**Week 35 - Aug 30 - Sept 5**

Isaiah 23-25; 1 Cor 3  
 Isa 26-29; Psa 65; 1 Cor 4  
 Isa 30-32; 1 Cor 5  
 Isa 33-35; 1 Cor 6  
 2 Chr 28; 2 Kings 17; Psa 66; 1 Cor 7

**Week 36 - September 6 - 12**

2 Chr 29-31; 1 Cor 8  
 2 Kings 18-19; 2 Chr 32; Psa 67; 1 Cor 9  
 Isa 36-37; Psa 123; 1 Cor 10  
 2 Kings 20; Isa 38-40; Psa 68; 1 Cor 11  
 Isa 41-44; 1 Cor 12

**Week 37 - September 13 - 19**

Isa 45-48; 1 Cor 13  
 Isa 49-52; Psa 69; 1 Cor 14  
 Isa 53-55; Psa 128; 1 Cor 15  
 Isa 56-59; Psa 70; 1 Cor 16  
 Isa 60-63; 2 Cor 1

**Week 38 - September 20 - 26**

Isa 64-66; 2 Cor 2  
 2 Kings 21; 2 Chr 33; Psa 71; 2 Cor 3  
 Nahum; Psa 149; 2 Cor 4  
 2 Kings 22-23; Psa 73; 2 Cor 5  
 2 Chr 34-35; 2 Cor 6

**Week 39 - Sept 27 - Oct 3**

Habakkuk; 2 Cor 7  
 Zephaniah; Psa 74; 2 Cor 8  
 Jer 1-4; Psa 130; 2 Cor 9  
 Jer 5-7; Psa 75; 2 Cor 10  
 Jer 8-10; 2 Cor 11

**Week 40 - Oct 4 - 10**

Jer 11-13; 2 Cor 12  
 Jer 14-16; Psa 76; 2 Cor 13  
 Jer 17-20; James 1  
 Jer 22, 23, 26; Psa 77; James 2  
 Jer 25, 35, 36, 45; Psa 133; James 3

**Week 41 - October 11 - 17**

Jer 27, 28, 29, 24; James 4  
 Jer 37, 21, 34; Psa 79; James 5  
 Jer 30-33; 1 Pet 1  
 Jer 38, 39, 52; 1 Pet 2  
 2 Kin 24-25; 2 Chr 36; Psa 126; 1 Pet 3

**Week 42 - October 18 - 24**

Lamentations; Psa 137; 1 Peter 4  
 Obadiah; Jer 40-42; Psa 147; 1 Pet 5  
 Jer 43, 44, 46; 2 Pet 1  
 Jer 47, 48, 49; Psa 80; 2 Pet 2  
 Jer 50-51; 2 Pet 3

**Week 43 - October 25 - 31**

Ezek 1-3; John 1  
 Ezek 4-6; Psa 82; John 2  
 Ezek 7-9; John 3  
 Ezek 10-12; Psa 83; John 4  
 Ezek 13-15; Psa 136; John 5

**Week 44 - November 1 - 7**

Ezekiel 16-18; John 6  
 Ezek 19-21; Psa 84; John 7  
 Ezek 22-24; Psa 134; John 8  
 Ezek 25-27; Psa 85; John 9  
 Ezek 28-30; John 10

**Week 45 - November 8 - 14**

Ezekiel 31-33; John 11  
 Ezek 34-36; Psa 86; John 12  
 Ezek 37-39; Psa 87; John 13  
 Ezek 40-42; John 14  
 Ezek 43-45; Psa 135; John 15



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**Week 46 - November 15 - 21**

Ezekiel 46-48; John 16  
 Daniel 1-3; Psa 88; John 17  
 Dan 4-6; John 18  
 Dan 7-9; Psa 91; John 19  
 Dan 10-12; John 20

**Week 47 - November 22 - 28**

Ezra 1-2; John 21  
 Ezra 3-4; Psa 92; 1 John 1  
 Haggai; Zech 1; Psa 138; 1 John 2  
 Zech 2-5; Psa 93; 1 John 3  
 Zech 6-8; 1 John 4

**Week 48 - Nov 29 - Dec 5**

Zech 9-11; 1 John 5  
 Zech 12-14; Psa 94; 2 John  
 Ezra 5-6; Psa 95; 3 John  
 Esther 1-3; Psa 139; Rev 1  
 Esther 4-6; Rev 2

**Week 49 - December 6 - 12**

Esther 7-10; Rev 3  
 Ezra 7-10; Psa 97; Rev 4  
 Neh 1-3; Rev 5  
 Neh 4-6; Psa 98; Rev 6  
 Neh 7-9; Psa 140; Rev 7

**Week 50 - December 13 - 19**

Neh 10-13; Rev 8  
 Malachi; Psa 2; Rev 9  
 Job 1-3; Psa 29; Rev 10  
 Job 4-7; Psa 99; Rev 11  
 Job 8-11; Rev 12

**Week 51 - December 20 - 26**

Job 12-14; Psa 100; Rev 13  
 Job 15-17; Rev 14  
 Job 18-20; Psa 141; Rev 15  
 Job 21-23; Psa 101; Rev 16  
 Job 24-27; Rev 17

**Week 52 - December 27 - 31**

Job 28-30; Rev 18  
 Job 31-33; Psa 102; Rev 19  
 Job 34-36; Rev 20  
 Job 37-39; Psa 103; Rev 21  
 J 40-42; Psa 150; Rev 22

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## 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
Gatekeepers Ministry	4th Saturday	10:00 am	Room 130 Family Life Center
Gospel Choir Preparation	Tuesday before 1st & 3rd 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 2nd & 4th Sunday 6:45 pm		

### SPECIAL MONTHLY SERVICES

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



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