



FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 10 Mother's Day Observed
- 25 Memorial Day Observance

JUNE

- 19 Juneteenth
- 21 Father's Day Observed
- 8-12 Vacation Bible School



FBC MISSION STATEMENT

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



What is hope? Is it a wishy washy maybe or a kind of unsure optimism? The modern idea of hope is "to wish for, to expect, but without certainty of the fulfillment; to desire very much, but with no real assurance of getting your desire."

In Scripture, according to the Hebrew and Greek words translated by the word "hope" and according to the biblical usage, hope is an indication of certainty. "Hope" in Scripture means "a strong and confident expectation." Though archaic today in modern terms, hope is akin to trust and a confident expectation.

Hope may refer to the *activity* of hoping, or to the *object* hoped for—the content of one's hope. By its very nature, hope stresses two things: (a) futurity and (b) invisibility. It deals with things we can't see and/or haven't received or both.

Romans 8:24-25: ²⁴For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18: ¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

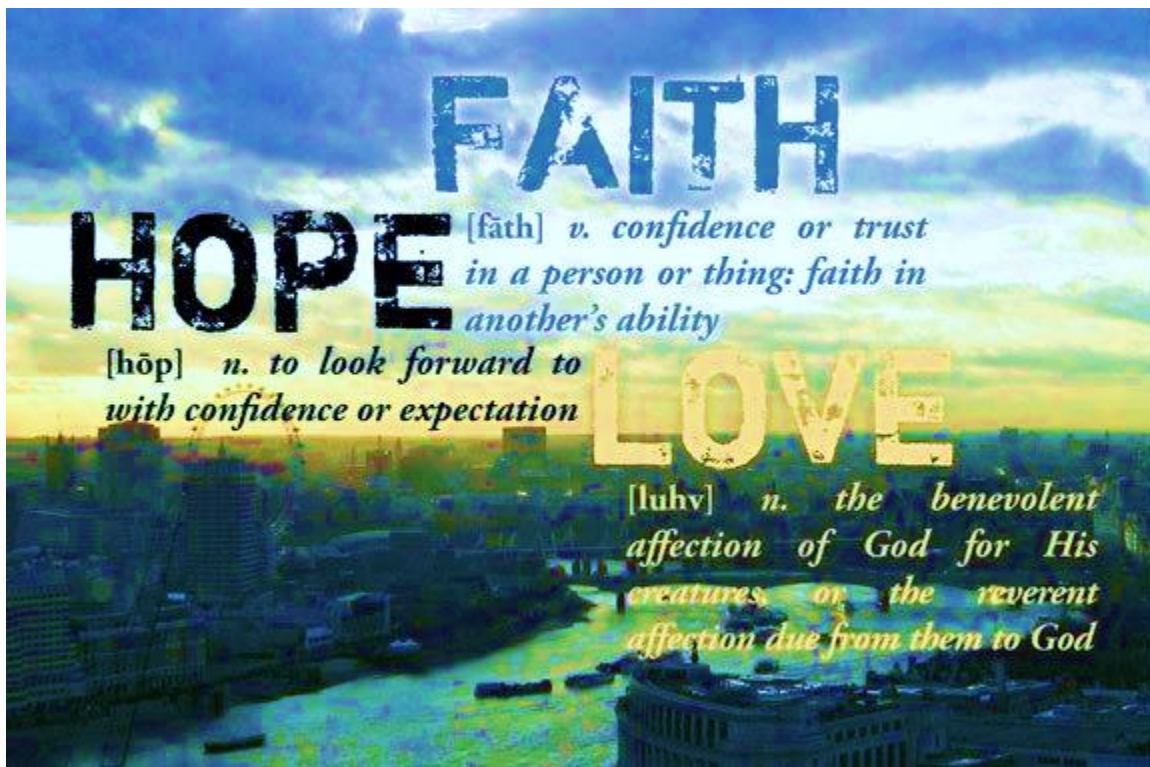
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Biblically, from the standpoint of the object hoped for, hope is synonymous with salvation and its many blessings, past, present and future, as promised in Scripture. This is true even with what we have already received as believers because these blessings come under the category of what we cannot see. We may see some of the results, but it still requires faith and hope. For example, we do not see the justifying work of God, the imputation of Christ's righteousness to our account, nor do we see the indwelling of the Holy Spirit when we are saved, nor our co-union with Christ. We believe this to be a reality, but this is a matter of our hope. We believe in the testimony of God in the Word and hope for the results in our lives.

In summary, hope is the confident expectation, the sure certainty that what God has promised in the Word is true, has occurred, and/or will occur in accordance with God's sure Word.

Source: Bible.org



We must accept finite
disappointment, but never
lose infinite hope.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

HYMN OF THE MONTH: "ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND"



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."*

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:

