



FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

3375 Church Lane, Duluth, GA 30096

Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor

Be advised due to the COVID-19 virus all in-person services, activities and events except for the Friendship Market Food Distribution have been cancelled until further notice. Please visit fbcduluth.org for food distribution hours, updated information and how to connect with us via YouTube. Stay safe.

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 8 Newsletter Deadline
- 10 Mother's Day
- 19 Presidential Primary Election
- 25 Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE

- 8-12 VBS
- 9 GA General Primary Election
- 19 Juneteenth
- 21 Father's Day

FBC MISSION STATEMENT

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



Resurrection in a nutshell is bringing back to life. The synonyms for resurrection are: reappearance, rebirth, restoration, resurgence, revival, reawakening and return to life. So, we see it does not only apply to bringing a person back to life.

From a religious concept, it is used in two distinct respects: (1) belief in the resurrection of individual souls that is current and ongoing, and (2) belief in a singular resurrection of the dead at the end of the world.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the central focus of Christianity. There is also the scientific examples of people dying, pronounced clinically dead and then life is restored to them. This is called the "Lazarus syndrome."

Resurrection from the Latin noun "resurrection-onis" and the verb "rego" means to make straight, to rise up, get up and stand up.

In Christianity, resurrection most critically concerns:

1. Resurrection of Jesus – He was raised from the dead, ascended to God the Father to return as the Messiah (1 Thessalonians 1:10).
2. Resurrection of Judgment Day – The dead in Christ shall arise (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

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While most people, especially Christians, focus on Resurrection as a human body that is dead coming back to life, let us look at resurrection in other areas of our lives. We can experience resurrection in:

- Marriages
- Finances
- Jobs
- Family
- Health
- Our Spiritual Walk

Any situation in our lives that seems dead can be resurrected by fasting and prayer, Matthew 21:22, "*And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.*" You need to ask God in prayer, praying according to His will and praying in faith.

When you think your marriage is ending, don't just give up and run to the nearest attorney, commit the situation to God, ask Him for direction, trust God to resurrect the desire for each other and see how he comes through for you. Same concept applies to Finances, Jobs, Family and Health. I will walk you through - Spiritual Walk.

When you reach the point where you don't want to fellowship with the saints, you don't want to pray or go to church, you have become spiritually dead. For God to resurrect you spiritually, you have to make sacrifices. Start with playing worship songs, play them until it becomes a habit. Sing along with the songs; at some point you will not remember the words but the music will still be bursting in you. Make up your own words, tell God you love Him; tell Him how good and awesome He is. Pretty soon your song will become worship and praise. Things will start happening within you. The pruning process has now started and old things and habits are being cut away for the new life to increase in you. You will soon start praying and praising until you can't wait for Wednesdays to come around to go to Bible Study and Sundays for church and Sunday School.

We have to learn to praise our way out of dead situations for Resurrection to take place.

*Submitted by Sis. Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry*

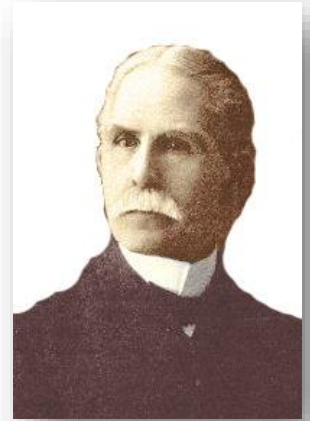


HYMN OF THE MONTH: "GLORY TO HIS NAME"

Submitted by Sis. Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry

This hymn, "Glory to His Name" is also called "Down at the Cross" and was written by Elisha A. Hoffman in 1878. The lyrics came to him while he was reading about the Crucifixion of Jesus in the Bible and that set him to thinking about how God saved men from their sins by allowing Jesus to die on the cross. It was originally written as a poem and later set to music by John Stockton who was a musician and a member of the church Hoffman attended.

Born on May 7, 1839 in Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania, Hoffman was a Presbyterian minister and composer of over 2,000 hymns and editor of over 50 song books. He was also the son of an Evangelical minister so he was no stranger to singing hymns and bible studies. He furthered his education at Union Seminary in New Berlin, Pennsylvania, and was, subsequently, ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1873. Minister Hoffman died in 1929 in Chicago, Illinois, and was buried there in Oak Woods Cemetery.



