

Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

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JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 9 Scholarship deadline
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- 31 2021 STIPDG Internship Deadline

FEBRUARY

- 5 Newsletter Submission Deadline
- 14 Valentine's Day

Due to the COVID-19 virus, all in-person services, activities and events except the Friendship Market have been cancelled until further notice. Please visit fbcduluth.org for more information. Stay safe!



To trust in, wait for, look for, or desire something or someone; or to expect something beneficial in the future.

The Old Testament. There are several Hebrew verbs that may in certain contexts be translated "to hope" in English. One of them, qawa, may denote "hope" in the sense of "trust," as when Jeremiah addresses God, "Our hope is in you" (Jer. 14:22). He also uses a noun formed from the root qwh to teach that the Lord is the hope of Israel (14:8; 17:13; 50:7), which means that Israel's God is worthy of trust. Another noun from the same root, tiqwa, is often also translated "hope" meaning "trust." Similarly, the verb qawa is parallel to batah, "to trust," in Psalm 25:2-3.

In the Old Testament believers are encouraged to wait for God hopefully, expectantly. In times of trouble one should wait for the Lord, who will turn things around (Psalm 25:21; 27:14; 40:1; 130:5). Sometimes expressions of hope are accompanied by the prayer that the supplicant will not be ashamed, that is, disappointed. "May those who hope in you not be disgraced" (Psalm 69:6; cf. Psalm 22:5; 25:2-3; 25:20). God promises that those who wait for him will not be disappointed (Isa. 49:23). God is able to bring about the realization of one's hopes. Looking with expectation is akin to hoping (Job 6:19; Jer. 8:15). From "looking for" or "expecting" it is a small semantic shift to desiring (Isa. 26:8).

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Twenty-seven times qawa comes into the Greek Old Testament as hupomeno, "to wait, " "to be patient, " "to endure." Where suffering is present, the term may indicate that the individual is bearing affliction patiently while hopefully waiting for the Lord's deliverance. Psalm 40 is a psalm of thanksgiving that recounts the suffering of an individual whose hope was realized. "I waited patiently for the Lord" (Psalm 40:1; 130:5-6).

Because of the close connection between hope and trust and because of the requirement to trust in God alone, a number of passages warn against trust in other things. We should not trust in riches (Job 31:24-28; Psalm 52:1-7; Prov. 11:28), idols (Psalm 115:3-11; Hab. 2:18-19), foreign powers (Isa. 20:5), military might (Isa. 30:15-16; 31:1-3; Hosea 10:13), princes (Psalm 146:3-7), or other humans (Jer. 17:5-8). God is the true object of hope, but occasionally there are others. One may put one's hope in his steadfast love (Psalm 33:18), in his ordinances (Psalm 119:43), and in his word (Psalms 119:49; 74; 81; 114; 147). Besides waiting in eager expectation for God, one may wait or hope for his teaching (Isa. 42:4) and for his salvation (Psalm 119:166).

For much of the Old Testament period hope was centered on this world. The beleaguered hoped to be delivered from their enemies (Psalm 25); the sick hoped to recover from illness (Isa. 38:10-20). Israelites trusted God to provide land, peace, and prosperity. In early passages there are few expressions of hope for the next world. Those who descend to the grave have no hope (Isa. 38:18-19). Only those still living could hope (Ecclesiastes 9:4-6, 10), as salvation was for this life. Toward the end of the Old Testament God made known his plan to bring his everlasting kingdom to earth (Dan. 2:44; 7:13-14) and to raise the dead (12:2). At that point hope became more focused on the next world, especially on the resurrection. God will "swallow up death forever" (Isa. 25:7), and the dead will rise again (26:19); this is the salvation for which the faithful wait (25:9).

The New Testament. The New Testament consistently uses the verb *elpizo* and the noun *elpis* for hope. Just as the Old Testament emphasizes hope as trust, Paul writes about setting our hope on God (1 Tim. 4:10) and on Christ (Eph. 1:12). As Jeremiah proclaims that God is the hope of Israel, Paul announces that Jesus Christ is our hope (1 Tim. 1:1). Parallel to those passages in the Old Testament where those who hope are not put to shame, Paul says hope does not disappoint us (Rom. 5:5). The reason is that we already have a taste of the future glory because of the love with which the Holy Spirit fills our hearts. In other words, the gifts of love and of the Spirit are down payments of future glory for which we hope (Rom. 5:2; cf. Ephesians 1:13-14).

In the Old Testament hope has to do with waiting for, looking for, desiring. This is paralleled in the Gospels, where the word "hope" is not very frequent but the idea of looking expectantly is. Simeon looked for Israel's consolation at the advent of the Messiah (Luke 2:25-26). Likewise, Anna, the prophetess, upon recognizing who Jesus was, proclaimed him to all those who were anticipating redemption (Luke 2:36-38).

In connection with hope in Romans 8:18-25 Paul speaks of waiting with eager expectation for the revelation of the children of God (v. 19), waiting for the adoption as sons (v. 23). We are waiting "for the righteousness for which we hope" (Gal. 5:5) and for "the blessed hope, " namely, the glorious appearing of our Lord (Titus 2:13). Paul has both an eager expectation and a hope for God to be glorified in him, whether in life or death (Php 1:20). He goes on to express his desire to leave this world to be present with Christ (1:23).