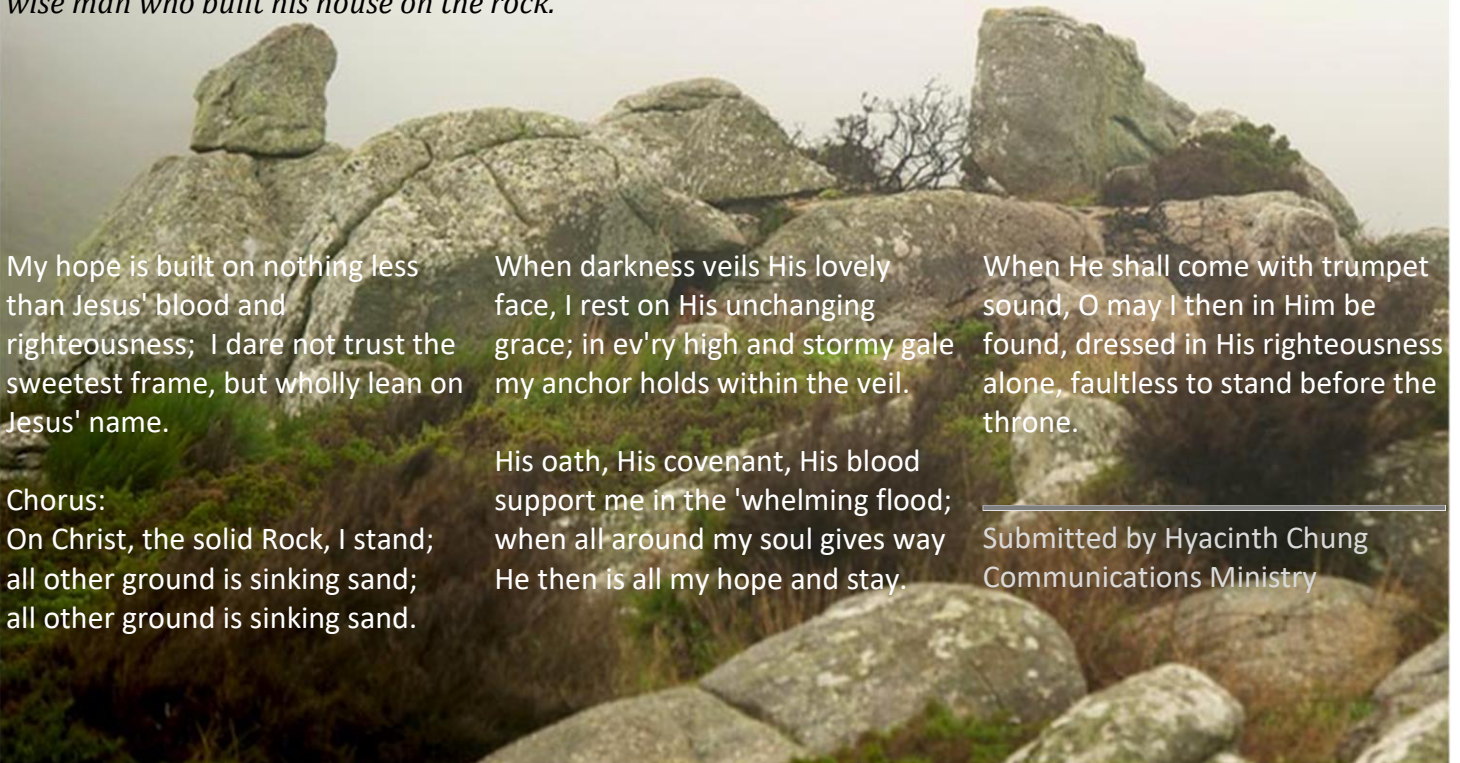
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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.

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry



From the Editor's Desk...



Dear Friendship Family and Ministry Leaders,

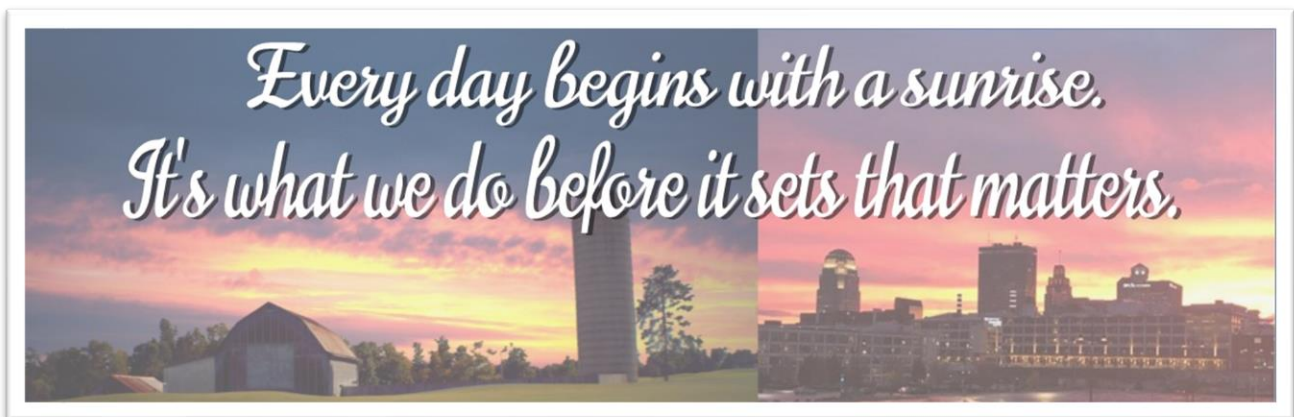
During these challenging times we are living in, how are you coping, what are you doing differently, how are you being a blessing or serving others at a distance, do you like communicating via ZOOM, are you struggling with working from home or schooling your children, just how has this pandemic stretched you?

Everyone has something to share that could benefit another. Some of us are extroverts, some are introverts, just as I am, and I'm okay with the sheltering in—but many are not. We all have been affected by this virus, though, in one way or another. But no matter what, we know that God is a God of comfort and strength and joy which we can find in every situation and this is no different—God certainly knows how to make a way out of no way. We give Him thanks and praise His name. Nothing is too hard for God.

Until we can come together again face to face, resume classes and report on ministry activities, we hope that the writings, articles, poems, word games, puzzles, and information we are sharing in our newsletter are relevant, uplifting, bring a smile or laugh or give cause to stop and ponder.

Everyone has a story. If you have not already considered sharing or contributing, we would invite, no, we encourage you to do so—to be a blessing to others. We hope you enjoy this month's contributions and those to come. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Paulette Tapp
Friendship's Voice
Editor-in-Chief



MOTHER'S DAY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT: LIVING GRATEFULLY

By Mother Gerald C. Baker, Mother's Ministry President

Each of us has lived from birth to this point, and have had our worldly experiences--good and bad. But somewhere along the way, GOD chose to use us as vessels for Him, once our desires changed.

A grateful life is always leading us toward peace and joy. GOD is the undercurrent that so graciously and continuously carries us forward on this journey (Psalm 10: 16).

We also have freedom and reasoning to use our freedom well. Thank GOD for the ability to think, examine our thoughts and actions, and to distinguish between truth and lies via the HOLY SPIRIT. We can choose feelings, thoughts, and actions that best serve our spiritual well-being. We have the choice of doing what we love and sharing that love with others.

The ability to change through the process of repentance (active process of self-examination, prayer, and deliberate change). We open ourselves to GOD and allow Him to change us from the inside out. Now with HOLY SPIRIT living inside us, our lives are CHRIST directed, and we draw from a strong prayerful, abundant, and fruitful life! Matt. 5:6; John 7: 37-39. The years have taught us that when we pray according to His will, our results come more abundantly. As Senior Mothers, we've learned to lean and depend on GOD's WORD, TRUST GOD, no matter what it feels like. But through our steadfast Faith, we know He answers our petitions and desires.

