



FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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GIVE THANKS

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NOVEMBER

- 11 Veterans Day
- 26 Thanksgiving-Church Office closed
- 27 Church Office closed
- 25-28 Friendship Market closed

DECEMBER

- 4 Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 24 Church Office closed
- 25 Christmas-Church Office closed
- 31 New Year's Eve

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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.

Hope The Anchor for Your Soul

We often talk about hope in a type of wishful sense: "I hope you have a nice day." "Hope you have a relaxing vacation." "I hope I get the job." "I hope she says yes." "I hope I get the promotion." "I hope I don't get sick." There are many things we hope for in this life, some more probable to happen than others. However, the biblical concept of hope goes far beyond these earthly hopes. It is not mere wishful thinking, but something we have confidence will happen. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

The Christian's hope is grounded in the belief that there is more to life than what we can wish for in this world. The Christian hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in God's promise to resurrect all who believe in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:19-23). It is the hope of forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14). It is the hope of a heavenly home (Hebrews 11:16). It is the hope of a glorified body in which to live (Philippians 3:20-21; 2 Thessalonians 1:10) and the hope of a new earth on which to live (2 Peter 3:13). Most importantly, it is the hope to live in these new glorified bodies on a new earth in the very presence of God Himself for all eternity (Revelation 21:2-4)—eternal life and joy in the presence of God (Psalm 16:11). This is the hope of all true believers.

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FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE

(Hope cont'd)

This Christian hope is not wishful thinking. We have been given promises by God Himself that Jesus Christ, whom He raised from the dead, will return again. We have been promised by God Himself that when Jesus returns, we who believe will be transformed into the perfect image and likeness of His Son (2 Corinthians 3:18; 1 John 3:2-3). We have been promised that we who believe will be forgiven our sins because of the death of Christ and will inherit eternal life because of the righteousness and resurrection of Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20; Titus 1:2). The resurrection is no myth. It was a historical event witnessed by hundreds of people. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples and at least 500 other people (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). After forty days, Jesus ascended to heaven where He reigns at God's right hand (Acts 1:3; Ephesians 1:20). He will come again to judge the living and the dead (Acts 10:42). In this we hope, and we have good reason to hope, for God has said it will be and God accomplishes everything He says (Hebrews 10:23; 1 Corinthians 1:9). He has done so throughout history and will continue to do so in the future.

As further assurance, God has given His Holy Spirit to believers in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:21-22). The Holy Spirit testifies to our hearts, minds, and spirits that the promises of God are true. The Holy Spirit confirms the truth of God's promises to us and assures us by His very presence in us that we belong to Christ (Romans 8:16). The Spirit confirms our adoption into God's family and therefore assures us that our hoped-for inheritance is certain (Romans 8:17). In fact, the Holy Spirit is God's pledge to us.

The Bible has much to say about hope, but this is what it says about our greatest hope. The ultimate Christian hope is that one day Christ will return and we who are looking forward to that return will go to be with Him forever (Titus 2:11-14). Because of Christ, we will triumph over sin, guilt, death, and hell itself (1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Romans 8:37). We will inherit eternal life to be enjoyed in the presence of our most loving and gracious God. We will even receive rewards for what we have done for Christ and we will reign with Him in a new world—a perfect world of love and righteousness. In this we hope and because God has promised it we know it will certainly happen (Hebrews 6:13-20). All God's promises find their fulfillment in Christ, our Lord and Savior. He is our hope (1 Timothy 1:1)!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). Source: Compelling Truth.org



Jesus, our Ray of Hope

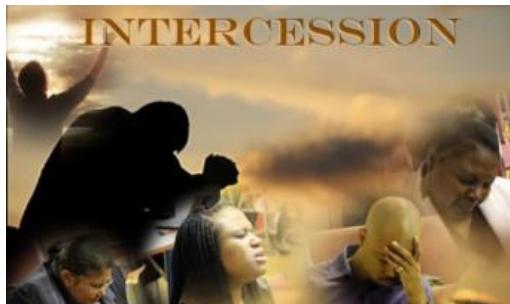
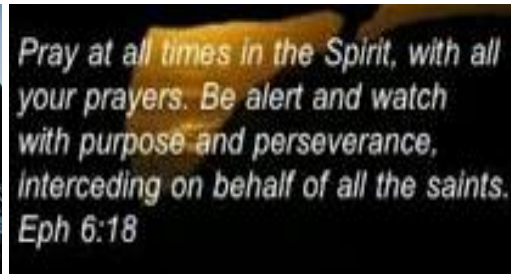
SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

1 Thessalonians 5:8

“But let us, who are of the day,
be sober, putting on the
breastplate of faith and love;
and for an helmet, the hope of
salvation.”

