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sacrifice and leadership.*

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Due to the COVID-19 virus, all in-person services, activities and events except the Outreach food distribution have been cancelled until further notice. Please visit fbcduluth.org for more information and how to connect with us via YouTube. Please subscribe to our channel. Stay safe.

PRAISE THE LORD

Praise is an expression of warm approval or admiration of someone or something. It is a social interaction which expresses recognition and reassurance. Praise is expressed verbally as you compliment someone for something they have done. Synonyms are, "Commend, Applaud, Eulogize, Compliment, Congratulate, Celebrate, Laud, Cheer, Flatter".

As Christians, our praise to God should be verbal and also with body language, attributing Reverence, Honor, Adoration and Glory to God. Praise goes hand in hand with Worship. You cannot have a good sandwich without the bread and the meat, just as Jesus is the Bread of Life and His Word is the meat that we feed on daily. In the same sense Praise brings on Worship, that is us telling God who He is to us and thanking Him for what He has done for us. This is a natural response to God which happens as a result of knowing God as your Father, your Redeemer and your Provider.

Sincere Praise brings about breakthroughs in our lives. **John 4:23**, *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."*

The Bible commands us to Praise the Lord. **Psalm 150:6**, *"Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD"*. One of the Hebrew words for Praise is **"Yadah"** which means Praise, Give Thanks, or Confess". Then, there is **"Zamar"** which means to sing Praise and a third Hebrew word translated "Praise as **"Halal"**, the root word for Hallelujah, meaning to Praise, Honor or Commend. These three words contain the idea of giving thanks and honor to God, one who is worthy of praise.

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The book of Psalms is a collection of songs filled with Praises to God. **Psalm 9:2**, "I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High". **Psalm 18:3**, "I will call upon the LORD, **who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies**". **Psalm 21:3**, "Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: **so will we sing and praise thy power**".

Even though there are many scriptures referring to Praise, both in Old and New Testaments, Psalm 150 is the most profound. The word Praise is used 13 times in six verses.

Verse 1 tells us **WHERE** to Praise the Lord – In His sanctuary and in the Firmament of His Power.

Verse 2 tells us **WHY** we should Praise the Lord – For His mighty acts and according to His excellent greatness.

Verses 3 to 5 tells **HOW** to Praise the Lord – The sound of trumpets, the psaltery and harp, the timbrel and dance, stringed instruments and organs, the loud cymbals and high sounding cymbals.

Verse 6 tells us **WHO** should Praise the Lord – Everything that has Breath, Praise ye the Lord.

So now that we know what the true meaning of Praise is, we should have no excuse why we can't praise God. Praise should be a lifestyle. Think of the first time you are riding a bike, you may swerve from side to side, you may fall or may even crash into something BUT you always get up and keep trying until you can ride with one hand, no hands or with eyes closed.

Praise is the same thing, you thank God for one thing He did for you, next time you add more and keep adding, before you know it, you are praising him without even thinking of what to say, it just comes naturally until you are totally united, blended in and on one accord with God.

If you have no musical instruments, that's not an excuse, you have hands to clap and feet to stomp. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, You may hurt the ears of man but God welcomes and accepts our Praises, off keyed or deaf notes, He's ready to accept them.

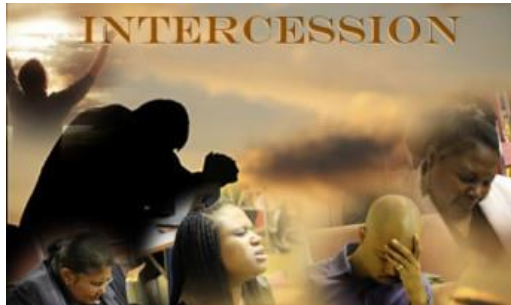
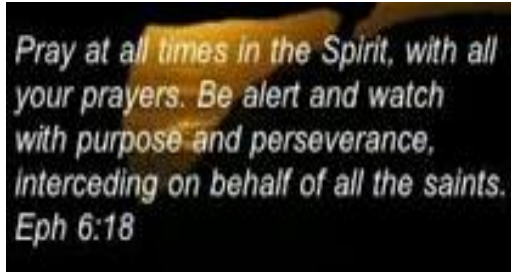
If Heaven is your destination, then learn to Praise God on Earth because at the end of time, all of God's people will join in Eternal Praise of God. **Revelation 22:3**, "And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him".

May the Lord Bless and Keep you and I pray the Lord will pour out the Spirit of Praise upon our Friendship Family that we may take our worship to a higher level.



Submitted by Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry

Prayer List



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

Bro. Willie Benton	Sis. Essie Foy	Bro. Laceem McCall	Sis. Tiffany Stovall
Min. Karen Blacknell	Sis. Marlon German	Sis. Roxanne Motley	Sis. Mabel Thomas
Rev. Kenneth Blacknell	Sis. Barbara Hall	Evg. Valerie Montaque	Bro. Seth Tyler
Dea. Willie Blake	Sis. Crystal Ingram	Sis. Gloria Peters	Sis. April Walker
Sis. Joyce Brooks	Sis. Charlotte Hayes	Bro. Garvin Potts	Rev. Dwight Wilkerson
Sis. Sherie Brown	Bro. Emanuel Hazell	Sis. Catherine Pressley	Min. Floyd Williams
Bro. Dwayne Bynum	Sis. Dorothy Jamison	Sis. Carrie Rawls	Dea. Clendon Wilson
Bro. Nicholas Caldwell	Bro. Patrick Jones	Sis. Peggy Rogers	Sis. Sadie Wilson
Sis. Sherita Caldwell	Miss Quincie Joyner	Dea. Clarence Slaughter	Bro. Victor Winston, Jr.
Bro. Tyler Caldwell	Bro. Dennis Kimmey	Bro. Antone Smith	
Sis. Nekka Dean	Sis. Mabel Lawrence	Sis. Latisha Smith	
Sis. Doris Doyle	Dea. Jack Leverett	Bro. Xavier Stephens	



If you need prayer, dial
866-875-8245



FOR THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
A LOVED ONE

GRIEF  SHARE



GriefShare Ministry Leader

Minister Karen L. Blacknell

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Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, a child, family member or friend.