We who are avid Believers have lived long enough to be able to witness transformation in our lives. We're not perfect, but so many old hurtful and damaging ways we showed, are now changing because we are allowing GOD to change us from the inside out!!! To know that the joy of the LORD is our strength is so encouraging and real in our lives. Neh. 8:10;

Love, especially Agape love, is the most satisfying in our lives, at this point. Our selfish motives are less, and our deepest desire is love others as JESUS CHRIST loves us--unconditionally. Oh, it's yet a process, but the journey towards reaching this promise is such a blessing (1Corinthians 13: 1-13; 1 Peter 1: 22).

As we've been traveling this journey up to our present senior years, I believe all of us can say we're blessed to say that we've been (and are yet being) taught by our LORD's wisdom. The more we study His Word, aim to live what it teaches us and to share it with others by our walk (lifestyle), and to cherish the fruits of it all as we are inspired, the more inspiration, wisdom and encouragement JESUS pours into us. What an awesome opportunity we have to lead full and useful lives around our families, others who don't know Our LORD and even those who are saved as we encourage them to continue to press forward on this journey.

We are in an uncertain time of our lives, right now. And it may be very important that we don't know the outcome of our current times. But we do know that to trust and obey our GOD, the only true and living One, is most important. Our finite minds can't handle all that GOD has in store for us, and He is urging us to continue to trust in Him as being our Sovereign Leader. In everything we do, let us continue in prayer, supplication and thanksgiving (Psalm 55:22; Philippians 4: 6-8).

Most of all, continue to show gratitude towards our FATHER GOD, in the immeasurable Name of JESUS, the CHRIST! He knows what's best for us, and He has not failed us yet! The entire world is yet in GOD's Hands, and not mankind's! As senior members of families everywhere, let us continue to live grateful lives, teach and share the good news of JESUS with all who will hear—and even some won't, but don't neglect telling it! (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

Louie Malone, Ministry Leader



Welcome, Michal!

Meet the newest member to our team

Michal Patterson says she has been a member of Friendship since she was very young and, of course, she has – her parents are Deacon Michael and Paula Patterson. Michal enjoys filming, editing and writing. She is currently a senior at Georgia State University studying Journalism and Public Relations. After she graduates in December, she plans on pursuing her Masters in Mass Communication. She has been well received by the ministry and has already jumped right in to fill a need and has done a fantastic job! In her words: *“I am very excited for this opportunity to serve God through the Communications Ministry.”*

Again, welcome, Michal, and we look forward to more of what you already bring to the ministry as we continue to advance in this area of video production and live streaming to reach and support the people of God.

The Communications Team

For more information about this ministry or how to get involved, please contact Louie Malone at tag49llm@aol.com.

HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



Women's Health Awareness

Your health is a life-long journey.

- 1) Take care of body and mind;
- 2) Get and stay active;
- 3) Manage a healthy weight; and
- 4) Practice good sleep habits.



Take care of your
body and mind



COVID-19

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

THANK YOU

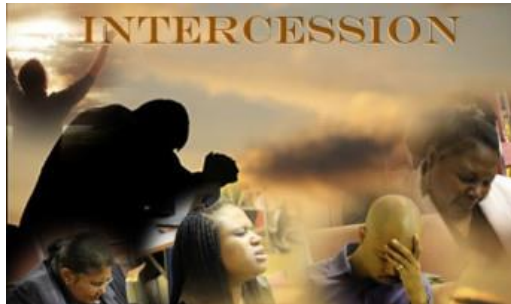
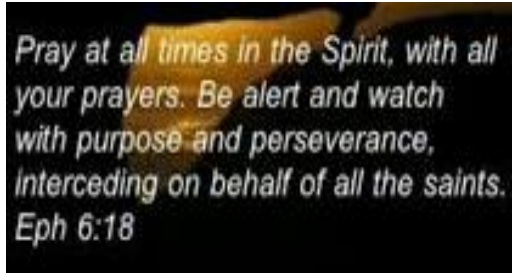
FBC FRONT LINE WORKERS

DOCTORS NURSES TRUCKERS
HOSPITAL STAFF POLICE SERVICES
DOCTOR'S OFFICE STAFF PARAMEDICS
SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS AND STAFF
DENTISTS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCIES
FIRE DEPARTMENTS MAIL CARRIERS
SOCIAL WORKERS SANITATION WORKERS
CHILDCARE PROVIDERS GAS STATION STAFF
PUBLIC TRANSIT WORKERS DELIVERY DRIVERS
GROCERY CLERKS AND STAFF
RESTAURANT AND TAKE-OUT STAFF

**AND ANYONE WHO IS PUTTING THEIR HEALTH AT
RISK DURING THESE UNCERTAIN TIMES.
MAY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT YOU!**



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
 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.

OUTREACH MINISTRY – “ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE”

Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader

“THE FRIENDSHIP MARKET”

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.

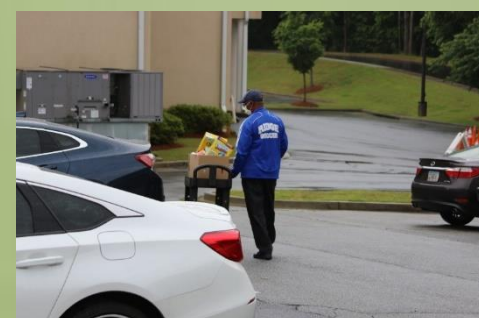
In the three weeks since we reopened the Friendship Market, the number of guests that we have served has increased monumentally. Our donations have also increased to meet the need and the FBC leadership and staff have been extremely supportive. We were fortunate to have enough volunteers as we changed our distribution model to a mobile drive through pick up. Our volunteers sort food and pack boxes in advance. The guests who come through are always grateful and appreciative of our efforts. In addition, the Outreach Ministry has been redoubling our efforts to work with other Gwinnett faith partners and food co-ops in order to expand our reach in the communities. As always, special thanks to the FBC Outreach Ministry volunteers, the Parking Ministry, and the Communications Ministry for all the support we receive.



Thank you, Diana McGhee.