As hope is connected with patient endurance in the Old Testament, so in the New Testament trials lead to hope (Rom. 5:3-4) and hope is steadfast (1 Thess. 1:3). When we hope for something, we wait for it through patience (Rom. 8:25; 15:4).

In the Old Testament hope is linked with "putting confidence in" or "taking refuge in." Paul also parallels hope with trust. He hopes to send Timothy and trusts in the Lord that he himself will come (Phil. 2:23). Hebrews talks about courage and hope (3:6). Likewise, Paul links hope and boldness (2 Cor. 3:12). In a passage about the confidence we can have in God's promises, Hebrews 6:18-19 mentions taking refuge by seizing the sure anchor of hope that is set before us.

(Hope cont'd)

Reminiscent of the Old Testament false objects of hope, Paul counsels the wealthy not "to set their hope in wealth" (1 Tim. 6:17). In addition to putting hope in God and Christ, we hope for salvation (1 Thess. 5:8); God's glory (Rom. 5:2; Col. 1:27); resurrection (Acts 23:6; 24:15; 1 Thess. 4:13); the redemption of our bodies (Rom. 8:23); righteousness (Gal. 5:5); eternal life (Titus 1:2; 3:7); the glorious appearing of Jesus (Titus 2:13); and that we shall become like him when he does appear (1 John 3:2-3).

From the above list it is apparent that, in contrast to the Old Testament, New Testament hope is primarily eschatological (of or relating to the end of the world or the events associated with it in eschatology). After being introduced late in Old Testament times, hope in the resurrection of the dead grew in the intertestamental period in such proportion that Paul could speak of the resurrection as the "hope of Israel" (Acts 28:20; 24:15; 26:6-8). If our hope is only for our present existence, it is most pitiable (1 Cor. 15:19). When our believing friends and relatives die, we grieve in hope of the Lord's return, unlike unbelievers who have no hope. The only sure hope is Jesus: when he returns, believers who have died and those still living will both be given imperishable bodies like that of the risen Lord (1 Corinthians 15:20-23 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-18).

Hope is the proper response to the promises of God. Abraham serves as a prime example here. Even though he was very old, he had confidence that God would fulfill his promises. "Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed" (Rom. 4:18). Like Abraham, we can trust in God's promises and "seize the hope set before us" (Heb. 6:18). More generally, we are told that the Scriptures engender hope (Rom. 15:4). The Holy Spirit is also a source of hope, for his power causes hope to abound (Rom. 15:13). Finally, hope comes as a gift from God through grace (2 Thess. 2:16).

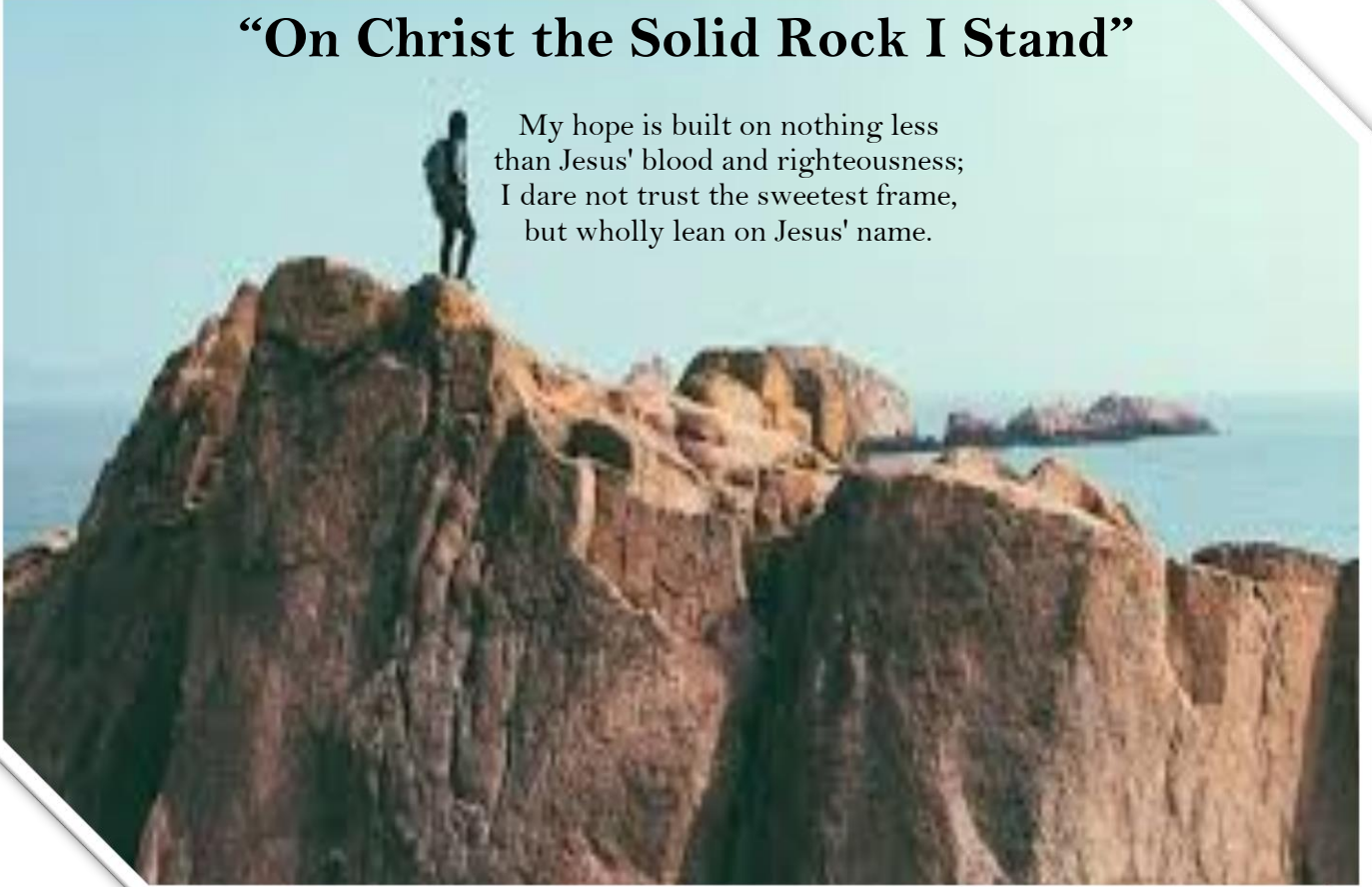
Hope leads to joy (Rom. 12:12) boldness (2 Cor. 3:12), and faith and love (Col. 1:4-5). Hope also leads to comfort; we are to encourage one another with the knowledge of the resurrection (1 Thess. 4:18). Though boasting in our works is disallowed, we may boast or exult in hope of sharing God's glory (Rom. 5:2; cf. Heb. 3:6).