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. The support group is led by caring people who have experienced grief themselves and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

The GriefShare Ministry has received the necessary GriefShare training to be able to provide a warm, caring and comfortable environment to those experiencing the pain of grief. Training is key for effective ministry. GriefShare provides ongoing training to the support group in order to continue to build and maintain a strong leadership team.

Due to the pandemic and sheltering-in-place, GriefShare now meets every Monday from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm via conference call. If interested in joining us, please dial 701-802-5331 and enter access code 2098635#. You must first register with GriefShare. To register, please call Minister Karen Blacknell at 678-896-1441.

The GriefShare Ministry support group members are: Minister Karen L. Blacknell, Rev. Kenneth M. Blacknell, Rev. Garfield Garner, Minister Amelia Brown, Minister Barbara Williams, Sis. Sandra Williams, Sis. Linda Berry, Sis. HaLynn Brown, Mother Gerald Baker, Mother Dorothy Blagmon, Sis. Tyesaha Peak-Lane, Sis. Tradenia Hill, Sis. Cortney Garner, Sis. Hyacinth Chung and Evangelist Deloris Williams.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader



3375 Church Lane
Duluth, GA 30096

Friendship Market

FBC Fellowship Hall

FOOD DISTRIBUTION GIFTS OF LOVE

Fridays

3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Saturdays

11:30 am-12:30 pm



Outreach Ministry

"ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE"

Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

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For those impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, help is available @
Friendship Baptist Church, Duluth GA
for **Gwinnett County** residents to prevent **HOMELESSNESS**.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF

HELPING GWINNETT COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO
HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC

- ◆ RENT & UTILITY ARREARS
- ◆ EMERGENCY SHELTER
- ◆ EXTENDED STAY
- ◆ APPLICATION FEE & SECURITY DEPOSIT

Now accepting applications

Wednesdays (3:00-5:00pm) & Saturdays (12:30-3:30pm)

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3375 Church Lane, Duluth, GA 30096

fbcduluth.org (website) 770-497-8227 (office number)

YOU MUST BRING: State issued ID, Past Due notice from Landlord or
Rental and Utility company, Proof of U.S. Citizenship/Residency

HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



YOUR HEALTH IS A LIFE-LONG JOURNEY: (1) Take care of your body and mind; (2) Get and stay active; (3) Manage a healthy weight; and (4) Practice good sleep habits.

If anyone suspects they may be ill with COVID-19, call 770-513-5631 to schedule a FREE drive-through appointment. A doctor's referral is not needed and no insurance/billing is required. The test location is DPH-Health District 3-4/Lawrenceville East Metro Health District, 2570 Riverside Pkwy, Lawrenceville, GA 30046 (near Old Norcross Road).

COVID-19: How to Protect Yourself & Others

Updated April 24, 2020 CDC

Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness.

Wash Your Hands Often

- [Wash your hands](#) often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- It's especially important to wash:
 - Before eating or preparing food
 - Before touching your face
 - After using the restroom
 - After leaving a public place
 - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
 - After handling your cloth face covering
 - After changing a diaper
 - After caring for someone sick
 - After touching animals or pets
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that has 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

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Avoid Close Contact

- **Inside your home:** Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- **Outside your home:** Put 6 feet of distance between yourself and people who don't live in your household.
 - Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
 - [Stay at least 6 feet \(about 2 arms' length\) from other people.](#)

Cover Your Mouth and Nose with a Cloth Face Cover When Around Others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Everyone should wear a [cloth face cover](#) in public.

Cover Coughs and Sneezes

- Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol.

Clean and Disinfect

- Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces [daily](#).
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them.
- Then, use a household disinfectant.

Monitor Your Health Daily

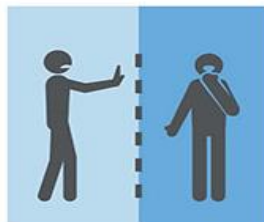
- Be alert for symptoms.
- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop



STAY HOME
EXCEPT FOR
WORK AND
OTHER NEEDS



WEAR A FACE
COVERING WHEN
GOING OUT



PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING OF
AT LEAST 6 FEET
FROM OTHERS



SHOP AT
NON-PEAK
HOURS



WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH WATER AND SOAP
(20 SECONDS
OR LONGER)



AVOID TOUCHING
YOUR EYES, NOSE,
OR MOUTH WITH
UNWASHED HANDS
OR AFTER
TOUCHING SURFACES



COVER YOUR
MOUTH WITH A
TISSUE OR SLEEVE
WHEN COUGHING
OR SNEEZING



CLEAN AND DISINFECT
"HIGH-TOUCH"
SURFACES OFTEN



DON'T WORK
WHEN SICK



CALL BEFORE
VISITING YOUR
DOCTOR

BABY DEDICATION – October 17, 2020

Preston Oluwakemi Shittu, son of
Cybill Clermont-Shittu and Taofik Shittu



A child is considered to be a reflection of God’s love. A baby dedication is a symbolic ceremony that is performed as a rite for the family to instill a Christian faith onto them.



“Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.” – Psalm 127:3
“Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.” – Mark 10:16



(Baby Dedication cont'd)



Baby Preston Oluwakemi Shittu



THE SECRET POWER OF ABIDING

by Tony Evans, Bible.com

Sometimes your greatest revelation of Jesus is likely to come in the midst of your most hopeless situation. Your greatest kingdom encounter will come when you are at your lowest point emotionally, spiritually and physically. Your greatest manifestation of Christ will come when He seems the furthest away. It's not necessarily going to come by going to church or during a small group study. It will come when you seek His presence.