(Outreach Ministry cont'd)



THE CONN3CT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

By Kelly Wilson, Teacher

The Conn3ct Sunday School class is for ages 18-35. We cater to the college and post-college young adult demographics. The class is led by four awesome Spirit-filled teachers: Bro. Orlando Oldham (1st Sunday), Sis. Kelly Wilson (2nd Sunday), Bro. Roger Minter (3rd Sunday), and Bro. Kit Pettway (4th Sunday). The class normally meets in the “Quiet Room” (Room 220) in the Family Life Center which coincides with the personality of the group—small, intimate, close knit.

Prior to COVID-19, we as a group, decided to have monthly gatherings to fellowship with one another outside of the classroom setting. Back in February, we took our talents to Bowlero Norcross for a night of fun, food and fellowship. It was a good time had by all, especially the big winner of the night – Sis. Morgan Palmer. We look forward to having more outings like that once the pandemic is over.

In the meantime, we continue to hold our weekly Sunday School class during normal class time at 9:45am via Zoom meetings. We would like to offer an invitation to anyone looking to join our class on Sundays. If you would like to participate in our virtual class, please send email to: kelly.wilson89@yahoo.com.

We pray that you and your family remain safe and healthy during these difficult times. God Bless!



From Left to Right: Morgan Palmer, Kelly Wilson, Roger Minter & Ebony Hayes

TWO PANDEMIC PERSPECTIVES

SAME STORM BUT **DIFFERENT** BOAT?

(Such a Great Well-Rounded Perspective of The Many Different Places People Are Differently in Their Lives in The Midst of This Corona Virus: Mentally, Emotionally, Financially & Relationally!)

WE ARE NOT IN THE SAME BOAT...

I heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not in the same boat. Your ship could be shipwrecked and mine might not be. Or vice versa.

For some, quarantine is optimal. A moment of reflection, of re-connection, easy in flip flops, with a cocktail or coffee. For others, this is a desperate financial and family crisis.

Some are in beautiful sunny weather while others are in cold and dreary.

Some have a yard they can play in while others may have just enough outside area to sit but they are able to be outside while sheltered at home. So many others do not have an outside area unless out in public space but have to listen over and over again from people saying to "just stay home."

For some that live alone they're facing endless loneliness. While for others it is peace, rest and time with their mother, father, sons and daughters.

With the \$600 weekly increase in unemployment, some are bringing in more money to their households than they were working. Others are working more hours for less money due to pay cuts or loss in sales.

Some families of 4 just received \$3,400 from the stimulus while other families of 4 saw \$0.

Some were concerned about getting a certain candy for Easter while others were concerned if there would be enough bread, milk and eggs for the weekend.

Some want to go back to work because they don't qualify for unemployment and are running out of money. Others want to bring harm to those who break the quarantine.

Some are home spending 2-3 hours/day helping their child with online schooling while others are spending 2-3 hours/day to educate their children on top of a 10-12 hour workday.

Some have experienced the near death of the virus; some have already lost someone from it and some are not sure if their loved ones are going to make it. Others don't believe this is a big deal.

Some have faith in God and expect miracles during this 2020. Others say the worst is yet to come.

So, friends, we are not in the same boat. We are going through a time when our perceptions and needs are completely different.

Each of us will emerge, in our own way, from this storm. It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking, actually seeing.

We are all on different ships during this storm experiencing a very different journey.

(Pandemic Perspectives cont'd)

NEW NORMAL

..." In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God." – John 1:1 (EVS)
Everybody's talking about they're ready to get back to Normal, when the Normal as we once knew it isn't Normal anymore.

We must change where we go and how many will be going with us. We can't go to the Normal places and gather the way we used to. We can't go get our nails and hair done and congregate the way we used to. We can't go to our favorite restaurant and hangout like we used to, and we can't even go to the House of God and get our Praise on like we used to. But you say you're ready to get back to Normal.

As I was thinking about the writing of Normal, it paused me to go and look up the definition of Normal, **which is conforming to a standard; usual; typical, or expected**, and we can't do any of those things anymore. Now, we must create some new ways of doing Normal. And we call that our "**New Normal.**" In our New Normal, we have to stand at least six feet apart, we can't gather in large crowds, we can't go to entertainment venues where large groups gather, we must wear masks to protect ourselves and others, and we have to wash our hands many times a day, but most importantly, we are unable to worship God the way we are accustomed to.

But the one thing that has been consistently Normal is God's Word, as it reminds us that **HE NEVER CHANGES**, He's the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever More! His Word **NEVER** changes, His promises **NEVER** change, and His love **NEVER** changes. He's doing exactly what He said He would do to be with us until the end of the earth. And I'm also reminded that "**It Ain't Over Until God Says It's Over.**"

It's time for us to **STOP** listening to all this fake news and begin reading the **REAL NEWS** from the Word of God. In these trying times **we need the Word, we need a Savior, and we need to be steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work of the LORD.**

I'm not mad at the media, because they're only doing their job reporting the news. I'm not even mad at the President and all his craziness, but I am **MAD** at the Saints, the Believers, and the Christians—why, because we **ALREADY** know what the Word says.

The Word says we were born to die and no man knows the time or the hour that will happen, but God does. I'm sorry that so many have lost lives at the hands of this "**Silent Killer,**" but God is still on the Throne and He still reigns in the Heavens and on the Earth. That being said, we must **TRUST** in the **ONLY ONE** that knows the outcome of this pandemic.

Be obedient to the Word of God and only the Word of God, and don't be foolish going into large crowds where you could potentially kill someone by getting infected by this killer virus. **Stay Home, Stay Safe, and Stay Prayed up.** That's the **BEST NEWS** that I can give you. Stop doing the things this Government is telling you to do. You have to have the discernment of Christ and do the things that are best for you and your families.

We have individuals out here with BA's, MBA's and Ph.D.'s and you mean to tell me you would rather listen to a Government that tells you it's alright to open up states when people are still dying at a high rate in those states. **C'MON** now. . . were you doing your own class work or was someone else doing it for you? It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that; even a child can read between those lines—**#STAYHOME.** I'm just saying!