These lyrics were based on the scriptural passage of Matthew 26:28, "*For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*"

LYRICS

1. Down at the cross where my Savior died,
Down where for cleansing from sin I cried,
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name!

Refrain:

Glory to His Name, Glory to His Name:
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to His Name

2. I am so wondrously saved from sin,
Jesus so sweetly abides within,
There at the cross where He took me in;
Glory to His Name!
3. Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin,
I am so glad I have entered in;
There Jesus saves me and keeps me clean;
Glory to His Name!
4. Come to this fountain so rich and sweet,
Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet;
Plunge in today, and be made complete;
Glory to His Name!



From the Editor's Desk...

As the coronavirus pandemic continues during this spring season, my husband and I decided to tackle the yard as well as till a new vegetable garden area now that we both are retired. Thank goodness we live in a small neighborhood of 35 homes with no homeowner's association! If there was one, we would have paid a hefty fine for the way the yard was neglected for much too long, but with my husband's crazy work schedule at the time and my schedule, the yard became less of a priority and more of a burden and was the worse it had ever been in our 20 years living here! Might I mention, there are only two streets in our subdivision with one way in and out and we have the large corner lot... We have not been representing very well... Nonetheless, the yard is looking pretty good again, as my neighbor Mike across the street attested to the other day that "I like what I see." Of course, I beamed with much delight in hearing that!

Now for the vegetable garden... that was a tremendous undertaking! It's huge!! What did I get myself into? I decided to go bigger and plant seeds this time, lots of seeds--the majority of them planted in the ground and many in pots! I was so overwhelmed even after I thought I had read enough and journaled enough to know which plants to plant together and which ones to keep them away from... what herbs to plant with them also to keep the aphids and caterpillars away. Some seeds, like squash and melons, were deliberately planted on hills but before I could get the other seeds in the ground, a rainstorm came and washed the dirt downhill so I had to mound up the dirt for planting the other vegetable seeds to keep them from being washed away by the next rainfall. Then I thought about the weeds that will come... well, that's another story.

I grew up in VA where we always had a garden. I loved being outside, making mud pies, walking barefoot or sleeping outside in make-shift tents. There is an old saying that you can take the girl out of the country but you can't take the country out of the girl—I still love playing in the dirt! I love watching flowers bloom and how my gardens grow. Just about every day I go out to water the ground and look for any signs of green coming up from the soil and to my delight I now see green peas and green beans, dill, basil, lettuce and radishes coming up. What joy I feel to see life emerging! Planting from seed surely teaches patience. It may take 60-90 days to harvest anything but what a harvest it will be!

Gardening is also my time in the presence of the Lord surrounded by his creation. Listening to the sweet songs and melodies of the birds, watching a chipmunk or squirrel scurrying here and there. I even uncovered while digging in my flower bed a tiny turtle no bigger than a half-dollar coin—which I'm saving for my grandson who likes to come over to collect worms and those lizard-looking creatures that change colors. Even the trees are something to watch as the wind causes them to bow down low as if to give praise to the Lord. When I look up to the sunny blue sky with no cloud in view or a starry sky at night, I can't help but think of the goodness of the Lord and how he blesses us with so much that we don't stop to take the time to appreciate, perhaps the shelter-in-situation has given us cause to pause and take note as we abide in faith, grow in hope and bear one another up in the love of God.

Faith, hope and love is evident even in gardening.



Sis. Paulette Tapp
Editor – Friendship's Voice
Newsletter & the Plant Lady

"We are trees in God's garden of grace. Love is our fruit and the source of our seeds. Consider this amazing analogy: in Love, through His Holy Spirit, God plants the seed of Faith; Hope takes root, then the seedling Faith grows into a mature tree and bears the fruit[s] of Love. In Galatians 5:22 Paul said, "*the fruit of the Spirit is love. . .*" Thus we see that these three things abide/remain/ . . . for true Christians: to continue their walk of Faith with Christ, growing in Hope (being rooted in Christ), and to soon produce Love as the product of this growth. . . (The fruit of Love itself indeed bears seeds for endless cycles.)" Source: biblesabbath.org



SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

FBC COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

The April 2020 issue of the Friendship Voice places the spotlight on the FBC Communications Ministry. Below is the Communications Ministry purpose:

The Communications Ministry provides effective communications designed to inform and inspire Friendship Baptist Church (FBC) family and friends. We use various modes of communications and technology platforms to expose the works of FBC ministries and the church as a whole. We strive to encourage FBC family and friends, believers and non-believers to become engaged, get connected and be followers of Jesus Christ.