Your eyes will be opened to Jesus and all He is, both in you and for you when you are hanging out in His presence, watching Him and keeping your eyes focused on His every move.

More often than not, Jesus will reveal Himself to you in the middle of the ordinary moment in life, when He sees that you are focusing on Him because you want to.

John 15 says that if you will abide in Him and His Word, and He abides in you, you can do anything. You can overcome anything. Your prayers will be answered because your prayers will be aligned to Him. Jesus doesn't want you to just learn about Him, study some stories, post some Scripture and throw up some prayers. He wants a relationship with YOU. That's the kingdom encounter you need to pursue.

It's called: abiding.

ARE YOU ALLOWING RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES TO TAKE THE PLACE OF ABIDING IN CHRIST?

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." 1 John 1:3

After the resurrection, two men were walking toward Emmaus when they were met by a stranger who walked alongside them. Though they didn't recognize Him, that stranger was Jesus, and He talked to them about the Scriptures. As they approached their village, they "urged Him" to stay with them for the evening. They wanted more. When Jesus saw their sincere desire, He remained with them. And as He reclined at the table to eat dinner with them, their eyes were opened:

"So He went in to stay with them. When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him..." Luke 24:29-31.

It wasn't until they fellowshiped with Him that they saw who He truly was. The recognition came when He broke the bread. As He lifted the bread to bless it and break it, they must have seen the nail prints in His hands. Their eyes were opened, and they saw the Lord. It is this intimacy that makes biblical truth come to life. Without it, there is no life (John 5:39-40).

(The Secret Power of Abiding cont'd)

DO YOU HAVE YOUR EYES OPENED SO YOU CAN "SEE" JESUS?

"But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them." Luke 24:29

"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints." Ephesians 1:18

The Bible declares that Jesus is seated on the right hand of the Father, ever making intercession for us. That can be a theological concept that seems ethereal. But if you can grasp that truth and apply it to your relationship with God, it can change everything. You can discover what that is by abiding in Christ and letting His words reach deep within you. Then Jesus will talk to God for you.

Abide in Him. Discover what God's viewpoint is on any matter. Learn what He is asking you to do through His Word. Then do it.

Maybe you've tried to do what the counselors and self-help books and television programs have told you to do, but you are still trapped. What you need is a resurrection. It could be that you need your financial situation to be resurrected, or a relationship in your family, an attitude, your health, or for your hope to come alive again.

Whatever may be, God can take your dead or dying scenario and call forth a resurrection. He can take what looks like a rotting situation and give it new life. He is "the resurrection and the life." John 11:25-26

WHAT DEAD OR DYING THINGS IN YOUR LIFE NEED TO BE RESURRECTED BY CHRIST?

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25-26

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8:11

LORD, I LISTEN FOR YOUR
VOICE IN THE THUNDER THAT
I MIGHT REMEMBER
YOUR POWER.

THE DOUBLE Rainbow

By Paulette Tapp, Communications Ministry



As my husband and I traveled on Hwy 316 one rainy August day this year, we were amazed by the spectacular double rainbow displayed across the sky. It was absolutely stunning—the colors were so vibrant... though my cellphone did not capture that intensity. The Bible tells us that the rainbow is a sign to us of God's promise that he would never again destroy the earth with a flood (Genesis 9:13-17). If you ever travel Hwy 316 towards Athens, you may have noticed the sign (below) posted to the right of the highway near Hi-Hope Road that displays the name **JESUS**. When I shared my pictures with a friend, she immediately connected the sign and the highway we were on with John **3:16** which tells us that "... God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." Nobody but God could have made this happen so perfectly.

What caused this rainbow phenomenon? Rainbows simply require light, water and you, so long as you're in the right place, at the right time. From there, it's only a matter of reflection and refraction. When sunlight enters droplets of water, it's reflected off the back of the droplets, and as it moves from the air through the water and back into the air again, each color of the visible spectrum refracts, or bends at a slightly different angle. This scattering of light creates the array of colors we know as the rainbow. But sometimes, this process of internal reflection really takes off. In these cases, the light bounces around inside the droplets, reflecting not once, but twice. This creates a second rainbow that we see above the first. Exactly nine degrees above, to be precise.

Primary rainbows stretch from 40 to 42 degrees from your line of sight, while its double appears from 50 to 53 degrees. Now, that double, or secondary rainbow, is always fainter than the primary because only some of the light, reflected a second time, reaches where you're standing. And the second round of reflection reverses the order of the colors of the spectrum like a mirror. So, the second rainbow appears to be inverted compared to the first. You'll see red on the bottom and violet on the top.

There's another aspect of the double rainbow phenomenon that you may not be aware of. The area between the two bows appears to be extra dark. That's known as Alexander's band, named for Alexander of Aphrodisias who first noticed this about 1,800 years ago. It's dark because the droplets in that range are refracting sunlight at angles that don't reach your eyes. Amazing! Source: SciShow-LeVar Burton from Reading Rainbow Series.



Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you
and praise your name, for in perfect
faithfulness you have done wonderful
things, things planned along ago.
Isaiah 25:1

Life After the Ventilator

By Vanessa Pratt

If you cannot breathe on your own because infection or injury has caused your lungs to fail, you may need a ventilator.

A ventilator is a medical device that provides oxygen through a breathing tube to the lungs, taking over the body's breathing process. This gives the patient time to heal and recover from serious illness. "There are two groups of patients who end up with mechanical ventilation. The majority are on a ventilator for an average of four or five days," says UNC pulmonologist and critical care doctor Thomas Bice, MD. "The second group is people who require it for 10 to 14 days or more." (Source: unhealthcare.org)

I was in the first group. Yes, I was on a ventilator for five days in September and an additional two more days stay in the hospital after that. Let me share my story in hopes you never find yourself in this predicament.