In the words of the Psalmist, "**Be not dismayed whate'er betide. God will take care of you. Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.**" That's the **GOOD NEWS** all day, every day and twice on Sundays. Everything we need to know is in the Word; we need to read and know it for ourselves. **My name is Sheila King Knight, and I approve this Message!**

Used by permission and submitted by Paulette Tapp, Communications Ministry

MY GARDEN

By Shirley Price, Communications Ministry



During this time of sheltering in place, social distancing, and, as I fondly call it, being on total lock-down, I decided to revisit an old passion of mine – that is, being a dutiful and observant gardener.

The last time I focused on my garden was several seasons ago. At that time, I started out with potted plants to kick-start my fun. This time, I made the decision to take the purest approach, like an “Old School Gardener,” and actually order seeds to plant so that I could watch them grow.

With help from my son, I ordered an array of vegetable seeds for the usual suspects: carrots, tomatoes, cucumbers, and a variety of greens like lettuce, collards, mustards, and, the suddenly popular, kale. Also, for good measure, I have thrown in some peppers and zucchini.

I have a routine of watering my garden three times a week. Last week, my young seedlings enjoyed a warm Georgia rainfall that soaked the pampered soil just right. My kids tease me a bit as every day I, wearing my green rubber gardening boots, make my way over to my raised beds and large pots for my daily inspection to observe what nature, with the wink from God, has delivered this week.

This entire gardening ordeal has become therapeutic for me, not to mention it allows me to focus on the beauty and power of what God can do and reminds me of how much we have to be grateful for.

So, take a moment, and step away from the COVID-19 news, and toss a few seeds in the ground and watch them grow. What’s your garden?



A POEM

Speech to the Young...

By Gwendolyn Brooks

Say to them,
say to the down-keepers,
the sun-slappers,
the self-soilers,
the harmony-hushers,
"Even if you are not ready for day
it cannot always be night."
You will be right.
For that is the hard home-run.

Live not for battles won.
Live not for the-end-of-the-song.
Live in the along.

Poem submitted by Ardie McDaniel, Communications Ministry



Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000), one of the most highly regarded, influential, and widely read poets of 20th-century American poetry.

Note: The full effect of Brooks' use of repetition and rhyme in this poem can best be appreciated by reading the lines aloud. These poetic elements draw attention to the list of negative thinkers to whom the young people are supposed to speak. The poetic elements also help the poem flow easily, as the speaker moves from correcting other people's negative attitudes to helping young people stay positive. This movement is important, since the poem's ultimate message is one of progress and hope.

Imagery and figurative language are also powerful poetic elements. Brooks uses figurative language to draw attention to the negative people: say to the down-keepers, the sun-slappers, the self-soilers, the harmony-hushers. By using strong metaphors, Brooks is able to paint a vivid image of each group in only two words. The negative connotations of "down-keepers," "sun-slappers," "self-soilers," and "harmony-hushers" are clear. The reader can then mentally fill in the bad personality traits for each group. For example, the "downkeepers" are the kind of people who keep others down.

The effective use of the poetic elements of sound, figurative language, and imagery enables Brooks to pack a lot of punch and meaning into the 49 words of "Speech to the Young: Speech to the Progress--Toward." The power of this short poem makes it memorable and a joy to read.

Source: Poetrysociety.org.

Ardie also sent this link below. Check it out—It's a fun and challenging word game!

<https://www.arkadium.com/games/word-wipe/>

A LITTLE CHRISTIAN HUMOR

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung

CREATION

An atheist scientist came to God and said, "We've figured out how to make a man without you."

God said, "OK, let me see you do it."

So, the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up a handful. But God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't. Get your own dirt!"

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO CHURCH!

A mother went to wake her son for church one Sunday morning. When she knocked on his door, he said, "I'm not going!"

"Why not?" asked his mother.

"I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "One, they don't like me. Two, I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why YOU WILL go to church. One, you're 47 years old. Two, you're the pastor!"

THE COIN TOSS

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend.

"I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So, I tossed a coin," said Bobby.

"But that shouldn't have taken too long," said the friend.

"Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

THE \$20 AND THE \$1 JOKE

Two well-worn bills arrived at the Federal Reserve Bank to be retired - a twenty and a one. As they traveled down the conveyor belt, they struck up a conversation. The twenty reminisced about the interesting life he had, traveling all over the country. "I've been to the finest restaurants, Broadway shows, Las Vegas, Atlantic City," he said. "I even went on a Caribbean cruise. Where have you been?"

"Oh," said the one dollar bill, "I've been to the Methodist church, the Episcopal church, the Lutheran church."

"What's a church?" asked the twenty.



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

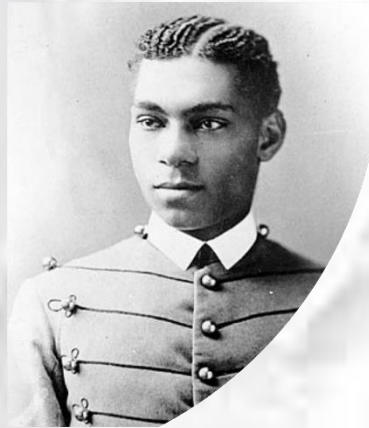
BLACK HISTORY

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MILITARY

HENRY FLIPPER – 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO GRADUATE FROM WEST POINT



Born near Thomasville, Georgia on March 21, 1856, Henry O. Flipper rose to prominence as the first African American graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1877.

Despite being born into slavery to Festus, a shoemaker, and Isabella Flipper, Henry was reared in a family that emphasized excellence, and he and his younger brothers all became respected members of their communities as a military officer, AME bishop (Joseph), physician (E.H.), college professor (Carl), and farmer (Festus, Jr.).

Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army upon completing West Point, Flipper was transferred to the 10th U.S. Cavalry Regiment where he became the highest ranking and most famous of the Buffalo Soldiers (African Americans in all-black regiments) stationed at Western military installations. Flipper's assignments included Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Fort Elliott, Fort Concho, Fort Davis, and Fort Quitman, all in Texas. Flipper earned distinction during the Victorio Campaign which pitted the Apache leader Victorio against the U.S. Army in Texas and New Mexico between 1879 and 1880. There he was assigned to A Troop under the command of Captain Nicholas M. Nolan. While on that assignment he became the first officer of color to lead Buffalo Soldiers in battle.

Trained as an engineer, Lt. Flipper was known for his design of a drainage system at Fort Sill, Oklahoma (popularly known as Flipper's Ditch and now a national monument) which minimized malaria by removing standing water.