Hope has a sanctifying effect. We who look expectantly for the return of Christ, knowing that when we see him we shall become like him, purify ourselves "as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). Hope also stimulates good works. Following his teaching on resurrection of the dead, Paul exhorts his readers to do the Lord's work abundantly since such "labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:51-58).

Source: William B. Nelson, Jr. Bibliography. E. Hoffman, Dictionary of New Testament Theology, 2:238-46; P. S. Minear, IDB, 2:640-43; C. F. D. Moule, The Meaning of Hope; W. Zimmerli, Man and His Hope in the Old Testament.



“On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand”

A photograph of a person standing on the peak of a large, rugged rock formation. The person is silhouetted against a clear blue sky. In the background, the ocean stretches to the horizon, with some distant land visible. The rock formation is dark and textured, with some lighter patches. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

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

Chorus

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

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

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

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

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

1 Peter 3:15 (KJV)



21 for 2021

Start the New Year off right by meditating on God's Word:

1. Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
2. Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.
3. Psalm 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
4. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.
5. Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps.
6. Philippians 3:13-14 ¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
7. Psalm 65:11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness,
8. Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
9. ² Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
10. 1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
11. Proverbs 3:5-6 ⁵Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
12. Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

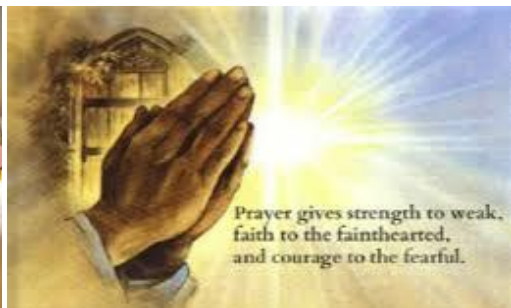
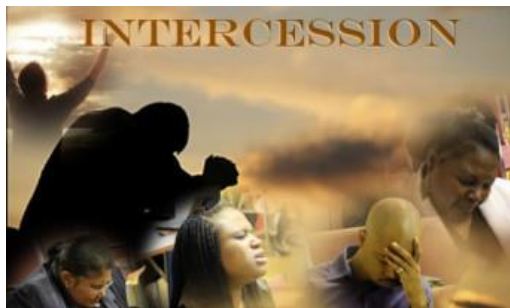
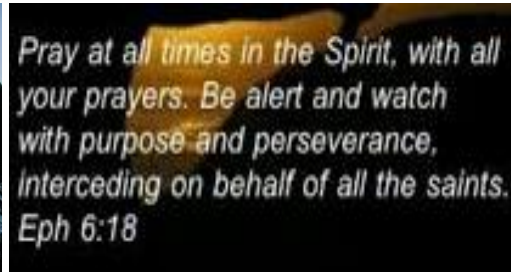
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13. Lamentations 3:22-24 ²²It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. ²⁴The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
14. Ecclesiastes 3:11 He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.
15. Mark 12:28-31 ²⁸And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? ²⁹And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:** ³⁰And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.
16. Matthew 6:25-26 ²⁵Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? ²⁶Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
17. Ezekiel 36:26-28 ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. ²⁸And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.
18. Psalm 96:1-3 ¹O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. ²Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. ³Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.
19. James 1:17-18 ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. ¹⁸Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
20. James 4:6,10 ⁶But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
21. Isaiah 43:18-19 ¹⁸Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Let's make this the year where we see real life change, not only in ourselves but in the people around us because this will be the year we decide to give it all up to the only one who is making all things new, Jesus Christ!

Submitted by Paulette Tapp, Editor

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	Sis. Thelma Matthews	Bro. Antone Smith
Min. Karen Blacknell	Sis. Marlon German	Bro. Laceem McCall	Sis. Latisha Smith
Rev. Kenneth Blacknell	Sis. Barbara Hall	Sis. Roxanne Motley	Bro. Xavier Stephens
Dea. Willie Blake	Sis. Crystal Ingram	Evg. Valerie Montaque	Sis. Tiffany Stovall
Sis. Joyce Brooks	Sis. Charlotte Hayes	Sis. Ruthie Nelson	Sis. Mabel Thomas
Sis. Sherie Brown	Bro. Emanuel Hazell	Sis. Gloria Peters	Bro. Seth Tyler
Bro. Dwayne Bynum	Sis. Dorothy Jamison	Bro. Garvin Potts	Sis. April Walker
Bro. Nicholas Caldwell	Bro. Patrick Jones	Sis. Vanessa Pratt	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



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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.