In the past, the Communications Ministry was structured and operated to support much of the communications at the physical buildings located at 3375 Church Lane. The buildings are currently closed due to the shelter-in-place order and for the well-being of the congregation. Before the closing, the Communications Ministry covered in-person events, taking pictures, writing articles, etc. Pastor's sermon points, song lyrics and announcements were presented on the screens in the church sanctuary.

The Communications Ministry is going through a transformation. The shelter-in-place environment requires new communication methods to keep the church "open." We now work with Pastor Bowens, the Music Ministry and other church leaders to video record Sunday services. The video must be edited and prepared for production. A new Friendship Baptist Church YouTube channel was established to spread the gospel. The YouTube channel currently supports Sunday service and Wednesday Bible Study. The FBC website was updated to provide access to the YouTube videos, as well as FBC Teen Church and Youth Church Sunday school.

God has called a group of people and blessed them with a variety of talents to support the Communications Ministry purpose. This team currently consists of 15 members identified on the next page.

The Communications Ministry is expanding the team's skill set to support the new environment. If you are blessed with video production, video editing skills, etc., and are called to work in this area of ministry, please contact us.

Let's all continue to pray for our church, our church leaders, our government leaders and for God's will to go forth.

Sincerely,

Louie Malone
Ministry President
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Meet the team:



Louie Malone
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Website Lead/
Photographer/Videographer



Tina Patterson
Vice President
Projector Support/
YouTube Lead



Paulette Tapp
Secretary
Editor/Graphic Designer
FBC Newsletter



Kelly Wilson
Assistant Secretary
Projector Support Lead/
Projector Slide Creator



Jerry Fisher
Treasurer
Projector Support



Hyacinth Chung
Chaplin
Newsletter Writer



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Photographer



Wanda Hall
Projector Support/
Projector Slide Creator



Ardie McDaniel
Projector Support



Jennifer Jones
Website Support



DL Whaley
Projector Support



Kiane Davis
Projector Support Trainee

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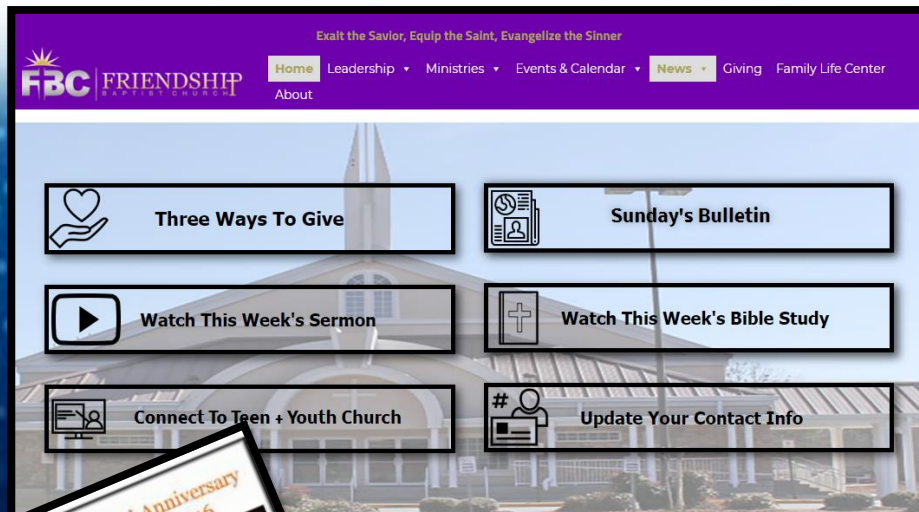
Diane Russell
Black History Coordinator



Regina Gilbert
Projector Slide Creator



Christine Smith
Project Slide Creator/
Newsletter Proofreader



Who is your Friend?