King James Version

Prayer List



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

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



If you need prayer, dial
866-875-8245



FOR THOSE GRIEVING
THE LOSS OF
A LOVED ONE

GRIEF  SHARE



GriefShare Ministry Leader

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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.

*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 WITH:

RENT & UTILITY ARREARS

EMERGENCY SHELTER

EXTENDED STAY

APPLICATION FEE & SECURITY DEPOSIT

Now accepting applications on
Wednesdays (3:00-4:30pm) & **Saturdays** (12:30-2:30pm)

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Call 770-497-8227 or visit our website at fbcduluth.org

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

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

Closed November 25-28



Outreach Ministry

"ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE"

Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor

FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

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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.

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.

(COVID-19 cont'd)

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

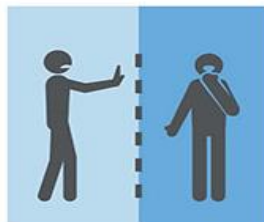
- Be alert for symptoms.
- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop



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



THANK YOU, VETERANS!

It is on days like this that we are reminded of the sacrifices courageous people have made to give us safety, peace, and freedom. Many Veterans have sacrificed their lives and put themselves at the forefront of danger for you and me and our entire country. To everyone who has courageously served our country, we say thank you for serving!



**FBC Thanks All Our Veterans for Serving Our
Country with Honor and Distinction**





God Alone Decides What He Wants

We are children of God if we have excepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. This gives us FAVOR which is better than silver and gold. We have to establish and maintain a relationship with God. We need to study His Word and get an understanding of what He is telling us in His word. Why do we believe it's all right to pray when we want or need something but not pray every day several times a day? We should study the Word of God every day and improve our relationship with Him.

Try meeting God every day as much as possible and see what He will do for you!

During these times of having to stay away from everyone, we have more time to get closer to God. God lets it rain on the good and the bad. Do you really think we get what we deserve from God? No, we don't because He is Merciful to us all. Let's start living more like Him!! Let's love one another so His decisions for us will be positive.

God Bless Us All!



Jim Vandiver

SPC, US Army E-4

Fort Gordon, GA

South Vietnam

2 years of service

"I give all Praise and Glory to God for bringing me this far. I am truly **GRATEFUL, GRATEFUL!** For all Veterans who paid a price that only we and the Lord knows about, **GLORY TO HIS NAME!!**"

SHEPHERD'S CARE MINISTRY

*36th Pastoral Anniversary Drive-By Celebration
Sunday, October 11, 2020*

1 Timothy 5:17 - *"Let the Elders that rule
well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine."*

On Sunday October 11, 2020 a drive-by celebration was held for Pastor Bowens and Sister Debbie on their 36th Pastoral Anniversary.

This Coronavirus has brought changes in all aspects of our lives. No longer do we come together at the church building or have physical gatherings among friends. Yet, our love for one another has not been altered.

We decided on a fall theme for the occasion. The front of the church was very festive. The entrance was decorated with mums, pumpkins, fall leaves, wreaths, hay and wicker rocking chairs. There was also beautiful signage and banners. The procession of decorated cars and honking of horns made a joyful noise to the ears of Pastor and Sister Debbie.



There were four tents set up as you exited. Pastor and Sis. Debbie's favorite snacks were included along with bottled water.

To Pastor and Sister Debbie: Thanks for all the ways you lead and guide our church. Thanks for being such great examples of living a life of faith. You are both a blessing to our church.

The Shepherd's Care Ministry would like to "THANK ALL OF YOU" for attending the drive-by celebration.

A special shout-out to Shepherd's Care Transportation, Gatekeepers and Communication Ministries for the wonderful job they did in making sure that everything was running according to plan. I also appreciated Bro. Alton Simpon and Deacon Michael Patterson.

Pastor and Sister Debbie were blessed by the drive-by celebration and enjoyed the fellowship with FBC members, family and friends. It was great to witness them feel the love, support, appreciation and encouragement from each of you.



1 Thessalonians 5:18, "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus." We have an equal responsibility to thank those who helped make this happen. By modeling gratitude, we help others to then be more thankful in their lives.

The Shepherd's Care Ministry
Servant Leader, Vickie Chambers



Happy Anniversary



Happy Anniversary



Drive By Celebration!





Happy Anniversary



Happy Anniversary



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Happy Anniversary

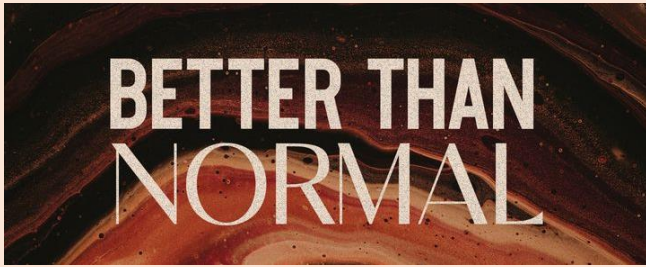


Happy Anniversary



Happy Anniversary





MONEY

Part Two of Five Devotionals

WHAT IS NORMAL?