THANK YOU

FBC FRONT LINE WORKERS

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SOCIAL WORKERS SANITATION WORKERS
CHILDCARE PROVIDERS GAS STATION STAFF
PUBLIC TRANSIT WORKERS DELIVERY DRIVERS
GROCERY CLERKS AND STAFF
RESTAURANT AND TAKE-OUT STAFF

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



OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader



Friendship Baptist Church Outreach Ministry is here to **HELP** during these challenging times!

Drive through to get **FREE** groceries:
(Meat, Produce, Dairy & More)

When: Fridays 3:00pm-4:00pm
Saturdays 11:30am-12:30pm

Where: Friendship Baptist Church, Pastor Ronald L. Bowens
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FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

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HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



Glaucoma is called "the sneak thief of sight" since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it's permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing.

Currently, more than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma. The National Eye Institute projects this number will reach 4.2 million by 2030, a 58 percent increase.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness. Moreover, among African American and Latino populations, glaucoma is more prevalent.

Glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians.

Over 3 million Americans, and over 60 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. Experts estimate that half of them don't know they have it. Combined with our aging population, we can see an epidemic of blindness looming if we don't raise awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations to preserve vision. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.5 million people worldwide are blind due to glaucoma. So, spread the word about this sight-stealing disease!

Learn more at www.glaucoma.org.

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 the 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

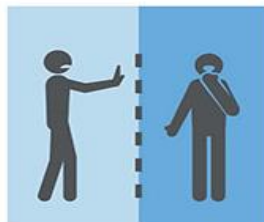
- Be alert for symptoms.
- Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop



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

67th Happy Birthday



Pastor Bowens

**Hello FBC Family and Friends!
Our Pastor's Birthday is January 23rd!**

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Bowens' 67th birthday. Pastor continues to labor in the vineyard. Please show your love and appreciation by sending cards or gifts to:

**Pastor Ronald Bowens
677 Scales Road
Suwanee, GA 30024**

Spotlight On...

Communications Ministry Team Leader and President – Louie L. Malone

Louie L. Malone is the second child out of eleven. He attended United Electronic Institute in Louisville, Kentucky. Before graduating, Louie was recruited by Western Electric and relocated to St. Louis, Missouri. After working several years there as an engineer, the U.S. Government forced the Bell System companies to split because it was a monopoly. In 1983, Louie went with AT&T that retained Western Electric functions but dropped the Western Electric name. In 1996, AT&T restructured and Louie went with the division that became Lucent Technologies. During this period, Louie and his family relocated to Atlanta, GA.

In 2006, after another roller coaster ride, Lucent Technologies was acquired by Alcatel of France and yet another company name change to Alcatel Lucent. Louie was promoted to the title of “Distinguished Member of Technical Staff.” Very few African Americans achieved this title. Later, the company was acquired by Nokia and the name of the company changed for the last during Louie’s tenure.

After an organizational outsourcing, Louie continued to support Nokia as a subcontractor with Glow Networks. Through all of the company transitioning and moving from one state to another, **Louie dedicated 50 years and seven months of employment to the corporation.**

Louie is married to Virginia (Pat) Malone and they have three daughters, a son, three granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Louie is a devout Christian and an Ordained Deacon. He is involved with the Outreach Ministry, Men’s Choir, Men’s Ministry and the Communications Ministry where he serves as the President and church photographer.

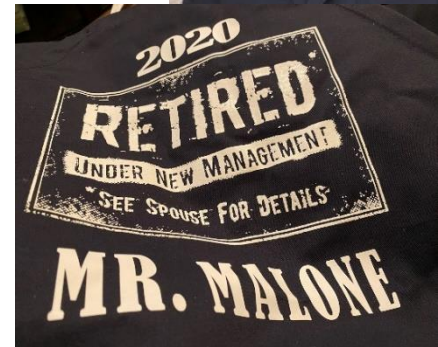
Louie is also very active with his children. He plays basketball with his son, Darion, coached girls’ and boys’ softball and soccer teams, coached boys’ basketball, and could have coached hockey but you need to know how to skate to do that job! Most of all, he is a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

For this Golden occasion, the Communications Ministry presented Louie with a customized clock (below) to represent our appreciation and gratitude for the great leader and motivator he is, not only to us ministry team members, but to our families. He has always demonstrated integrity in his character as a man of God, a husband, a father, and a dedicated employee of a company for over 50 years.

Thank you, Louie, for all you have done and are still doing. “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12



Louie,
Fifty years you were employed
You gave Corporate your best
It is time to unload the stress
Praying your retirement will be filled with
Love, Laughter and Joy.
~ Communications Ministry ~



Congratulations



Submitted by his wife, Pat
and Tina Patterson, VP
Communications Ministry

God Willing in 2021

By Rev. Denise Jackson



It seems like just yesterday we were waiting in great anticipation for that all revealing year of 2020. This would be a year of awesome accomplishments, fulfilled dreams and giant leaps of faith. For some of us 2020 was just that. After all, it was widely understood that the year 2020 signified the ability to see with perfect vision, to see beyond the physical, to be granted great insight into what the future held for us.