Do you have that one person that you share your deepest secrets with? What about the person that you laugh and talk with? Sometimes for hours on end? What about the friend that you can sit in a room with and not say a word to each other, but it just feels good to be in the company of that person? And tell me about the friend that you can cry with and that person does not think any less or more of you. Is that person your spouse? Your girlfriend? Your golf partner?

Let me tell you about my friend. We have been friends for years. He never sleeps. I can talk to Him anytime, day or night, holidays and weekends. He doesn't judge my conversation nor the things that we talk about. I have shared some of my deepest secrets with Him. He even has jokes. I can laugh with Him and I have cried with Him. He has been with me through my good times and through my low times. When I graduated high school, He was there. When I graduated college, He was there. When I married, He was there. When my children were born, He was there. When my parents died, He was there. When my grandbaby and siblings died, He was there. As a matter of fact, He is always there. I only need to call Him. He has never left a message saying, "Can I call you later" or "I can't talk right now."

He has been my healer, my comforter, my deliverer, my teacher, my counselor, my provider, my confidante, my protector from things seen and unseen. He's been my bridge over troubled waters. He has been my all in all.

Do you know His name? Of course, you do. My friend's name is **JESUS**.

Who is Your Friend?

*Contributed by Sis. Jennifer Jones
Communications Ministry*



HEALTH MINISTRY

Sis. Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



National Stress Awareness Month

“Stress can be debilitating, and it can cause and/or aggravate health problems. And since stress is a normal part of human existence — nobody is immune to it — it’s important to arm ourselves with knowledge so that we recognize when stress rears its ugly head. (Amazingly, we don’t always notice it’s happening to us.) Stress Awareness Month happens each April. It’s important to learn some strategies for coping with this particular silent scourge.”
Source: AIS

Recognize what is stressing you. If you can’t change the situation, know that you can manage how you respond to it. Things to do to relieve stress: pray, meditate, exercise, rest, eat a balanced diet, take meds as prescribed, stay away from energy drinks and watch caffeine intake.

6 Anxiety-Calming Scriptures

2 Timothy 1:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.

Psalm 4:8

In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be afraid, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you; I will help you;
I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 26:3

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

John 14:1

Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.

COVID-19

If anyone suspects they may be ill with COVID-19, call 770-513-5631 to schedule a drive-through appointment.

Also, the following websites are accessible for reliable information pertaining to COVID-19:

<http://www.gnrgealth.com/covid-19-info>

<http://www.dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

<http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, please remember to wash your hands for about 20 seconds (reciting the alphabet takes 20 seconds).

Wash your hands before you eat, after coughing/sneezing in your hands and after using the restroom.

Also, please stay home if you are sick.

OUTREACH MINISTRY – “ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE”

Sis. Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader



“THE FRIENDSHIP MARKET” IS OPEN WITH NEW HOURS



Items will be distributed on a **first-come, first-served** basis:

Fridays from the Fellowship Hall: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Saturdays from the Outreach Center: 11:30 am – 12:15 pm

For more information about the Outreach Ministry, please contact: Diana McGhee at 404-312-1232 or email her at: dianaymcghee@bellsouth.net. You may also contact Catherine Stafford at 678-983-7587.

The Friendship Market opened for food distribution from the Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 17th. Bro. Louie Malone was there to capture the event. The Outreach ministry is so appreciative for the masks that were made and donated to them by our FBC’s Creative Learning Ministry. The people who came for the food were very thankful and appreciative. We give thanks to our Outreach volunteers for their dedication.



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Celebrating Our History

A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

Attributed to Marcus Garvey

BLACK HISTORY

OUR VOICES. OUR STORIES.

Sis. Diane Russell
Black History Coordinator
Communications Ministry



TECHNOLOGY

WILL LUCAS - MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY ENTREPRENEUR



Will is the founder and CEO at **A William Lucas Company** (AWLCo) which is home to several media and technology related companies including Creadio: a brand marketing technology agency servicing nationally recognized brands since 2007. He's also one of the few young minority TEDx organizers in the United States, curating TEDxToledo.

Will hosts the OF10podcast which highlights prominent minorities in technology startups including founders, engineers, and managers from Pinterest, Dropbox, Snapchat, Facebook, and others. The podcast has been featured in iTunes. He is also the Brand Manager for Afrotech.com, the largest black tech

conference and digital platform in the world.