Zack and I had taken a weekend trip to Florida to visit his sons and granddaughters for the Labor Day weekend. We had a great time visiting with the grandbabies and spent one night at each son's home. While there, one of the son's had cooked some ribs and after eating the ribs, one of my teeth had chipped on a bone. After our return home, I made an appointment for Wednesday with a new dentist who was recommended by a friend as their costs for the temporary crowns was a lot less expensive than my regular dentist. That night after I came home from the dentist, I noticed my weekly medicine had run out as well as Zack's. So, I refilled our containers and we took our meds and turned in for the night.

The next day, I went to work. I keep a small mirror on my desk. I just happened to glance in the mirror when I noticed my lip was swollen and thought it was from the dental work I just had done. I began to feel a little strange and then I noticed my lip had dropped and my face had begun to swell, too. I told my boss that I needed to go to the hospital to see what was going on. As I was driving myself to the hospital, I called the dentist thinking I was having a reaction to the numbing medicine they used. I drove myself to the emergency room at the nearest hospital because I didn't think I would make it okay to my doctor's office, and I thank God I got there without incident.

I called my husband while in the waiting room telling him there was no need for him to come to the hospital as he would not be allowed in because of the COVID situation and that I would be home in a few hours. While in the emergency room, I asked the doctor if I could remove my mask so that he could see what was going on with my face and that was the last thing I remembered...

Two hours later, the doctor who attended me had taken my wallet, my credit cards, my bank cards, debit cards, my work ID and put it away for safe keeping as well as my clothes. He found Zack's number in my phone and informed him that I was heavily sedated and hooked up to a ventilator. Zack called my daughter, Evanna, who lives in Peoria, IL in a panic to let her know that I was in ICU. Evanna, in turn, called the doctor to find out what was going on with me but he was reluctant to provide her with any information. My daughter, who is studying law, was not accepting his response in which she informed the doctor that if he did not tell her what was wrong with "the only mother she has that she was going to drive down to Georgia and throw rocks at every hospital window until she saw her mother's face" even if it meant her going to jail, and so that's when the doctor told her that they had started taking blood



(Life After the Ventilator cont'd)

samples to find out if there was something hereditary in my blood that may have caused this reaction because they did not yet know what caused me to be there.

I was on the ventilator for five days and due to the excessive swelling, a tube was put down my throat to keep my passage ways open. I had no idea how sick I had become. My entire body swelled so much so that I looked like a puffer fish. They could not even remove my rings from my fingers and to protect me from theft of my rings or harm done to me by someone trying to remove my jewelry, the doctor wrapped both my arms and hands with a towel. I thank God for sending this angel to watch over me while in his care.

On the fifth day, as the doctor routinely checked in on me, he told me the dentist office had been calling leaving messages as they were very concerned that something may have gone wrong at their office. The doctor inquired about any medication that I may have taken in the past that didn't agree with my system and said he had never seen anyone swell up like that after my type of dental procedure, but possibly a reaction to a medication.

Zack and I, for the most part, are always together and we've never been apart for this long a period of time so this was also a very difficult time for him not being able to see for himself what was going on in that hospital room. Zack asked how he would be able to talk to me. When I was taken off the ventilator and the tube was removed from my throat, Zack was so happy to be able to hear my voice. The doctor found a charger to charge my phone so Zack could speak to me.

I had gotten pneumonia and lost the use of my legs. When you are on a ventilator for a time, you may lose the ability to walk and to perform daily functions for yourself. For every one day a person is on a ventilator, it takes a week for recovery.

The night of the tube being removed, I would hear bells and ringing and code blues and code reds and I would open my eyes like a deer looking at headlights and look out in the hall to see if nurses were out there or I wondered if I was absent from the body and present with the Lord. Praise God, he wasn't ready for me yet.

The therapy technician came the next morning to assist me and they put a belt around my waist to help me walk and informed that if I could walk from my room to

three doors down, she would be able to move me to another floor, so I found myself praying to the Lord asking him to strengthen me enough to go the distance, and I did. When the aide put me in the wheelchair to move me to the 6th floor, as she rolled me pass about 20-30 rooms where there were severe trauma patients, she heard me say "thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord." So she asked me what I had said and I told her "I can't move my feet but I can thank the Lord with my mouth." Praise the Lord!

"I CAN'T MOVE MY FEET BUT I CAN
THANK THE LORD WITH MY MOUTH."

After they moved me out of ICU to the 6th floor, Zack called after the doctor inquired about any medicines I had taken at home and if I could have mistakenly taken his medication instead of my own. My daughter, Evanna, got on the computer to research the medicine I had taken at home and sent the article to Zack. Well, he was correct... when I refilled the medicine containers, I inadvertently put his pill in my container and took it as they look alike. It was a mistake that nearly costed me my life... but to God Be the Glory!

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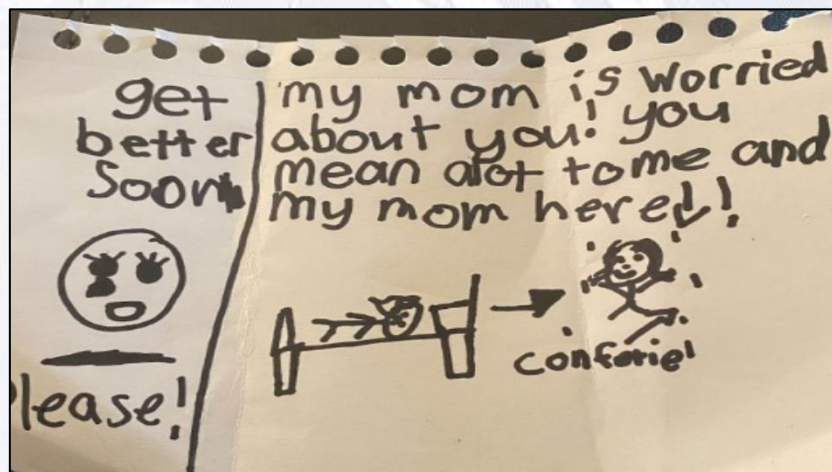
Zack did not know just how bad things had gone for me—he had no knowledge that I could not walk. He learned of this the morning I was to be discharged. I did not want him to worry so I did not tell him. The nurse called Zack to find out if he wanted me to come home or be taken to a rehabilitation center. Zack said he would take care of me and asked the rehab techs to come to the house.