However, as 2020 ticked away, month by month what many of us found was that we had no clear vision of anything. We found that we couldn't see the revelation or the magnitude of what was really waiting for us. There have been many unexpected life changing events that have occurred. Many have been devastating to so many. But we have hopefully also learned some things.

As we started out in this pandemic, I heard news anchors and others make the statement *"We are in this thing together."* While I believe that to be absolutely true, I have come to understand that yes, we are in this thing together; however, we are not in this thing the same. The events of the past year have affected us in many ways. Some have lost so very much, and some have thrived and accomplished things that they had no idea they could accomplish. So, what is at least one thing you have learned because of the events of 2020, and from that, what will you carry into 2021 as a result of those lessons learned?

As we stand poised and ready to take the leap into the unknown of 2021, I now in hindsight know that 2020 was the eye opener that allowed me to be able to appreciate God in a way that I never could have. That perfect vision that I looked for in 2020 actually came by way of an awakening for me into how God desires His children to view the future. In this case, how God wants His children to think as they move into 2021. The year 2020 has set us up to know how we should approach 2021 and the years beyond.

I can vividly remember how my Dear Sweet Grandmother would always say "God's will" or "The good Lord willing." Of course, back then I didn't understand why she felt the need to say that. Of course, I will see you tomorrow, or of course I am going to go here or do this or that. But I have learned that only if it be the will of God, The Father, will we do anything. God is in control, and He alone has the final word, for He is The WORD.

Those words that Grandma used to always say were coming straight from her Bible. It is written in the Word of God. James chapter 4 verses 13 and 14 read as follows: ***"Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."***

There you have it. God doesn't have a problem with us making plans to do this or that, or to go here or there, or even to accomplish this or that. God does have a problem, however, with us leaving him out of our plans, or not consulting, or should I say speaking to him about what we are desiring to do. He wants His children to acknowledge Him in all our ways, so that He can direct our path. He knows the plans for your life.

(God Willing in 2021 cont'd)

So, as we leap into 2021, I know to some of us it may seem as though we are standing at the edge about to jump off of an uncertain cliff. But if you consult the Lord in all your ways, He shall direct your path. And even if you go over the cliff of uncertainty, know that God's got you. He will lift you up. There is nothing and no one who could have prepared us for what some of us have endured over the past year. But I have learned that just because the calendar went from 2020 to 2021, that in no way means that we are not still living with the things that happened. I also learned that just because 2021 has arrived, it doesn't mean that all is now well and good. Stuff keeps happening, and we still must deal with what happens in our lives. But we must remember to include God in what we plan to do. For life is but a vapor, here today and gone just like that.

We were all prepared and excited about 2020 and what we would see with the perfect vision for the year. But even with all that anticipation, I still could not see! How about you?

Oh, say couldn't you see a virus on the horizon?

Oh, say couldn't you see hospitals overflowing?

Oh, say couldn't you see oxygen tanks and ventilators?

Oh, say couldn't you see yourself in a food line?

Oh, say couldn't you see yourself in the unemployment line?

Oh, say couldn't you see yourself working from your kitchen table?

Oh, say couldn't you see not being able to hug or kiss or even touch the ones you hold most dear in your heart?

Oh, say couldn't you see that you would have the experience of watching the savage inhumane murder of a man named George Floyd?

Oh, say could we not see???

None of these things would we have ever imagined as we plunged into 2020. Therefore, we should have learned that only God knows what the future holds for any of us. And if we know the One who knows, as long as we understand that if it be the will of The Father, it shall come to pass AND, most importantly, we need to understand that His will shall be done. If so, the only thing to do at this point is to trust Him. If we learn to walk by faith and not by sight, then can our eyes be truly enlightened, and our vision brought to spiritual clarity. We learn to put our trust in the only one who is able to keep us.

Just like in 2020, we will face things in 2021 that will take us by surprise, things that are not in "the plan," things that may shake our foundation. But we must resolve that we shall not be moved. We must trust in Him who has the Master plan, Jesus, The Rock of our Salvation...our Rock of all ages.

As we step with hope into 2021, let us also step to the rhythm of God. Let us march to the beat of The Father, stepping by faith into the future that was planned for each of us from the foundation of the earth. Not our plan, but The Master's Plan.

Wishing for you the abundance of Joy and the fullness of Life as you boldly step into the year 2021.

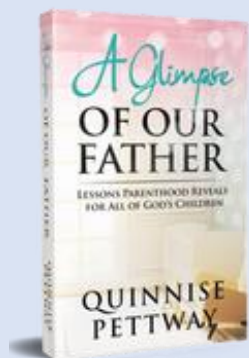
Meet Quinnise Pettway, a Member of Friendship Baptist Church and Author of A GLIMPSE of Our Father!



HER STORY: My name is Quinnise Pettway. I am an author and blogger who endeavors to live a life of and on purpose and bring glory to God in every area, assignment, and ministry, to which I have been called. I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ at a very young age and have continued to strive to walk worthy of each calling that I have received. I am a wife to my loving husband, Kitrich, and mother to my two amazing daughters, Nia and Brielle. I am a passionate worshipper through liturgical dance who has had the privilege of previously serving in leadership for several years within the Dance Ministry at my church. Additionally, I enjoy participating in Marriage Ministry and Money Matters Ministry at my church as I love learning and growing in the areas of marriage and finances.