The world is full of things competing for our attention. Everywhere we look, we see things that seem to call out to us saying, “Buy me!” or, “You need me!” Material possessions can lure us in so strongly that we start purchasing things that may not have been on our financial radar. And before we know it, we’re in a toxic relationship with money and possessions, and we don’t know how to get out of it. This is “normal” living for many people.

This normal way of spending and managing our money doesn’t leave us in a good place. For example, it’s normal to spend every bit of our income and not save any money for emergencies. It’s also common to go into debt and never pay things off. It’s “normal” to think that as long as we can afford the payment, we’re good.

The Bible actually has a lot to say on the topic of money. In fact, it’s one of the most talked about subjects in the entire book! A couple of things the Bible tells us about money is that it won’t satisfy us (Ecclesiastes 5:10), and that when wealth is gained quickly, it’ll dwindle quickly (Proverbs 13:11).

In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus teaches about money and warns us against accumulating worldly “treasures.” Instead, He challenges us to acquire “heavenly” treasures, because they never end and can never be destroyed. Jesus tells us that our heart will follow where we’ve placed our treasure. His final and most powerful exhortation to us is that we “can’t serve both God and money” (Matthew 6:24 NLT).

We can keep doing what we see displayed in most of the world, or we can make changes and live better than normal.

Normal focuses on accumulating, while better than normal gives to others.
 Normal allows money to lead, while better than normal seeks to be led by God.
 Normal keeps 100% of our income, while better than normal trusts God with 90%.
 Normal doesn’t think ahead, while better than normal lives by a plan.
 Normal is enslaved to debt, while better than normal saves to pay in full.
 Normal thinks of today, while better than normal invests for the future.

Money isn’t a bad thing by itself, but when we allow it to be our god, it can wreak havoc in our lives. The money we earn should be something we use and not something that uses or controls us.

What if we adjusted our normal mindset to have a better than normal one? Spend some time thinking through your relationship with money and see what needs to be changed.

Read and meditate on Proverbs 3:9, 22:7; Matthew 6:19-24; 1 Timothy 6:10; and Hebrews 13:5.

Coming December 2020 Issue “*Better Than Normal, Part Three: Work*” (A YouVersion Bible Devotional shared by Paulette Tapp)



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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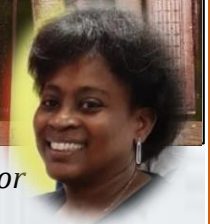
Celebrating Our History

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

Attributed to Marcus Garvey

BLACK HISTORY

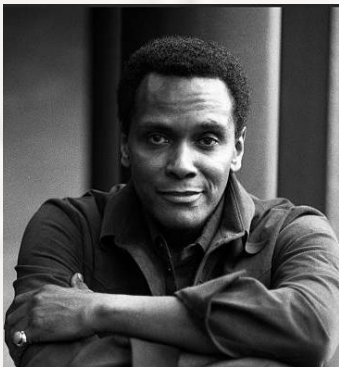
OUR VOICES. OUR STORIES.



*Sis. Diane Russell, Black History Coordinator
Communications Ministry*

THE ARTS

Arthur Mitchell – Born March 27, 1934 - American ballet dancer, choreographer and founder and director of ballet companies. Mitchell showed the way for black dancers.



Mitchell was one of four siblings and due to his father's absence, Mitchell worked numerous jobs, including shoe-shining, mopping floors, newspaper delivery, and work in a meat shop. Despite his duties, Mitchell became involved with street gangs, though this did not ultimately deter him from finding success. As a teenager, Mitchell was encouraged by a guidance counselor to apply for admission to the High School of Performing Arts. Upon being accepted he decided to work towards having a career in classical ballet. Following his graduation in the early 1950s, he won a dance award and scholarship to study at the School of American Ballet, the school affiliated with the New York City Ballet.

In 1954, following his 1952 Broadway debut in the opera *Four Saints in Three Acts*, Mitchell would return to Broadway to perform in the Harold Arlen musical *House of Flowers*, alongside Diahann Carroll, Geoffrey Holder, Alvin Ailey, Carmen de Lavallade, and Pearl Bailey. In 1955 he joined the New York City Ballet where he quickly rose to the position of premier danseur. During the 15 years with the company he electrified audiences with his performances in all the major ballets of the repertory. Choreographer and director of the NYCB George Balanchine created the pas de deux in *Agon* especially for Mitchell and the white Southern ballerina Diana Adams. Audience members initially complained about partnering Mitchell with a white woman, but Balanchine refused to change the pairing. Although Mitchell danced this role with white partners throughout the world, he could not perform it on commercial television in the United States until 1968, when the performance aired on Johnny Carson's *The Tonight Show*.