Lucas was named to the **University of Toledo Board of Trustees** by Governor John Kasich in February 2016. The governor also appointed Will to the **Ohio Casino Control Commission** in 2013 – to which he was re-appointed for a second four-year term in 2017, and the **Ohio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission**, which he currently serves as Chairman, in 2014. In 2019, Will was appointed to **InnovateOhio Executive Advisory Board** by Ohio Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted. He was appointed Co-Chair of President Obama's **Ohio Small Business Committee** in 2012.

He is a songwriter and is listed as a co-writer on the track "How 'Bout It", found on the second studio album, *Special Occasion*, from R&B artist Bobby Valentino. The album, certified Gold by the RIAA, has sold over 500,000 copies.

TechFunnel – *Top 14 Black Entrepreneurs in Technology* (2019)

TechCrunch – *40 Diverse People In Tech Who Made Big Moves In 2015* (2015)

Business Insider – *The 46 Most Important African-Americans In Technology* (2014)

NBC New's 'The Griot' – *Top 10 Blacks in tech to look out for in 2013* (2013)

Business Insider – *The 25 Most Influential African-Americans in Tech* (2013)

Will graduated with Associates and Bachelors degrees in Technical Studies and Organization Technology, respectively, from the University of Toledo, OH.

(Black History cont'd)

KIMBERLY BRYANT - FOUNDER OF BLACK GIRLS CODE



Kimberly Bryant was born January 14, 1967 and grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. She earned a degree in Electrical Engineering and minored in Computer Science at Vanderbilt University. Bryant focused her studies at Vanderbilt on high-voltage electronics, and early in her career, she was hired for jobs at Westinghouse Electric and DuPont. Later, Bryant would move from electrical companies to biotechnology and later to pharmaceutical companies, where she worked at Pfizer, Merck, and at Genentech and Novartis.

Bryant founded **Black Girls Code** after her daughter expressed an interest in learning computer programming, and none of the available courses in the Bay area were well-suited for her: mostly boys, and rarely had other African American girls attending. Having experienced isolation herself during her time studying and working, she wanted a better environment for her daughter. Bryant hopes that this endeavor will allow young girls, especially those from minorities, to remain involved in STEM and increase awareness within the field. African-American women make up less than 3% of the workforce in the tech industry and **Black Girls Code** fights to change and improve this percentage for the better.

Black Girls Code teaches computer programming to school-age girls in after-school and summer programs. The San Francisco-based non-profit organization has a goal of teaching one million black girls to code by 2040. The organization already has trained 3,000 girls in seven chapters in cities in the United States, and has one chapter in Johannesburg, South Africa, with plans to add chapters in eight more cities.

In August 2017 Bryant was involved with turning down a \$125,000 donation by Uber which she considered "disingenuous". The donation followed allegations of sexual harassment at Uber. Bryant also noted in her refusal, that Girls Who Code was offered ten times the amount that was offered to *Black Girls Code*. In February 2018 *Black Girls Code* partnered with Uber's competitor Lyft - as Bryant considered their values to be better aligned with her own.

In 2013, Bryant was recognized as a White House Champion of Change for Tech Inclusion. That same year, she was voted one of the 25 Most Influential African-Americans In Technology by *Business Insider*. Bryant was also awarded the Pajara-Aspen Education Fellowship.

In 2014, Bryant was the recipient of Smithsonian Magazine's American Ingenuity Award for Social Progress

In 2019, Bryant was one of 65 finalists across 13 categories to present their projects at the 22nd annual Interactive Innovation awards presented by KPMG.

In 2019, Bryant was presented the 2019 SXSW Interactive Festival Hall of Fame award.

(Black History cont'd)

AMOS WINBUSH III – FOUNDER OF CYBERSYNCHS



Company: **Cybersynchs**

Age: 26

Amos Winbush III's company synchs smart-phones with a secure database online so users can pull and store information from their devices. The company returned over \$5 million in revenue last year and the popularity is growing as corporations are using the system to pull information from mobile workers.

Amos Winbush III is an accomplished serial entrepreneur, inventor and author, having founded four influential global technology companies within an eight-year time frame.

CyberSynchs a patented revolutionary universal synchronization platform and **Woez** an on demand group activity management platform acquired in 2016.