Before I came home, I was blessed by a friend with a walker, wheel chair, shower chair and canes. The first day home, I rode around in the wheel chair and the next day I wanted to try to walk with a walker to move my legs so I could get my footing back under me. That didn't happen, my legs were still too weak. Zack took the first week off work to be home to care for me himself and after he went back to work, friends came to be with me during the day until Zack came home from work which eased his mind tremendously.

If you read our testimony in the September newsletter, we shared how our 2-story townhome apartment flooded and we had to move out and God blessed us with a beautiful new home--a ranch house with one level and a garage--how perfect is God's timing! We would have had to convert the living room into my living space with very little room for navigating a wheelchair, not to mention the bathroom was on the second floor! Who but God could have foreseen what was coming down the road!

With the assistance and physical therapy I am receiving, and my determination to walk, I expect to be fully recovered sooner than anticipated. I am so grateful for the prayers, encouragement, dinners and any way you have helped me through this ordeal.

To everyone, be very careful when taking medication and never take someone else's pills intentionally.



Letter from my only granddaughter, Erion, to hurry up and get well. She has called many times to ask if I was well yet.

Praise God



Introduction

Part One of Five Devotionals

WHAT IS NORMAL?

Normal means conforming to a standard, type, or regular pattern. The term normal usually refers to something that's typical or natural and something that most people do, and abnormal appears to be the opposite. With that in mind, we'll define normal in the following way: behavior that is typical, expected, and adjusts to a standard that society has put in place.

But with the amount of people who live on planet earth, is it even possible to say something is normal? What may be normal in one culture may not make any sense in another.

At times, our idea of normal gets hijacked, which causes us to panic and not know how to respond. *"When will things go back to normal?"* is a question we ask when things stop feeling normal or when we're in a challenging season where the end date seems unattainable. But eventually, we get our feet steady and we say something like, *"Well, I guess this is our new normal."*

What's so appealing about normal after all? Well, we usually know what to expect, and we find comfort in it even if it's not good or healthy. But, comfort doesn't always equate to health. So, what if we chose to look for a life that is beyond that concept of normality? What if we pursued a life that is *better than normal*?

As followers of Jesus, we're called to live differently. The world tells us to follow our hearts, but we know that our hearts can be deceitful. The world says to have the perfect body, but we know that godliness should be our goal. The world tells us to put ourselves first, but we know that living a life where we give to others is more rewarding and kind.

In this devotional, we'll look at some of the ways that normal just doesn't cut it. Instead, we'll learn how to change the way we live and leave the status quo behind for a better than normal life.

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."
Proverbs 31:30 KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9 KJV

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Philippians 2:3 KJV

"For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." 1 Timothy 4:8 KJV

Coming November 2020 Issue *"Better Than Normal, Part Two: Money"* (A YouVersion Bible Devotional)

YOUTH DAY 2020

'I Am the 20/20 Vision Unfolding'

Proverbs 29:18 'where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy (blessed) is he'

A YOUTH-FOCUSED WEEKEND!

In keeping with tradition, Friendship Baptist Church committed a whole weekend to their Youth Day for 2020. The theme was centered on the scripture from Proverbs 29:18 as noted above. With 2020 being a year of lots of changes, challenges and trials, God wants our Youth to know WHO THEY ARE and that, in Him/His Word there are choices, chances, and triumphs! He wants them to know that with all the things going on in a world that look to be perishing, if they abide in Him and His word, they are a part of God's vision for His people and that is a blessing!! Without the four walls of the building, God has shown us and the Youth that WE are the church and we are to still SEEK HIM; so we were able to continue with the tradition of Youth Day being virtual and COVID-safe with social distancing.

FRIDAY NIGHT - 'Holla2be Heard Youth Rap Session'

A panel of five was set up via virtual Zoom to allow the older youth to address some of the hot topics that were on their minds. With the current state of affairs in our world, we wanted to hear their concerns and give them godly counsel in responding to them. Moderated by Sis. Jessica Simpson Taylor, the panelist Niki Hill, Keybo Taylor, Casey Bethel, Dr. Dakeyan Graham and Phoebe Jenkins spearheaded powerful discussions on the imperative topics of 'COVID- Educational Excellence in a Virtual Setting' and 'Black Lives Matter- Policing and Appropriate Police Engagement'.

'Illumi-Nate', Christian Superhero

The younger children were entertained with the fictional Christian Superhero, Illumi-Nate. We picked up from where we last left our hero learning of his power of light in the Word of God. This session he was studying more on who he was in his power. He continued to strengthen against



FRIDAY NIGHT cont... "Illumi-Nate"

the enemy. DarkNessa, and with a plot twist, learned of some interesting help he did not know he had.