Flipper authored two autobiographies: *The Colored Cadet at West Point* in 1878 and *Negro-Frontiersman, The Western Memoirs of Henry O. Flipper* (completed in 1916), which Theodore D. Harris edited and published in 1963.

Despite his many accomplishments, Lt. Flipper is most remembered in history as a casualty of racism in the military for his court-martial trial primarily on the charge of embezzlement at Fort Davis. Flipper retired to Atlanta, Georgia in 1931 and died there on May 3, 1940 at the age of 84. Thirty-six years later, in 1976, Flipper was posthumously granted an honorable discharge by President Jimmy Carter. He received a full presidential pardon in 1999 from President Bill Clinton.

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BENJAMIN OLIVER DAVIS, JR. – 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN GENERAL OFFICER IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE



Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was born in Washington, D.C., in 1912. He entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in July 1932 and graduated in June 1936 with a commission as a second lieutenant of infantry.

In June 1937 after a year as commander of an infantry company at Fort Benning, GA, he entered the Infantry School there and a year later graduated and assumed duties as professor of military science at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala. In May 1941 he entered Advanced Flying School at nearby Tuskegee Army Air Base and received his pilot wings in March 1942.

General Davis transferred to the Army Air Corps in May 1942. As commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron at Tuskegee Army Air Base, he moved with his unit to North Africa in April 1943 and later to Sicily. He returned to the United States

in October 1943, assumed command of the 332nd Fighter Group at Selfridge Field, Mich., and returned with the group to Italy two months later.

He returned to the United States in June 1945 to command the 477th Composite Group at Godman Field, Ky., and later assumed command of the Field. In March 1946 he went to Lockbourne Army Air Base, Ohio, as commander of the base and in July 1947 became commander of the 332nd Fighter Wing there.



In 1949 General Davis went to the Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.; and after graduation, he was assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He served in various capacities with the headquarters until July 1953, when he went to the advanced jet fighter gunnery school at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

In November 1953 he assumed duties as commander of the 51st Fighter-Interceptor Wing, Far East Air Forces, Korea. He served as director of operations and training at Far East Air Forces Headquarters, Tokyo, from 1954 until 1955, when he assumed the position of vice commander, Thirteenth Air Force, with additional duty as commander, Air Task Force 13 (Provisional), Taipei, Formosa.

In April 1957 General Davis arrived at Ramstein, Germany, as chief of staff, Twelfth Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe. When the Twelfth Air Force was transferred to Waco, Texas in December 1957, he assumed new duties as deputy chief of staff for operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Wiesbaden, Germany.

In July 1961 he returned to the United States and Headquarters U.S. Air Force where he served as the director of manpower and organization, Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Requirements; and in February 1965 was assigned as assistant deputy chief of staff, programs and requirements. He remained in that position until his assignment as chief of staff for the United Nations Command and U.S. Forces in Korea in April 1965. He assumed command of the Thirteenth Air Force at Clark Air Base in the Republic of the Philippines in August 1967.

General Davis was assigned as deputy commander in chief, U.S. Strike Command, with headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., in August 1968, with additional duty as commander in chief, Middle-East, Southern Asia and Africa.

On Dec. 9, 1998, Benjamin O. Davis Jr. was advanced to general. President Clinton pinned on his four-star insignia.

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CATHAY WILLIAMS – 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO JOIN THE ARMY



Born in Independence, Missouri, in 1844 to a slave mother and a free father, her name was Cathay Williams before she was known as William Cathay. She is the only documented black woman to serve in the Army in the 19th century. She is the only known black female Buffalo Soldier.

Her primary label? *Contraband*. Before her voluntary enlistment, her status as contraband – a captured slave – meant she was “pressed” into serving. At 17, her role as Army cook and washerwoman meant she accompanied the infantry all over the country. During these travels under the service of General Philip Sheridan, Williams witnessed the Red River Campaign and the Battle of Pea Ridge.

Post-war job opportunities for newly freed slaves – and for African-Americans in general – were all but nonexistent. It is no mystery why Williams joined the Army after her stint as a Jefferson City house slave: the lure of independence for a young, female, unmarried former slave held an undeniable attraction. Williams said, “The regiment I joined wore the Zouave uniform and only two persons, a cousin and a particular friend, members of the regiment, knew that I was a woman. They never ‘blowed’ on me. They were partly the cause of my joining the Army. Another reason was I wanted to make my own living and not be dependent on relations or friends.”

Her enlistment started in November of 1866 in St. Louis, Missouri. A cursory examination by an Army surgeon should have outed Williams as a woman, but since the Army didn’t require full medical exams at the time, Williams successfully continued her masquerade as a man. She performed regular garrison duties, but it wasn’t combat that cut Williams’ military career short: health struggles plagued her. Smallpox was the most debilitating, but back-to-back hospitalizations dealt the most devastating, ironic blow of all in October 1868: “The post surgeon found out I was a woman and I got my discharge. The men all wanted to get rid of me after they found out I was a woman. Some of them acted real bad to me,” Williams said.

Her disability discharge meant the end of her tenure in the Army, but not the end of the adventure of being Cathay Williams. When the war ended, Williams signed up with an emerging all-black regiment: the 38th U.S. Infantry – which would eventually become part of the legendary Buffalo Soldiers. These units dotted the landscape of the American West and showed tremendous skill and valor in a range of duties. They fought in skirmishes with Native Americans, escorted vulnerable wagon trains, built forts, mapped the territory, and protected white settlers – all with sub-par equipment.



Poor health overwhelmed Williams after serving in the military. Toe amputations from diabetes, neuralgia, deafness, and rheumatism forced her to apply for a military disability pension. A doctor concluded she didn’t qualify. It is estimated that Williams died between 1892 and 1900.

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ROSCOE ROBINSON, JR. – 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN U.S. ARMY FOUR-STAR GENERAL



Roscoe Robinson Jr., the first African American four-star general in the U.S. Army, was born in St. Louis, Missouri in 1928. He received a bachelor's in military engineering from The United States Military Academy (West Point) in 1951 and later attended the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He also received a master's in international affairs from the University of Pittsburgh (Pennsylvania) in 1964.