Mitchell left the New York City Ballet in 1966 to appear in several Broadway shows, and helped found ballet companies in Spoleto, Washington, D.C., and Brazil, where he directed a dance company. The company he founded in Brazil was the National Ballet Company of Brazil. Never forgetting how the arts had turned his own life around, he helped create dance companies in Spoleto, Washington, D.C., and Brazil, but it was upon learning of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., that Mitchell determined to do something to provide children in Harlem the kinds of opportunities which he felt had been given to him.

The Dance Theatre of Harlem was born in 1969 with 30 kids in a church basement in a community where resources of talent and creative energy were virtually untapped. Two months later, there were 400 youngsters attending classes. Eventually, Mitchell used his personal savings to convert a garage into the company's first real home. In Harlem, DTH created an explosion of professional opportunity in dance, music, and related theater activities. The school has an outstanding number of former students who, today, are successfully engaged in careers as dancers and musicians, as technicians in production, stagecraft, and wardrobe, and in instruction and arts administration. And with this success, DTH challenged the dance world to review its stereotypes and revise its boundaries. Mitchell died September 19, 2018 at the age of 84.



(Black History cont'd)

Garland Anderson – Born February 18, 1886 (died June 1, 1939). Garland was born in Wichita, Kansas the fourth of 12 children. After about four years, his family then moved to San Francisco California.



During the first decade of the 20th century, Anderson worked as a newsboy, decades later, his old boss remembered him working before the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire. He may have been a railroad porter after the fire. For about 15 years beginning around 1909, Anderson worked as a bellhop at several hotels. According to a 1918 draft card, Anderson was married and a hotel clerk in San Francisco. In the 1920 census Anderson, divorced, worked on Sutter Street as an operator. His life as a bellhop was the basis for his play *Appearances*.

Anderson wrote “Don't Judge By Appearances” in three weeks. According to his typist, she became engrossed by it and it helped her solve a personal problem. He showed the play to San Francisco Chronicle critic George Warren, who thought the idea was very good, but its writing needed work. Anderson received support from friends and co-workers at his hotel because of his optimism and enthusiasm. He related to Al Jolson, who supported the play's early development and Anderson's move to New York City in 1924. Anderson, living at the Braeburn Apartments on Sutter Street. By Christmas, Anderson reported a leave of absence from the Braeburn Apartments Hotel, where he was a switchboard operator, and was being supported by Al Jolson, Marjorie Rambeau, Channing Pollock and Richard Bennett. He stayed at the Harlem YMCA.

Appearances previewed in Elmira, New York, on September 26 and Utica on the 27th, opening at the Frolic Theater (atop the New Amsterdam Theatre) in New York on October 13, 1925. Lionel Monagas and Mildred Wall, who worked into the 1940s, played the leads. The play received a standing ovation on opening night but lukewarm reviews, although Anderson was praised. The New York Times called it "finely conceived, crudely wrought. ... If the language of the play is not always smooth and eloquent, if many of the characters are overdrawn, if the plot dips too often into melodrama, the play is none the less moving ...



Garland Anderson's play *Appearances* (1925) was the first play of African American authorship to be produced on Broadway, but Black theatre did not create a Broadway hit until Langston Hughes's *Mulatto* (1935) won wide acclaim.

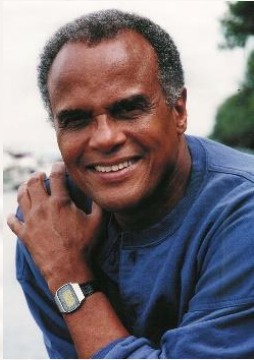
GARLAND ANDERSON

WROTE AND PRODUCED APPEARANCES (1925)
THE FIRST PLAY BY AN AFRICAN AMERICAN
TO APPEAR ON BROADWAY.



(Black History cont'd)

Harry Belafonte and Juanita Hill – 1st African American Man and Woman to win a Tony Award



Harry Belafonte was born Harold George Bellanfanti Jr. on March 1, 1927. One of the most successful Jamaican-American pop stars in history, he was dubbed the "King of Calypso" for popularizing the Trinidadian Caribbean musical style with an international audience in the 1950s. His breakthrough album *Calypso* (1956) was the first million-selling LP by a single artist. He has also starred in several films, including Otto Preminger's hit musical *Carmen Jones* (1954), *Island in the Sun* (1957), and Robert Wise's *Odds Against Tomorrow* (1959).