Amos Winbush III seemed headed for pop stardom. Most of his family was in the music business, and in 2007 he was poised to keep the family tradition alive when he landed a record deal and released a series of singles, mashups of Europop and R&B. So how did Winbush wind up atop a hot new tech company? In the midst of a recording session, Winbush found that his iPhone had gone black, resulting in the loss of hundreds of valuable contacts. So he recruited two engineers on Craigslist and began work on **CyberSynchs**, which automatically backs up data on phones, computers, and mobile devices. It turns out that company building is as exciting as showbiz: Today, the New York City-based company has revenue of \$13.5 million, 15 employees, and more than 60 million users worldwide.

"I'm at a place where I am only hands on when I need to be hands on. But I still want to be involved."

Amos Winbush III, a Shreveport native and musician in New York City, watched his cell phone suddenly crash and all of his contacts disappear during a recording session in 2008.

Winbush, a onetime American Idol contestant, veered off his path in the music industry to launch **CyberSynchs** for technology to automatically back up data on computers, cell phones and other mobile devices.

"I'm driven by responsibility and my passions are for family, literacy, and increasing access to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) for everyone, but specifically for African Americans. So my involvement had to let me remain true to those values," says Winbush, who won the 2010 Black Enterprise Innovator of the Year Award.

(Black History cont'd)

DOLL AVANT - FOUNDER & CEO OF AQUAGENUITY



Named to 2019 ForbesWomen, Doll Avant is an award-winning tech entrepreneur, a cum laude graduate of Harvard University, and a TEDx speaker.

As a data scientist and social impact strategist, Doll was honored with the global designation of “Google’s Woman of Water” and featured on Google’s home page for creating the “world’s largest water database.”


Doll is the Founder & CEO of Aquagenuity (“Where Water Meets Ingenuity”), which is headquartered in Doll’s hometown of Atlanta. Aquagenuity has been recognized by Forbes, Google, NASA, Harvard Innovation Labs, the U.S. Department of Defense Security Innovation Network, and WIRED Magazine as the first in the world to use big data, blockchain, and artificial intelligence to help consumers, corporations and smart cities answer the question: “What’s In Your Water?” in real-time, in order to predict and prevent water-related public health crises. This award-winning data analytics platform helps users track local water quality in real time and monitor water’s impact on health & sustainability.

Aquagenuity was selected by Coca-Cola’s BridgeCommunity as one of only 10 startups globally to implement new technology with Fortune 100 companies like Coke, Cox Enterprises, and Porsche.

Doll was named a Global Impact Fellow by Singularity at NASA Research Park in Silicon Valley; she has also received awards for entrepreneurship and technology innovation from JP Morgan, UBS, and Jack Daniels.

Aquagenuity is launching the consumer app (which gives consumers real-time notifications on what’s in their water and what to do about it) in partnership with the United Nations for World Water Day in March 2019.






You are young, gifted, and Black. We must begin to tell our young, There's a world waiting for you, Yours is the quest that's just begun.

— James Weldon Johnson —

2 Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing

Lyrics by JAMES WELDON JOHNSON Music by I. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

Maestoso ben sostenuto



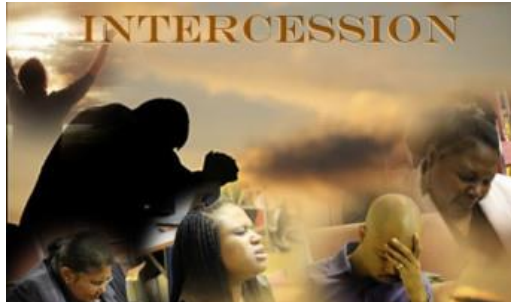
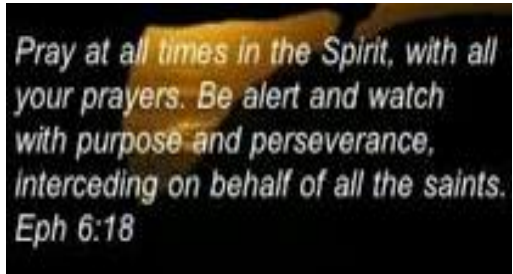
National Black Anthem

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.