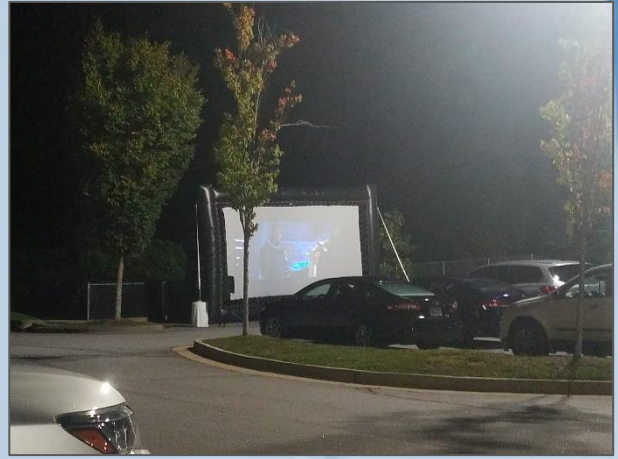
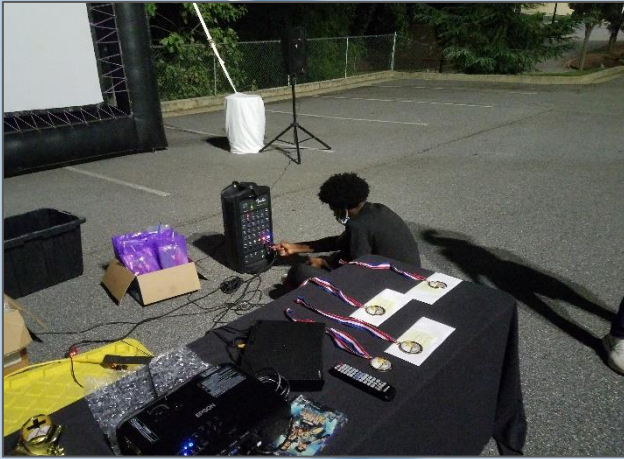
Both virtual Zoom sessions had spirited input from the youth and enjoyed by all!

SATURDAY- 'Who Am I Masquerade & Bible Bowl' & Drive up movie night-COVID Style

The morning virtual Zoom began with a game of Masquerade! A fun fact was shared with all and, by electronic responses, all were asked to participate in guessing who was being revealed in the fun fact. It was a great time of learning more about our youth, their interests, and talents. The virtual games continued with the Bible Bowl review of the Books of the Bible lessons they have learned all year. Our youth are some super sharp learners that are excited about the Word of God! Saturday night was closed out with a COVID-Style (Stay in your cars) Drive Up Movie Night. Families enjoyed the fictional superhero, "Black Panther"!

SUNDAY MORNING'S MESSAGE- Reverend Stan Williams

The youth conducted the virtual Sunday Service with prayers, songs, announcements, and poems! They were then showcased in an awesome video prepared by young Mr. Germain Patterson, Jr. to the tune of 'Write the Vision'! The dynamic word, based on the scriptural theme, Proverbs 29:18, was given by Reverend Stan Williams where he gave clear direction on 'What is Vision' and 'How to receive the vision from the Lord'! After the Word was delivered, the Zoom service closed out with words of wisdom from our Youth Day team and finalized with our Pastor, Ronald L. Bowens! It was a wonderful weekend of power, fun and Word from the Lord!



OUR THANKS

TO EVERYONE!

Thank you to everyone who was involved in our Annual Youth Day Weekend. We couldn't have done it without you! Special Thanks to our Pastor for allowing us to be creative with delivering the message and reaching our youth! Thank you to Sister Charlene Benn for her continued leadership to the Youth Department Team. Thank you to Sister Madelyn Sharpless for helping co-chair this year and leading the Who Am I Masquerade Kahoot game. To Sisters Rita Bowens and Erichka Shadburn-Rogers for heading up the virtual Bible Bowl Kahoot game. To Sister Jessica Simpson Taylor for agreeing to moderate the Teen Holla2be Heard Virtual Session. To our awesome panelists listed above! To Sister Joyce Bowens for supplies needed to carry out the weekend and weekly input in our huddles. To Bro. Louie Malone and Sister Shatina Patterson for the Communications Ministry assistance. To the deacons for all assistance with making sure this went well (Deacon Brock with the movie contract review, Deacon Bailey for the Zoom guidance and Deacon Jerralds and the Security Team for the movie night security), to Brother and Sister Kevin and Karen Hayes for assistance with the Illumi-Nate Zoom and bathroom security during the movie! Thank you to Michael Sharpless and Jocelyn May for preparing an awesome commercial for Youth Day events. To all parents, thank you for involving your children and logging on for them, sending pictures, etc.

*We Love You and Thank You!!
Ronda Razor, Youth Leader*





FBC Sunday School on ZOOM! Please join one of our Sunday School classes every Sunday at 9:45 am. We have begun our Fall Quarter: The study for this quarter will focus on “Love for One Another.”

Classes Available

Men’s Class

Women’s Class

Marriage Class

Conn3ct Class (Young Adults)

Singles Class

Also, join us for Youth Church and Teen Church.

Please go to our website at www.fbcduluth.org for the link to the Zoom classes. See you there!

Sunday school books are available for pick up from the Church office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

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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



THE ARTS



1st African American
Woman and Man to be
awarded a EGOT, an
Emmy, Grammy, Oscar,
and Tony award

Whoopi Goldberg
and John Legend



Whoopi Goldberg

Goldberg was born Caryn Elaine Johnson on November 13, 1955, in New York City. Goldberg changed her name when she decided that her given name was too boring. She claims to be half Jewish and half Catholic, and "Goldberg" is attributed to her family history. With her trademark dreadlocks, wide impish grin and piercing humor, Goldberg is best known for her adept portrayals in both comedic and dramatic roles, as well as her groundbreaking work in the Hollywood film industry as an African-American woman. In 2002, **Goldberg achieved EGOT status — winning an Emmy, Grammy, Oscar and Tony over the course of her career** — cementing her new title when she won a Tony for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She also took home a Daytime Emmy that same year.

John Legend

Legend was born John Roger Stephens on December 28, 1978, in Springfield, Ohio. A child prodigy, Legend's grandmother taught him how to play the piano, and he grew up singing in the church choir. He went on to attend the University of Pennsylvania, where he directed a co-ed a cappella group. After graduation, he switched gears and worked for Boston Consulting Group, but continued to perform in nightclubs in New York City. He was soon introduced to up-and-coming hip-hop artist Kanye West, and the two musicians collaborated on one another's demos. On September 9, 2018, **Legend made history as the youngest person ever — and the first African American man — to join the exclusive EGOT club.**

(Black History cont'd)

Augusta Savage



Sculptor Augusta Savage was **one of the leading artists of the Harlem Renaissance** as well as an influential activist and arts educator.