Belafonte was an early supporter of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1950s and 1960s and was a confidant of Martin Luther King Jr. Throughout his career, he has been an advocate for political and humanitarian causes, such as the Anti-Apartheid Movement and USA for Africa. Since 1987, he has been a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. He was a vocal critic of the policies of the George W. Bush presidential administrations. Belafonte acts as the American Civil Liberties Union celebrity ambassador for juvenile justice issues.



Juanita Hall was born née Long, November 6, 1901 (died February 29, 1968). She is remembered for her roles in the original stage and screen versions of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals *South Pacific* as Bloody Mary – a role that garnered her the Tony Award – and *Flower Drum Song* as Madame Liang.

In 1950, she became the first African American to win a Tony Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role as Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* starring Ezio Pinza and Mary Martin. She also won a Donaldson Award for playing that role. She played the role for 1,925 performances on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre beginning on April 7, 1949. She also starred in the 1954 Broadway musical *House of Flowers* in which she sang and danced Harold Arlen's *Slide Boy Slide*.

In addition to her role in *South Pacific*, she was a regular performer in clubs in Greenwich Village, where she captivated audiences with her renditions of "Am I Blue?", "Lament Over Love", and Langston Hughes' "Cool Saturday Night".

In 1958, she recorded *Juanita Hall Sings the Blues* (at Beltone Studios in New York City), backed by a group of jazz musicians that included Claude Hopkins, Coleman Hawkins, Buster Bailey, Doc Cheatham, and George Duvivier. In 1958, she reprised Bloody Mary in the film version of *South Pacific*, for which her singing part was dubbed (because of legal matters involving copyright), at Richard Rodgers's request, by Muriel Smith, who had played the role in the London production. The same year, Hall starred in *Flower Drum Song*, another Broadway show by Rodgers and Hammerstein. She also toured in the road show version of *Flower Drum Song*, but she had to leave it in early 1962 because of illness.



(Black History cont'd)

Marian Anderson – an American contralto born February 27, 1897 in Philadelphia (died April 8, 1993). Marian was the eldest of the three Anderson children. Her two sisters, Alyse (1899–1965) and Ethel (1902–90), also became singers.



On July 17, 1943, in Bethel, Connecticut, Anderson was married to architect Orpheus H. Fisher (1900–86), known as 'King'. Fisher had asked her to marry him when they were teenagers. The couple had purchased a 100-acre farm in Danbury, Connecticut, in 1940 after an exhaustive search throughout New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The property remained Anderson's home for almost 50 years. After Marian's death in 1993, the property was sold to developers who wanted to tear down the home and studio that was built on the property. However, the Danbury Museum and Historical Society received a grant from the State of Connecticut and relocated the structure, restored it, and opened it to the public in 2004. In addition to seeing the studio, visitors can see photographs and memorabilia from milestones in Anderson's career.

Anderson pursued studies privately in her native city through the continued support of the Philadelphia black community, first with Agnes Reifsnnyder, then Giuseppe Boghetti. She met Boghetti through the principal of her high school. Anderson auditioned for him singing "Deep River" and he was immediately brought to tears. Boghetti scheduled a recital of English, Russian, Italian, and German music at The Town Hall in New York City in April 1924 which took place in an almost empty hall and received poor reviews.

On January 7, 1955, Anderson became **the first African-American to sing with the Metropolitan Opera in New York**. At the invitation of director Rudolf Bing, she sang the part of Ulrica in Giuseppe Verdi's *Un ballo in Maschera*. Anderson said later about the evening, "The curtain rose on the second scene and I was there on stage, mixing the witch's brew. I trembled, and when the audience applauded and applauded before I could sing a note, I felt myself tightening into a knot." Although she never appeared with the company again after this production, Anderson was named a permanent member of the Metropolitan Opera company.



In 1957, she sang for President Dwight D. Eisenhower's inauguration, toured India and the Far East as a goodwill ambassador through the U.S. State Department and the American National Theater and Academy. On January 20, 1961 she sang for President John F. Kennedy's inauguration, and in 1962 she performed for President Kennedy and other dignitaries in the East Room of the White House, and toured Australia. In 1963, she sang at the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom.

Although Anderson retired from singing in 1965, she continued to appear publicly. She often narrated Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait* with her nephew James DePriest conducting. In 1976, Copland conducted a performance with the Philadelphia Orchestra at Saratoga. Her achievements were recognized and honored with many prizes, including the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club Award of Merit in 1973; the United Nations Peace Prize, New York City's Handel Medallion, and the Congressional Gold Medal, all in 1977; Kennedy Center Honors in 1978; the George Peabody Medal in 1981; the National Medal of Arts in 1986; and a Grammy Award for Lifetime Achievement in 1991. A half-ounce gold commemorative medal was embossed with her portrait by the United States Treasury Department in 1980. Four years later, she was the first person to be honored with the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award of the City of New York. She has been awarded twenty-four honorary doctoral degrees from Howard University, Temple University, Smith College, and many others.