I am a graduate of Clark Atlanta University and Howard University where I received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in counseling psychology. I have been a Licensed Professional Counselor for over a decade where I have had the pleasure of providing compassionate and collaborative therapeutic services within an array of settings. With the use of my gifts and talents, my prayer remains that God will be glorified, and He will be seen in all that I say and do.

My mission is to help Christians shift their perspective of God, to strengthen their relationship with Him, and clarify their identity in Christ so that they can be all that He has created them to be. I count it an honor to walk with you on this journey we call life, and I look forward to our conversations through each blog post, comment, and exchange. Please feel free to share your thoughts about the book or blog, and share your testimonies, as I would love to hear what Our Father, God is doing in your life. We are family, and we are in this together!



ABOUT THE BOOK: What would happen if all of God's children undoubtedly realized and recognized that **God IS OUR FATHER?** How much more of an abundant, joyous, and peaceful life would we live if we truly grasped that the One who is creator of the universe is **OUR FATHER**, He loves us unconditionally, He is working all things together for our good, and He has plans to prosper us and not to harm us?



For anyone seeking to gain an understanding of **God OUR FATHER**, further develop your relationship with Him, or for any person desiring to peek into the heart of God the Father, this book is for you. For the person who says, "But I am not a parent," this book is for you too. Whether you are a parent or not, you are God's child, and **God is YOUR Father!** Yes, I am talking to you! ***A Glimpse of OUR FATHER: Lessons Parenthood Reveals for All of God's Children*** illuminates God's encouragement, forgiveness, guidance, presence, and most importantly, His unfailing love for all of His children. This book will take you on an interactive journey through everyday interactions and relatable experiences with my earthly children that reveal characteristics along with the nature of our Heavenly Father, God and will allow you to reflect, relate, and connect with **OUR FATHER** on a more intimate level through each lesson, prayer, activity, and scripture.

(Quinnise Pettway cont'd)

**HER INTERVIEW WITH NOVEMBER MEDIA PUBLISHING COMPANY
DECEMBER 4, 2020:**

What inspired you to publish your book? Publishing my book was definitely God's idea! As He gave me the vision, ideas began to pour in, and I knew that the lessons and messages that I received were meant for the world to hear. I chose to publish so that others could experience the same sense of encouragement, hope, inspiration and even just gentle reminders that resulted from the book's concepts and stories.

What can readers take away from your book? I pray that each and every person who reads this book is introduced to, re-introduced to and/or reminded that God is his/her Heavenly Father. I pray that each reader is reminded of His great love for him/her. I pray that each reader is reminded that, with God as his/her Father, he/she can do and get through any situation or challenge. I pray that each reader takes away the fact that he/she is who God says that he/she is and that is enough. I pray that each reader is able to connect with God, our Father, on a deeper level and also be reminded that He loved him/her so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, for his/her salvation, and with a relationship with Christ, he/she is unstoppable and secure in his/her identity as a child of God!

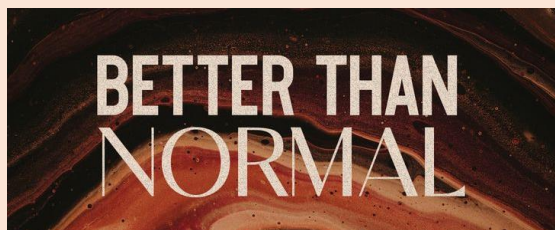
What was your writing process like? My writing process took place in stages. Initially, I started writing down quotes for the book whenever my daughter said something noteworthy or my husband said something captivating. Next, I began to expound upon each quote, which then led to each lesson and scriptures that coincided with each lesson. Finally, the activities and prayers were incorporated. The process spanned about a 2-year period, in which the quotes just sat, saved in a document for a little while. I would also add to the book as more ideas flowed and more profound statements and revelations came along.

Are you planning to write other books? I am yielding to God regarding writing additional books. As He gives me more, I will certainly write more. I will also be creating a blog that is an extension of the book, along with some additional relatable and relevant content. I am totally open and committed to walking in this season as an author and letting my ministry speak through each and every book and blog post that God gives me to share for such a time as this.

What's a cool or interesting fact about yourself? In college, I remember telling people that I was from Tucson, AZ, and they would respond with, "I did not know that there were even black people there!" I always laughed at that response. But yes, Arizona does have black people for anyone who did not know ☺. I was blessed to grow up in an amazing, predominantly black church, which is actually the oldest black Baptist church in Arizona, where I was able to get my foundation in the Word and where my early relationship with Christ was greatly nurtured.

What is some advice you would give aspiring or first-time authors? My advice to aspiring or first-time authors is to GO FOR IT!! Just write. Do not stop. Write, edit, repeat...you can do it! There is nothing too hard for Our Father! God has given you a gift that is worth sharing with the world, and the world needs to hear from you. No matter how fast or slow your progress seems to be, stick with it, and before you know it, you will have a finished work that was designed not to be hidden, but, rather, to be shared,

For more information about the book and subscribe to the blog, go to <https://aglimpseofourfather.com/>
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RELATIONSHIPS

Part Four of Five Devotionals

WHAT IS NORMAL?

Relationships are a part of all of our lives. Some of them may be healthy, while others aren't. At times, we may feel closer to people that we're not related to, and feel distant from those in our own families.