Born in Florida in 1892, Augusta Savage began creating art as a child by using the natural clay found in her hometown. After attending Cooper Union in New York City, she made a name for herself as a sculptor during the Harlem Renaissance and was awarded fellowships to study abroad. Savage later served as a director for the Harlem Community Center and created the monumental work *The Harp* for the 1939 New York World's Fair. She spent most of her later years in Saugerties, New York, before her death from cancer in 1962.

After a failed attempt to establish herself as a sculptor in Jacksonville, Florida, Savage moved to New York City in the early 1920s. Although she struggled financially throughout her life, she was admitted to study art at Cooper Union, which did not charge tuition. Before long, the school gave her a scholarship to help with living expenses as well. Savage excelled, finishing her course work in three years instead of the usual four.

While at Cooper Union, she had an experience that would greatly influence her life and work: In 1923, Savage applied to a special summer program to study art in France, but was rejected because of her race. She took the rejection as a call to action and sent letters to the local media about the program selection committee's discriminatory practices. Savage's story made headlines in many newspapers, although it wasn't enough to change the group's decision. One committee member, Herman MacNeil, regretted the ruling and invited Savage to further hone her craft at his Long Island studio.

Savage soon started to make a name for herself as a portrait sculptor. Her works from this time include busts of such prominent African Americans as W. E. B. Du Bois and Marcus Garvey. Savage was considered to be one of the leading artists of the Harlem Renaissance, a preeminent African American literary and artistic movement of the 1920s and '30s.

Eventually, following a series of family crises, Savage got her opportunity to study abroad. She was awarded a Julius Rosenwald fellowship in 1929, based in part on a bust of her nephew entitled *Gamin*. Savage spent time in Paris, where she exhibited her work at the Grand Palais. She earned a second Rosenwald fellowship to continue her studies for another year, and a separate Carnegie Foundation grant allowed her to travel to other European countries.

(Black History cont'd)

Henry Ossawa Tanner



Tanner was born on June 21, 1859, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The oldest of nine children, Tanner was the son of an Episcopal minister and a schoolteacher.

As a young man, Henry Ossawa Tanner studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. In 1891, Tanner moved to Paris, and after several exhibits, gained international acclaim — **becoming the first African American painter to receive such attention.** "Nicodemus Visiting Jesus" is one of his most famous works. He's also known for the paintings "The Banjo Lesson" and "The Thankful Poor."

When he was just a few years old, Tanner moved with his family to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he would spend most of his childhood. Tanner was the beneficiary of two education-minded parents; his father, Benjamin Tanner, had earned a college degree and became a bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. In Philadelphia, Tanner attended the Robert Vaux School, an all-Black institution and of only a few African American schools to offer a liberal arts curriculum.

Despite his father's initial objections, Tanner fell in love with the arts. He was 13 when he decided he wanted to become a painter, and throughout his teens, he painted and drew as much as he could. His attention to the creative side was furthered by his poor health: After falling significantly ill as a result of a taxing apprenticeship at a flourmill, the weak Tanner recuperated by staying home and painting.

Finally, in 1880, a healthy Tanner resumed a regular life and enrolled at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. There, he studied under Thomas Eakins, an influential teacher who had a profound impact on Tanner's life and work.

Tanner ended up leaving the school early, however, and moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where he would teach art and run his own gallery for the next two years.

In 1891, Tanner's life took a dramatic turn with a visit to Europe. In Paris, France, in particular, Tanner discovered a culture that seemed to be light years ahead of America in race relations. Free from the prejudicial confines that defined his life in his native country, Tanner made Paris his home, living out the rest of his life there.



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 —

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.



Church News & Other Important Information

VOTING INFORMATION

Election date

General election - Nov 3

Absentee voter deadlines

Application by mail - Oct 30

Submission by mail - Nov 3

Submission in person - Nov 3

Early voting

Ends - Oct 30

Go to www.vote.org to check your registration status

Eligible voters may vote advance in person every day, including weekends, through October 30 at the following locations:

Hours: 8am – 5 pm

Gwinnett Elections Office 255 Grayson Hwy,
Lawrenceville, GA

Hours: 7am – 7 pm

Bogan Park 2723 N. Bogan Rd., Buford
Lenora Park 4515 Lenora Church Rd., Snellville
Dacula Park 2735 Old Auburn Rd., Dacula
Lucky Shoals Park 4651 Britt Rd., Norcross
George Pierce Park 55 Buford Hwy, Suwanee
Gwinnett County Fairgrounds 2405 Sugarloaf
Pkwy, Lawrenceville
Mountain Park 1063 Rockbridge Rd., Stn. Mountain
Shorty Howell Park 2750 Pleasant Hill Rd., Duluth

Please call the Voter Registrations and Elections Office at 678-226-7210 if you have any questions.

The 2020 Census counts everyone. Make sure you're counted! Respond Today at:

my2020census.gov.

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your future
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**Deadline
extended until
October 31.**

Census takers are currently going out into the community to conduct interviews at homes that haven't yet completed the 2020 Census questionnaire. Census takers work between 9:00am and 9:00pm, including weekends, and they wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit your home.

It is critical that #EveryOneCounts in the 2020 Census, so please answer the door to be counted. Learn more about census takers in your neighborhood. Remember, your private information is confidential by law and can't be shared with any other agency.

You can complete your questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail. For more information and to complete the census online, visit 2020Census.gov.

ONLINE GIVING

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

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

Contributions can also be mailed to:

Friendship Baptist Church
P.O. Box 604
Duluth, GA 30096



FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH CHURCH MESSAGE



I hope you are staying safe and healthy during these difficult times.