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.



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General Election Run-off for U.S. Senate

Voter Registration Deadline

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Election Day

Tuesday, January 5, 2021



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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.

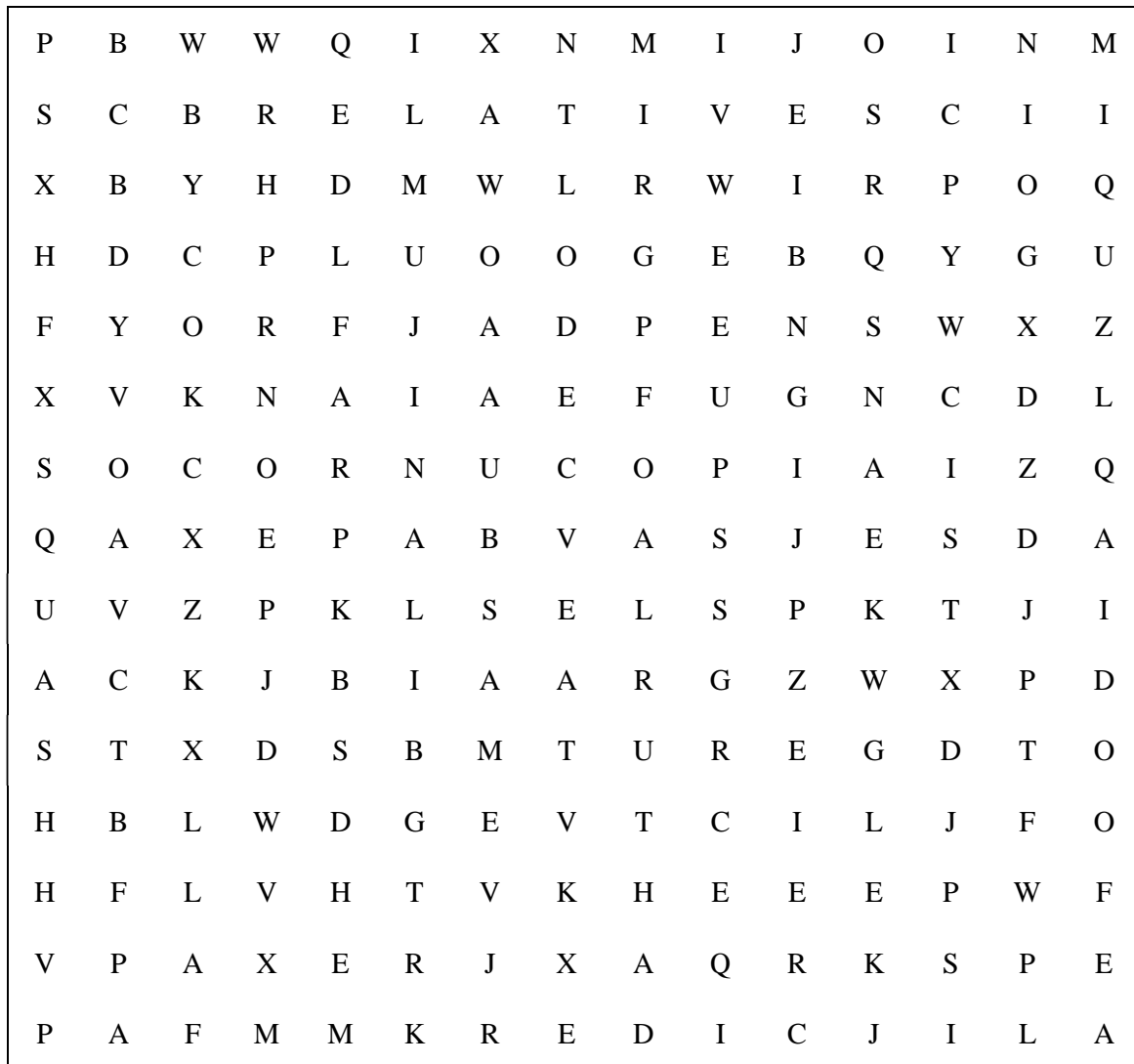
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Love and blessings to you and your family!

Sis. Charlene Benn
FBC Youth Ministry

Thanksgiving Word Search

Instructions: Try to find all of the hidden Thanksgiving words in the word search puzzle below. (Words can be spelled forwards, backwards, diagonally, up, or down.)