Within these relationships, we get to witness the good in the lives of people we love, but we also have to navigate the difficult—like hurt, betrayal, and frustration (to name a few). And the normal way many people respond when these things happen is to withhold forgiveness, seek revenge, and show no mercy.

When someone does something that hurts or offends us, we often take it as a personal attack. We assume they meant to hurt us, and at times, people do. But, for the most part, we're just imperfect people who are just being...imperfect.

In addition to how people treat us, we need to examine how we handle relationships on our end. Do we build people up with our words, or do we tear them down? Are we kinder to people who can do something for us in return, or do we treat everyone with honor and respect? Do we typically give ourselves sexually to everyone we date, or are we saving ourselves for our future spouse?

The Apostle Paul shares very specific instructions in Romans 12:9-18 about how we should operate in our relationships. He says we're called to love each other as brothers and sisters, honor one another beyond what we'd give ourselves, share with others who are in need, and possibly the hardest part...not repay with evil when someone wounds us.

When it comes to our relationships, let's look at the contrasting ideas we find in what's accepted as normal and what could be better than normal:

Normal abandons friendships when mistakes are made, but better than normal forgives.
Normal allows insignificant issues to create frustration, but better than normal is patient.
Normal gives in to temptation, but better than normal chooses purity.
Normal argues when there are differences, but better than normal builds bridges.
Normal looks out for self, but better than normal thinks of others.
Normal makes jokes at others' expense, but better than normal speaks with respect.

Whether our relationships are struggling or not, we know that normal isn't always a healthy place to be, but it's more comfortable to us than the unknown. So, let's choose to be better than normal in how we love and live with the people around us.

Do you have relationships in your life that are unhealthy? Think through the people in your life and how you interact with them. Decide what is healthy and what needs to change to ensure your relationships are honoring to God. Read Romans 12:13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:18, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, and Ephesians 4:32.

Part Five concludes in February 2021 Issue "*Better Than Normal, Bad Habits*" (A YouVersion Bible Devotional shared by Paulette Tapp)



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FBC Sunday School on ZOOM! Please join one of our Sunday School classes every Sunday at 9:45 am. We have begun our Spring Quarter: The study for this quarter will focus on **“Call in the New Testament.”**

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.

From the December 27th Lesson “Called to Prepare the Way,” John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance only. His baptism was to prepare people’s hearts for the coming of the Messiah. Several Scripture passages talk about the baptism of John being insufficient after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (for instance, see the story of Apollos in Acts 18: 24–26). Read Romans 6: 4 and discuss the symbolism of Christian baptism and how it goes beyond simple repentance. Discuss your understanding of the meaning of baptism when you were baptized. Can you think of ways to make baptism more meaningful at your church?

Liberating Lesson: Given the ever-present temptation of sin and evil, the church still needs John’s kind of preaching ministry. Moral standards must be set and people need to be reminded of their potential for growth in the things of God. The message of repentance, forgiveness, and the call to live right can revitalize and bring spiritual renewal to people. The ministry of sharing our testimony and giving witness of Jesus Christ is the call and responsibility of every believer. Like John the Baptist, we too are to seek to awaken in people a desire for righteousness. We are to do this in the confidence that when desire is awakened, God will grant salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and convey righteousness by the power of the Holy Spirit to all who will believe.

Application for Activation: While the desire to avoid divine retribution may be a motive for right living, it is not the best motive. We should desire to live right because it is the right thing to do in response to God’s love for us. It is far better to pour one’s energies into bringing forth fruit suitable for repentance to glorify God, rather than to pour one’s energies into merely avoiding the wrath to come. God is concerned about right motive, as well as right behavior. Repentance that is acceptable to God results in right behavior that is sustained not by a fear of hell, but by unconditional love for God. This week, examine your reasons for following Christ and doing the work of the church. Are you motivated by your love for God or by fear? If you feel any fear—whether of rejection, failure, or inadequacy—meditate instead on God’s great love for you and see how that can change your motivation.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sis. Charlene Benn, Ministry Leader



FBC
Youth & Teen
Worship Services

@ fbcduluth.org/onlineclass-4/

TEEN MINISTRY
Rev. Stan & Min. Barbara Williams, Ministry Leaders

ATLANTA CELEBRATES ITS HERITAGE: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY JANUARY 18, 2021

DiscoverAtlanta.com

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is observed on the third Monday of January each year, celebrating the achievements of African-Americans throughout history as an important part of American history. From a day of service to lectures, exhibits, concerts and art, there are a number of ways to observe MLK Day in Atlanta. Begin with honoring Dr. King's legacy, visiting historic landmarks and celebrating the lives and efforts of many Atlantans and civil rights icons that influenced our country's progression.

As the heart of the civil rights movement, Atlanta's history, heritage and role in the civil rights movement gives visitors and Atlantans a number of places to celebrate the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday throughout the city and much further beyond the beginning of the year.



KING HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Each year, The King Center observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a 10-day celebration of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. Events range from performance art to lectures and charitable workshops.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

The church service is held on the Federal Holiday at Ebenezer Baptist Church located near The King Center. On this day The King Center encourages the world to engage in volunteer service in tribute to the work and life of Dr. King and other local Atlanta civil rights activists.