As a young lieutenant Robinson was awarded the Bronze Star for outstanding valor in the heated battle for Pork Chop Hill during the Korean War. In the late 1950s he was selected to be a member of the staff of the U.S. military mission to Liberia.

In 1968, Lieutenant Colonel Robinson commanded the Second Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. During that period he led a joint forces incursion into neighboring Cambodia. The operation was a huge success as the Second Battalion attacked the Communist military headquarters in an area called Fishhook which was home to numerous enemy bases. That same year he led the Seventh Cavalry in another attack in the same area which caused massive losses to the North Vietnamese. For his heroic service in Vietnam, Robinson received the Silver Star.

In 1969, Robinson attended the National War College and then served as the executive to the chief of staff, United States Pacific Command, Hawaii.

In 1975, he was promoted to general in Okinawa and became the commanding general of the U.S. Army Garrison, Okinawa. He served as commander of the Eighty-second Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina and later commanded the U.S. Army Japan IX Corps.

In 1982, he became only the second black military officer to be promoted to four-star general (Daniel "Chappie" James in the U.S. Air Force was the first) and the first to do so in the U.S. Army. He last served in the Army as the U.S. representative to the NATO Military Committee and then retired in 1985 after thirty-one years of military service.

After the military, Robinson served on various corporate boards such as Northwest Airlines and the McDonnell-Douglas Corporation. He also helped develop the minority studies program at West Point.

In May 1993 he received the Distinguished Graduate Award from the West Point Association of Graduates. Seven years later a West Point Auditorium was named in his honor. His wife Mildred, their son Bruce, and daughter Carol were by his side when he died of leukemia in July 1993. He was 64. General Roscoe Robinson Jr., was buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

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MICHELLE J. HOWARD – 1ST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN TO COMMAND A NAVY SHIP AND THE 1ST WOMAN ADMIRAL



Born in Riverside, California on April 30, 1960, Howard was one of four children of Air Force Master Sergeant Nick Howard and Scottish-born Philippa Howard. Upon finishing Gateway High School in Aurora, Colorado, she entered the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where she graduated in 1982 with a degree in mathematics and was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy.

Howard's first sea duty was aboard the submarine tender USS Hunley for three years. In the years following, she served on the aircraft carrier USS Lexington as a main engines officer. She earned the Secretary of the Navy/Navy League Captain Winifred Collins Award, given annually to a female officer who exhibited outstanding leadership.

In 1990, she began service on the ammunition ship, the USS Mount Hood, as the chief engineer which resulted in her participation in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1992, Howard reported for duty as first lieutenant on the USS Flint, an ammunition vessel. Four years later, she became executive officer on the docking ship USS Tortuga that sailed into the Adriatic Sea in support of the peacekeeping mission, Operation Joint Endeavor, in the Balkans. She then sailed to West Africa for a multi-nation training cruise, with six other nations.


In 1999, Howard made history when she captained the dock landing ship USS Rushmore with a crew of more than 400 sailors, thus becoming the first African American woman to command a U.S. Navy ship. From 2004 to 2005, she led Amphibious Squadron Seven, then deployed with Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 5 that assisted tsunami relief efforts in Indonesia and security operations in the North Arabian Gulf.

In 2007, she was promoted to Rear Admiral. Howard also led Expeditionary Strike Group 2 from 2009 to 2010, deploying to CENTCOM theater where she commanded Task Force 151, a counter-piracy unit. She also led Task Force 51, Expeditionary Forces, that made newspaper headlines when it battled Somali pirates and prevented the capture of a merchant ship. This particular event inspired the movie Captain Phillips. In 2010, Howard was the Maritime Task Force leader for BALTOPS.

In 2013, President Obama lifted the ban on women serving in combat and pushed the effort to place more female soldiers in high level defense positions. After working as chief-of-staff to the director for Strategic Plans and Policy, J-5, Joint Staff, Howard was promoted by the Secretary of the Navy to Vice Admiral in 2012 and held the post Deputy Commander U.S. Fleet Forces.

In 2014, she became a full Admiral, the first Navy woman ever to reach a four-star rank. In the same year, she also became the 38th Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Howard retired in December 2017.

Among Howard's recognitions are the NAACP Image Award (2013), Women of Color STEM Career Achievement Award (2008), and the USO Military Woman of the Year (2011). She is married to retired Marine Captain Wayne Cowles.




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**

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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.

Bible Crossword 39

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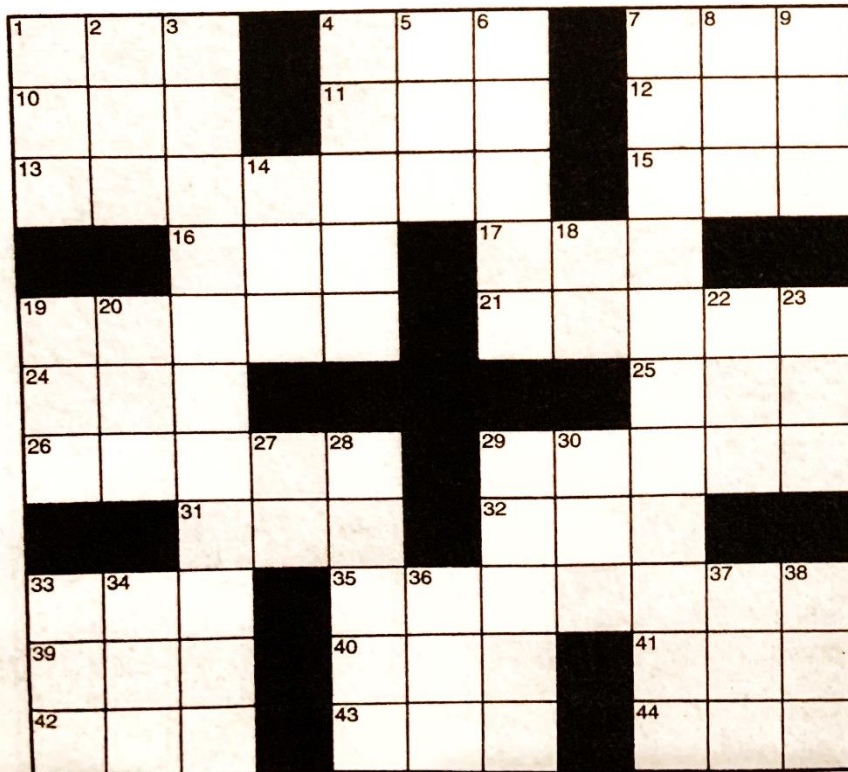
- 1 "Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the ___t, and let her fall off" Acts 27:32
- 4 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will ___e again" John 14:3
- 7 "Behold, I, even ___ bring a flood of waters" Gen. 6:17 (2 wds.)
- 10 "___ we like sheep have gone astray" Isa. 53:6
- 11 "Faithful ___ the wounds of a friend" Prov. 27:6
- 12 Golly!
- 13 "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust...___ me in thy righteousness" Psa. 31:1
- 15 "He casteth forth his ___ like morsels: who can stand before his cold?" Psa. 147:17
- 16 Garden tool
- 17 Bk. after Phil.
- 19 "All the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the ___ and hearts" Rev. 2:23
- 21 Certain locks