Word List

APPLE	DINNER	PLATTER
CIDER	FALL	RELATIVES
CORNUCOPIA	FOOD	SAUCE
CRANBERRIES	JOIN	SQUASH



Answers on page 36

Bible Quiz: Love the Lord your God

Select one answer for each question. Then go to page 37 to check your results.

1) In His *Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders*, in [Matthew 7:24-27](#) and [Luke 6:46-49](#), Jesus tells of one man who built his house on a foundation of rock and another man who built a house on sand. What group of people is represented by the man who built on the foundation of rock?

- The Pharisees and Sadducees.
- The Samaritans
- Those who know and obey Jesus' teachings
- Those who are proud and stubborn

2) In the *Parable of the Two Sons*, in [Matthew 21:28-32](#), a father tells his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first son refuses but later changes his mind and does go to work. The second son agrees to work but never actually does. Which lesson was Jesus teaching in this parable?

- A person who truly loves God will obey His commandments.
- Sinners are not fit for the kingdom of God.
- There are many paths leading to the kingdom of God.
- A person who truly loves God will not say one thing then do another.

3) The *Parable of the Vine* appears in [John 15:1-8](#). Jesus compares himself to a grapevine, us to the branches, and God to the gardener. Which is a lesson of this parable?

- The kingdom of God is growing rapidly, like a vine.
- A wise gardener will keep his vines well pruned.
- We should put our trust in God and do His work on earth.
- We should love our neighbors, just as God has loved us.

4) The *Parable of the Rich Fool* appears in [Luke 12:16-21](#). A successful farmer had to build bigger barns to store all his grain and goods. Once he had done this, he decided he had enough stored up to just take it easy. Which point was Jesus making this parable?

- We should put our trust in God rather than in material things.
- God will provide many good things for those who are faithful.
- We should work diligently to provide for ourselves and our families.
- We should share our material wealth with those less fortunate.

5) The *Parable of the Great Banquet* is found in [Luke 14:15-24](#). A man prepared a feast and invited many guests to dine with him. However, one by one, the guests made up excuses to not come to the banquet. In exasperation, the host then invited anyone he could find to eat the feast he had prepared. Which is one lesson of the parable?

- The poor are more deserving of God's grace than the rich.
- We should feed the hungry wherever they may be found.
- We should be committed to our faith.
- Gluttony is a sin.

(Bible Quiz cont'd)

6) In the *Parable of the Talents*, [Matthew 25:14-30](#), a man went on a journey and left his goods and money in the care of his servants. According to their ability, he gave five talents to one servant, two to a second servant, and one talent to a third servant. Who did the man embarking on the journey represent?

- The Pharisees
 - Jesus
 - John the Baptist
 - The chief priest of the temple
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7) Who did the first two servants represent?

- The apostles
 - Good Christians
 - The Pharisees
 - Samaritans
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8) The *Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector* is found in [Luke 18:9-14](#). A Pharisee brags about how righteous he is while a corrupt tax collector who has repented begs for mercy from God. Which is a lesson of this parable?

- Only the righteous shall inherit the kingdom of God.
 - We should be proud in the presence of God.
 - We should humble ourselves in the presence of God.
 - The wages of sin is death.
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9) What is the lesson of the *Parable of the Friend who Came at Midnight* in [Luke 11:5-8](#)

- Always pray and don't give up until the answer comes.
 - Always be willing to give to those in need.
 - Neither a borrower nor a lender be.
 - Man does not live by bread alone.
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10) What is the lesson of the *Parable of the Persistent Widow* in [Luke 18:1-8](#)

- In the end, God will grant justice to widows and orphans.
- Always pray and don't give up until the answer comes.
- Settle matters without going to court, if at all possible.
- Justice is found only in God, not in courts of law.

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THERE, not Here...

When Mary Magdalene and two other women went to Jesus' tomb after His death, an angel said to them, "He is not here. He has risen! He is going ahead of you into Galilee. "There" you will see Him."

Notice that the angel said, "He is not here. He is there." The angel was saying, in effect, "I know you're hurting, but don't stay here. Something better is waiting for you there."

In other words, "here" is the disappointment, the bad medical report, the dream that didn't work out. If you stay "here", you'll be discouraged. You have to go "there."

Sometimes the reason God doesn't comfort us in the "here," in the disappointment, is because He doesn't want us to stay where we are. "There" is where God is waiting for you. "There" is where the blessing is.

The disappointment is simply a season. God has already gone ahead and lined up the next level. Move forward into "there" where Jesus is waiting "there" with restoration and blessings.

Author Unknown



Thanksgiving Word Search Key

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How did you do?

Results for Bible Quiz: Love the Lord your God

1) When someone asked Jesus which was the most important of all the commandments, he replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."