I wanted to make sure you were aware of the multiple ways your child can access our weekly Youth Church messages. We are currently teaching the wonderful lessons about Jesus, from our curriculum, The Gospel Project.

We record and post these messages each week to the Church's website (as well as on my YouTube channel.) Here are instructions for accessing the messages:

1) Via the Church's website: <https://fbcduluth.org/onlineclass-4/>

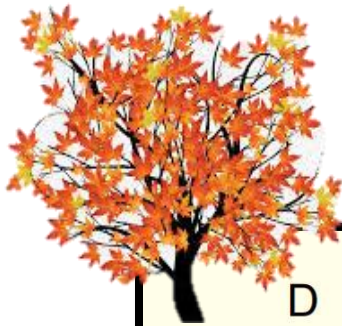
2) Via YouTube directly. Here is a link to this week's message: <https://youtu.be/FgHHvnAil0I>. Once you navigate to the video, click "Subscribe." This will allow you to be informed when a new video is uploaded (typically on Saturday evening/night).

I hope your child(ren) enjoy(s) the messages, as we continue to teach the good news of God's Word.

Feel free to email me at cbenn527@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Love and blessings to you and your family!

Sis. Charlene Benn
FBC Youth Ministry



FALL WORD SEARCH

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By Evelyn Johnson - www.qets.com

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| Acorn | Colorful | Peaches |
| Apples | Fall | Pumpkin |
| Berries | Frost | Rake |
| Brown | Gold | Red |
| Burn | Grapes | Squash |
| Canning | Harvest | Trees |
| Cider | Leaves | Windy |

Answers on page 31



Bible Quiz: The Wedding Banquet

Select one answer for each question. Then go to page 32 to check your results.

1) In Jesus' Parable of the Wedding Banquet, Matthew 22:1-13, He tells the story of a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. The king sent his servants to tell the invited guests it was time to come. However, they all refused to come and killed the king's servants. The king was furious and sent his army to kill the murderers and burn their city. Who does the king represent in the parable?

- The Jews
- The Gentiles
- God
- Jesus

2) Who do the servants represent in the parable?

- The Jews
- The Gentiles
- The prophets
- Sinners

3) The king then sent more servants out to the streets to find everyone they could, both good and bad, to fill the wedding hall. Who did these "substitute" guests represent?

- The Jews
- The Gentiles
- The prophets
- Sinners

4) In Biblical times it was the custom for the host to provide guests with robes to wear at such a feast. However, one guest did not wear the wedding garment, a gesture of highest contempt to the king. The king was angry and had the man thrown out into the darkness. Who did this disrespectful guest represent in the parable?

- The Gentiles
- The Sadducees
- Hypocrites
- The Pharisees

5) Complete the quote: "Many are called, but _____."

- few take up the cross
- few are chosen
- only the righteous answer
- only the righteous are chosen

Your Time Is Coming!

An elephant and a dog became pregnant at the same time. Three months down the line, the dog gave birth to six puppies. Six months later, the dog was pregnant again, and nine months on it gave birth to another dozen puppies. The pattern continued.

On the eighteenth month the dog approached the elephant questioning, "Are you sure that you are pregnant? We became pregnant on the same date. I have given birth three times to a dozen puppies and they are now grown to become big dogs, yet you are still pregnant. What's going on?"

The elephant replied, "There is something I want you to understand. What I am carrying is not a puppy but an elephant. I only give birth to one in two years. When my baby hits the ground, the earth feels it. When my baby crosses the road, human beings stop and watch in admiration, what I carry draws attention. So what I'm carrying is mighty and great."

Don't lose faith when you see others receive answers to their prayers in what seems like record time. Don't be envious of other's testimony. If you haven't received your own blessing, don't despair. Say to yourself, " My time is coming and when it hits the surface of the earth people shall yield in admiration.

Do not compare your journey to anyone else's. Do not question God's timing.

Author Unknown

ANSWERS TO WORD SEARCH PAGE 29

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How did you do?

Results for: The Wedding Banquet Bible Quiz

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Who does the king represent in the parable?

The correct answer is: God

Matthew 22:1-14. The king's son, the bridegroom, of course represents Jesus. The guests who refused to come represent those who had refused to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Many of the people of Israel, especially the religious leaders, had rejected Jesus and refused His call to repent. The destruction ordered by the king may represent the Roman army's destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D., an event that had already occurred when Matthew was written.

2) Who do the servants represent in the parable?

The correct answer is: The prophets

God had sent many prophets to lead the Israelites on the right path, but like the king's servants, they were ignored, laughed at and abused.

3) The king then sent more servants out to the streets to find everyone they could, both good and bad, to fill the wedding hall. Who did these "substitute" guests represent?

The correct answer is: The Gentiles

Jesus warned those Israelites who rejected His call to repent that their place in the kingdom of God would now be taken by Gentiles, whom they despised. Jews and Gentiles, the good and bad, the righteous and sinners, would all be offered God's salvation if they would repent of their sins and come into God's kingdom.

4) In Biblical times it was the custom for the host to provide guests with robes to wear at such a feast. However, one guest did not wear the wedding garment, a gesture of highest contempt to the king. The king was angry and had the man thrown out into the darkness.

Who did this disrespectful guest represent in the parable?

The correct answer is: Hypocrites

The man who refused to wear the wedding clothes was quickly spotted by the king. Likewise, those who pretend to repent and be among the saved, but are really hypocrites, will not fool God.

5) Complete the quote: "Many are called, but ____."

The correct answer is: few are chosen

All are called by God, but most will go on living lives of sin and will not be chosen for the kingdom of God.

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



Get plugged in using your gifts, talent, skills and time serving God's people **TOGETHER IN LOVE.**

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Submit articles for the next newsletter now through Friday, November 6th.



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A Purpose-Driven Church

Friendly through Fellowship

Developed through Discipleship

Enlarged through Evangelism

Sharing and Caring through Servanthood

Stronger through God’s Word and True Worship

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