- 24 ER devices
- 25 "Because by them their portion is ___, and their meat plenteous" Hab. 1:16
- 26 "Every one that loveth him that ___ loveth him also that is begotten of him" 1 John 5:1
- 29 "As I live, saith the Lord, ___ knee shall bow to me" Rom. 14:11
- 31 "He maketh me to ___ down in green pastures" Psa. 23:2
- 32 Actress Peeples
- 33 "For I am in a strait betwixt ___" Phil. 1:23
- 35 Jazz trumpeter Fats
- 39 "___ the ramparts.."
- 40 "For this thing is ___ heavy for thee" Ex. 18:18
- 41 "Shall he eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the ker___s even to the husk" Num. 6:4
- 42 Spanish king
- 43 Foxy
- 44 "And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the ___

number of them is to be redeemed" Num. 3:48

DOWN

- 1 "And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or ___" Lev. 27:12
- 2 "And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a h___ in the wall" Ezek. 8:7
- 3 "Solomon in ___ was not arrayed like one of these" Luke 12:27 (3 wds.)
- 4 "The people did hide themselves in ___" 1 Sam. 13:6
- 5 "The chief priest and scribes...were s___ displeased" Matt. 21:15
- 6 "But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have ___" Matt. 12:7
- 7 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, ___ evil" Psa. 23:4 (4 wds.)
- 8 Wyatt's companion
- 9 "___ no man any thing, but to love one another" Rom. 13:8
- 14 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb...and the calf and the young l___ together" Isa. 11:6
- 18 "If his offering be a g___t, then he shall offer it before the Lord" Lev. 3:12
- 19 "The ___,...from man, made he a woman" Gen. 2:22
- 20 Adam's wife
- 22 "Nor the ___ filled with hearing" Eccl. 1:8
- 23 Pigpen
- 27 "I will fasten him as a n___l in a sure place" Isa. 22:23
- 28 "They came up with their cattle and their ___" Judg. 6:5
- 29 Ambassador
- 30 By way of
- 33 Rocky peak
- 34 Tiny
- 36 Internet provider
- 37 "By faith they passed through the ___ sea as by dry land" Heb. 11:29
- 38 "I am young, and ye are very ___" Job 32:6





Church 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 shevonmееks@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? Have you adopted a new hobby or some other activity you would like to share with your Friendship family? 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 serve as a volunteer, please contact Sis. Kindell May at 770-715-3726 or fbcduluthvbs@gmail.com.

2020 Graduation

We are making preparation to acknowledge and celebrate our 2020 High School and College graduates. The graduates must be a member of Friendship Baptist Church, or a regular attendee who actively participates in ministry. Please send your information to: sharon4282.sn@gmail.com or fbcduluth@att.net no later than May 29, 2020.

- **For High School Graduate** - Send Full Name, Parents Name, High School, Future Plans (College/Military) and Major
- **For College Graduate** - Send Full Name, College Attended, Degree Achieved

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

ONLINE GIVING

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

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

Contributions can also be mailed to:

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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.

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GWINNETT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

Gwinnett County Government is monitoring developments in the spread of the coronavirus outbreak and how it may affect our residents, employees, and our delivery of important County services.

We are following the most up-to-date guidance from the Gwinnett-Newton-Rockdale County Health Departments, the state Department of Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As the COVID-19 pandemic impacts County services in different ways, residents and business owners are encouraged to take advantage of the many online services provided by the County.

Remember to take preventive actions to prevent the spread of respiratory disease, including putting at least six feet of distance between yourself and others when in public, avoiding contact with people who are sick, practicing coughing and sneezing etiquette, avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, washing your hands thoroughly and regularly, and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces with a regular household cleaning spray or wipe. Learn more about how to protect yourself on the CDC's Prevention & Treatment page.

Shelter-in-Place expires; Public Health State of Emergency extended

Though the Shelter-in-Place Order expired for most Georgians May 1, Governor Kemp continues to urge Georgians to stay home whenever possible. Businesses must also continue to operate with social distancing and sanitation rules to keep customers and staff safe through May 13.

Bars, nightclubs, public swimming pools, live performance venues, and operators of amusement park rides must remain closed through May 13.

On April 30, Governor Kemp issued an executive order extending the Public Health State of Emergency through June 12, 2020. As part of this executive order, elderly and medically fragile residents must continue to shelter in place through June 12. Long-term care facilities are also ordered to use enhanced infection control protocols during this time.

Advance voting for Presidential Preference Primary, state, and local primaries begins May 18

We want to remind residents that advance in person voting for the June 9 election will begin May 18 at the Gwinnett Voter Registrations and Elections Beauty P. Baldwin Building, located at 455 Grayson Highway in Lawrenceville.

Every vote already cast in the Presidential Preference Primary, whether by mail or in person, will be counted in June with votes cast in the state and local primary.

For more information about online voter registration application and absentee ballot applications, visit [GwinnettElections.com](https://www.gwinnettelections.com). To check the status of your voter registration, visit the Georgia Secretary of State's website at mvp.sos.ga.gov.

Find help and learn how to help our community through GwinnettCares.org

Gwinnett County has joined a partnership of community organizations to provide residents with the latest information about finding help, donating food and supplies, volunteering, and giving to local nonprofits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To find more information about the most critical needs in our community and resources available to residents, visit [GwinnettCares.org](https://www.gwinnettcare.org).

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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