Prayer List



REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN WITH PRAYER AND CALLS WHILE THE SHELTER-IN PLACE ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT

Bro. Willie Benton
 Min. Karen Blacknell
 Rev. Kenneth Blacknell
 Dea. Willie Blake
 Sis. Joyce Brooks
 Sis. Sherie Brown
 Bro. Dwayne Bynum
 Bro. Nicholas Caldwell
 Sis. Sherita Caldwell
 Bro. Tyler Caldwell
 Sis. Nekka Dean
 Sis. Doris Doyle

Sis. Essie Foy
 Sis. Marlon German
 Sis. Barbara Hall
 Sis. Crystal Ingram
 Sis. Charlotte Hayes
 Bro. Emanuel Hazel
 Sis. Dorothy Jamison
 Sis. Mary L. Jones
 Bro. Patrick Jones
 Miss Quincie Joyner
 Bro. Dennis Kimmey
 Sis. Mabel Lawrence

Dea. Jack Leverett
 Bro. Laceem McCall
 Sis. Roxanne Motley
 Evg. Valerie Montaque
 Sis. Gloria Peters
 Bro. Garvin Potts
 Sis. Catherine Pressley
 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. Mabel Thomas
 Bro. Seth Tyler
 Sis. April Walker
 Rev. Dwight Wilkerson
 Min. Floyd Williams
 Dea. Clendon Wilson
 Sis. Sadie Wilson
 Bro. Victor Winston, Jr.

Prayer changes things.



News & Other Important Information

Youth Department - We are growing by leaps and bounds ...

The Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be adding a new Preschool Room to our Sunday Youth Church. The Preschool Room will accommodate our 3- and 4-year-old children who are transitioning from the Nursery. We need volunteers to help out in the new room one service a month. If you are interested and gifted in serving with the Preschool Team as they minister God's Word in an age-appropriate environment, please contact Sis. Shevonne Meeks at shevonnemeeks@yahoo.com.

We are also looking for gifted workers in the Pre-K and Elementary Teams on Sundays and at Wednesday Night Bible Study. Please contact Sis. Charlene Benn at cbenn527@gmail.com, or the church office, if you are interested in working with us!

The Communications Ministry - Friendship's Voice - FBC's newsletter is the voice of the people. Being sheltered in has changed many lives in a number of ways. Consider sharing a testimony, an inspiration, a helpful tip for parents trying to balance working from home and helping children with school work. Are you doing something specifically to help others during the shelter in place order? How was your Easter different compared to Easter in past years? Have you adopted a new hobby or some other activity you would like to share with your Friendship family? **Please provide feedback - no later than Friday, May 8.** Include your name, phone number and email address and send newsletter information to Paulette Tapp at ptapp1052@gmail.com or text to 678-779-4661. If you need additional information about the Communications Ministry, please contact Louie Malone at tag49llm@aol.com.

Calling All Cast and Crew! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU JUNE 8-12, 2020. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sis. Kindell May at 770-715-3726 or fbcduluthvbs@gmail.com.

FBC Creative Learning Classes. - All activities have been cancelled until further notice.

Senior's Ministry - All meetings/activities are cancelled until further notice.

Transportation Ministry - To request a ride to church, call 770-622-2797 and leave a message by Saturday at 4:00 pm.

Lost and Found - Contact the Church Office at 770-497-8227 Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

ONLINE GIVING

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

Go to fbcduluth.org and click on: "Giving" tab or text: fbcduluth to 73256.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emergency assistance for seniors is available for those who are over 60. If you or someone you know is over 60 and facing hunger, health, or mobility issues, please call 678-377-4150 to speak with Senior Services staff.

FREE Meals for Families in Need LETTUM EAT! Inc. is a mobile food service in Gwinnett and is focusing on dinners. This drive-thru service is scheduled **Monday through Friday from 4:30pm to 6:30pm, starting April 13, 2020.** The locations rotate each day:

Mondays

First Baptist Church Snellville
2400 Main St E, Snellville, GA 30078

Tuesdays

Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
3458 Church St, Duluth, GA 30096

Wednesdays

Christ the King Dacula
258 Rabbit Hill Road, Dacula, GA 30019

Thursdays

Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministries, Inc.
52 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville GA 30046

Fridays

Norcross
TBD - see website for updates

This is a local partnership between local Churches, Businesses and Gwinnett County NAACP.