In His *Parable of the Wise and Foolish Builders*, in Matthew 7:24-27 and Luke 6:46-49, Jesus tells of one man who built his house on a foundation of rock and another man who built a house on sand. What group of people is represented by the man who built on the foundation of rock?

The correct answer is: Those who know and obey Jesus' teachings. Jesus said in John 14:21, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him." (NIV)

2) In the *Parable of the Two Sons*, in Matthew 21:28-32, a father tells his two sons to go work in his vineyard. The first son refuses but later changes his mind and does go to work. The second son agrees to work but never actually does. Which lesson was Jesus teaching in this parable?

The correct answer is: A person who truly loves God will obey His commandments. Obedience is the supreme test of faith in God (1 Samuel 15:22-24), or, as the NT puts it, "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:14-26). Thus, obedience and faith are always very closely linked in the Bible.

3) The *Parable of the Vine* appears in John 15:1-8. Jesus compares himself to a grapevine, us to the branches, and God to the gardener. Which is a lesson of this parable?

The correct answer is: We should put our trust in God and do His work on earth. We must be fruitful. From a vine we look for grapes, and from a Christian we look for Christianity; this is the fruit, a Christian temper and disposition, a Christian life and conversation, Christian devotions and Christian designs. We must honor God, and do good, and exemplify the purity and power of the religion we profess; and this is bearing fruit.

4) The *Parable of the Rich Fool* appears in Luke 12:16-21. A successful farmer had to build bigger barns to store all his grain and goods. Once he had done this, he decided he had enough stored up to just take it easy. Which point was Jesus making in this parable?

The correct answer is: We should put our trust in God rather than in material things. One is to be rich in spiritual things, which will last, as opposed to being rich only in material things, which will not last.

5) The *Parable of the Great Banquet* is found in Luke 14:15-24. A man prepared a feast and invited many guests to dine with him. However, one by one, the guests made up excuses to not come to the banquet. In exasperation, the host then invited anyone he could find to eat the feast he had prepared. Which is one lesson of the parable?

The correct answer is: We should be committed to our faith. Just like the guests who made excuses, we are tempted to make excuses for having only a superficial devotion to our faith, while actually putting worldly concerns first in our lives.

(Results for Bible Quiz cont'd)

6) In the *Parable of the Talents*, Matthew 25:14-30, a man went on a journey and left his goods and money in the care of his servants. According to their ability, he gave five talents to one servant, two to a second servant, and one talent to a third servant. Who did the man embarking on the journey represent?

The correct answer is: Jesus. A talent was a certain amount of silver worth a great deal of money. The man going on the journey expected his servants to use the money they had been entrusted with to earn interest for him. Just as the man in the parable, Jesus will return sometime in the future. In the meantime, we should use the material things and abilities we have been given to further His work on earth.

7) Who did the first two servants represent?

The correct answer is: Good Christians. The two servants who made good use of what had been entrusted to them received high praise from their master, and a promise of even more responsibility in the future. On the other hand, the master was angry with the third servant who merely hid his talent in the ground and did not use it profitably.

8) The *Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector* is found in Luke 18:9-14. A Pharisee brags about how righteous he is while a corrupt tax collector who has repented begs for mercy from God. Which is a lesson of this parable?

The correct answer is: We should humble ourselves in the presence of God. Pharisees were highly-regarded religious leaders in first-century Judaism, while tax collectors were agents of the occupying Roman forces and often corruptly demanded more tax than was due, keeping the excess for themselves. Despite this, the Pharisee was the sinner in this parable because of his arrogance and self-righteousness. Worse, the Pharisee did not even admit his sin. In contrast, the tax collector humbled himself, admitted his sin and begged God for mercy. Jesus said it was the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who was justified before God.

9) What is the lesson of the *Parable of the Friend who Came at Midnight* in Luke 11:5-8

The correct answer is: Always pray and don't give up until the answer comes. Prayer is loving communication with God. God answers prayer requests in His own way in His own time, and will not grant requests that are against His holy and wise purposes, are selfish in nature, are not in our best long-term interest, or those made with impure motives. Often, we must be persistent in prayer. The answer, when it comes, may be in a form radically different than we expected.

10) What is the lesson of the *Parable of the Persistent Widow* in Luke 18:1-8

The correct answer is: Always pray and don't give up until the answer comes. Prayer is the expression of our inner spiritual needs. Through prayer we can find strength of spirit, guidance and wisdom, joy and inner peace. Jesus spent a lot of time praying. He often went to a solitary place and prayed for hours at a time, especially at difficult times in His ministry. The famous Lord's Prayer, in [Matthew 6:9-15](#), is Jesus' model of the perfect prayer.

Love the Lord your God

OPPORTUNITIES TO **SERVE** AT FRIENDSHIP

WEEKLY

Classes and Meetings are
virtual until further notice

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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