Important Election Dates & Deadlines in Georgia

*Data provided by U.S. Vote Foundation

(STATE ELECTION)

Georgia General Primary Election

May 19, 2020

Early Voting: Apr 27, 2020 - May 15, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline

Mon Apr 20, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri May 15, 2020

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Mon May 18, 2020

(FEDERAL ELECTION)

Georgia General Primary and Presidential Preference Primary Election

Jun 9, 2020

Early Voting: May 18, 2020 - Jun 5, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline

Mon May 11, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Jun 5, 2020

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Mon Jun 8, 2020

(STATE ELECTION)

Georgia General Primary Runoff Election

Aug 11, 2020

Early Voting: Jul 20, 2020 - Aug 7, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline

Mon May 11, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Aug 7, 2020

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Mon Aug 10, 2020

(FEDERAL ELECTION)

Georgia General Primary Runoff Election for Federal Offices

Aug 11, 2020

Early Voting: Jul 20, 2020 - Aug 7, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline

Mon Jul 13, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Aug 7, 2020

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Mon Aug 10, 2020

(FEDERAL ELECTION)

Georgia General Election

Nov 3, 2020

Early Voting: Oct 12, 2020 - Oct 30, 2020

In-Person Absentee Voting: Not available

Voter Registration Deadline

Mon Oct 5, 2020

Deadline to Request an Absentee Ballot:

Received by Fri Oct 30, 2020

Deadline to Return Completed Absentee Ballot:

Mon Nov 2, 2020

The Presidential Primary Election

The COVID-19 emergency has pushed back the Presidential Primary election to **May 19**. Per the Gwinnett Daily Post, state officials were considering whether to send paper absentee ballots to all registered voters in Georgia. However, you can go ahead and order your own absentee ballot now if you want to and it will be mailed to the address on your current voter registration card.

Here's how to cast an absentee ballot: Fill out an application for an absentee ballot by contacting the Voter Registrations and Elections Division at 678-226-7210 to request an application by mail or fax. Georgia law gives you until the Friday before the election to cast your absentee ballot-- that would be Friday, May 15. Do not wait until the last minute to cast your absentee ballot by U.S. mail. You can submit your absentee ballot in person to the Voter Registrations and Elections Division at [455 Grayson Highway, Suite 200, Lawrenceville, GA 30046](#), send as an e-mail attachment to absentee@gwinnettcounty.com or fax to 678-226-7275. Should you have any questions about casting your absentee ballot or about any other election-related matters, call the Gwinnett County Voter Registrations and Elections Division at 678-226-7210.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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SHARE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE



MOROCCAN SPICED CARROTS WITH GROUND LAMB

If you like lamb, this is a great recipe to serve as a side dish for a small crowd or as a main course for 4 folks with a simple grain salad on the side (think rice or quinoa.)

I tried this recipe and I loved it! The flavor surprised me. Submitted by Sis. Paulette Tapp

PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES COOK TIME: 35 MINUTES SERVES: 4-6

Carrots

- 1 pound carrots, sliced in half lengthwise
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- salt and pepper

Lamb

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 bunch of scallions, minced (white and light green parts only, reserve the tops for garnish)
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt
- a few grinds black pepper
- 1 pound ground lamb

Yogurt Sauce

- 1 cup plain sheep's milk, goat's milk, or cow's milk yogurt
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
- 2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil

Preparation

- Preheat the oven to 425F. Toss the carrots with the oil, spices, salt and pepper. Place in a single layer on a baking sheet and roast in the oven until lightly browned and tender. About 30 minutes. Toss the carrots halfway through cooking.
- Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the oil to the pan, swirl to coat. Add the scallions, garlic, coriander, cumin, cinnamon, salt, pepper, and lamb. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the lamb is cooked through, 5-7 minutes.
- Prepare the yogurt sauce by whisking together all the ingredients in a bowl.
- Spread a thin layer of the yogurt sauce onto four plates, top with the carrots and then top with a few spoonfuls of the lamb mixture. Sprinkle with minced scallion tops and serve.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT FRIENDSHIP

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 1 st & 3 rd 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 nd & 4 th 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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NEXT DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES EXTENDED TO: MAY 8, 2020