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (MLK) DAY OF SERVICE

Hands On Atlanta mobilizes more than 3,000 volunteers in service to local communities, schools and nonprofits as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service. For volunteering opportunities, visit <https://www.handsonatlanta.org/mlk#projects>

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®

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3D Mammogram Mobile Screening Events

CORE
Community Organized Relief Effort



Free COVID - 19 testing will be provided at the event by CORE

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Breast Cancer Awareness Coach will travel to various locations throughout the United States in 2020 and 2021 to provide screenings for early detection of breast cancer through a mobile mammogram. Social distancing and wearing a mask is required. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will provide free masks and hand sanitizer to those scheduled for a mammogram.

DATES/TIMES and LOCATIONS

Friday, January 15th

8:00am – 5:00pm

Tahoe Village Shopping Center

4600 E Ponce de Leon
Ave Clarkston, GA

Saturday, January 16th

8:00am – 5:00pm

Cascade United Methodist Church

3144 Cascade Rd
Atlanta, GA 30311

Schedule Online:

www.assuredimaging.com/AKA

Or Call: 888.233.6121

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*Masks are required - Social distancing enforced!
Breast Cancer doesn't stop - and neither do we . . .*



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

The Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. invites eligible students to apply to our annual college scholarship. Please review the eligibility criteria. **All parts of the application must be received by Friday, January 29, 2021 in order to be considered.** If you have any questions, please contact us at scholarships@gwinnettdst.org.



Education Ministry - Although things and times are a little different right now, we at Friendship Baptist Church still believe recognizing our youth is important. The young people of today are our future leaders of tomorrow. We would like all High School Seniors who are members of Friendship and graduating in 2021 to please **send your name and contact information to sharon4282.sn@gmail.com, and copy fbcduluth@att.net, no later than January 30, 2021.**

Summer Transportation Internship Program Diverse Group (STIPDG) - a paid internship program that aims to mentor and cultivate tomorrow's transportation leaders by providing students with hands-on experience and on-the-job training while working on current transportation-related topics and issues. College/university students will gain valuable professional experience and skills to complement their academic pursuits. The 2021 STIPDG Student application Portal is now open. **Deadline is January 31.** If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Arhin at STIPDG@dot.gov.
<https://twc.edu/programs/summer-transportation-internship-program-diverse-group>



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

Go to fbcduluth.org and click on: "Giving" tab or text: [fbcduluth to 73256](tel:73256).

Contributions can also be mailed to:

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

AROUND GWINNETT

JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

The Environmental Protection Agency has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Radon, an odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas, is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Test your home and protect your health by visiting GCGA.us/Radon to order a \$15 radon test kit. Use coupon code NRAM2021 for a \$5 online discount during January. For more information, contact Ines Beltran at 678-377-4014.

PURCHASE FRUIT, LANDSCAPING PLANTS DURING ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Blueberries, figs, muscadines, azaleas, gardenias, and butterfly bushes are among many varieties of flowering and fruit plants being offered at the UGA Extension Gwinnett's annual plant sale. Pre-order is open between January 4 and March 5. Download pre-order forms at GCGA.us/2021PlantSale. Mail the form and a check to the Extension office at 750 South Perry Street, Suite 400, Lawrenceville. All orders must be prepaid by check only (no cash or credit cards). Pick up your pre-purchased plants only on March 18 by 5:45pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville. For more information, call 678-377-4010.

WINTERIZE YOUR PIPES TO PREPARE FOR COLD TEMPERATURES

As the coldest days of the year come upon us, now is a good time to ensure your pipes are properly winterized. Uninsulated pipes are at risk of freezing and bursting during winter. A burst pipe can quickly lead to thousands of dollars in property damage and wasted water. These simple preparations can help you easily avoid the headache of a burst pipe:

- Insulate pipes in attics, crawl spaces, and basement ceilings
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinets to let warm air in
- Keep your thermostat set at the same temperature all day
- Place a spigot cover over your outdoor spigots
- If you travel, leave your heat on at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit

Taking these steps to winterize the pipes in and around your home will go a long way to preventing costly repair bills and will allow you to help conserve our water resources. For more tips on saving water and stopping leaks, visit DWRConserve.com.

SENIOR PERKS – EXEMPTIONS & EMISSIONS

Seniors qualify for some tax breaks in Gwinnett County. Residents 65 years or older as of January 1 with Georgia taxable income below \$100,552 might qualify for the Senior School Tax Homestead Exemption. An emissions waiver is available for seniors 65 or older whose vehicles are at least 10 years old and driven less than 5,000 miles per year. To check eligibility and apply, visit GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Seniors.

USE SPACE HEATERS SAFELY

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

Here are some tips to ensure you stay safe and warm with your space heater during the winter months:

- Maintain a 3-foot kid-free zone around open fires and space heaters
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from the heater
- Never use your oven or stove for heating
- Turn portable electric heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room
- Purchase and use only portable space heaters listed by a qualified testing laboratory
- Purchase and use space heaters that have an automatic shut-off if they tip over
- Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets
- Do not plug anything else into the same circuit as the one used for a space heater

Bible Word Search: Genesis 22:1-14

All the words listed below are in the puzzle (left, right, up, down or diagonally). After you have found all the words, unscramble the remaining letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

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ABILITIES	COMMANDED	MOUNTAIN	SON
ABRAHAM	HEART	OBEDIENCE	TEST
ACKNOWLEDGE	HORNS	PEOPLE	TIED HIM UP
ACT	IMPOSSIBLE	PLACE	TOGETHER
ALTAR	ISSAC	RAM	UNDERSTOOD
ANGEL	JEHOVAH-JIREH	SACRIFICE	UNSHEATHED
APPARENTLY	KNIFE	SADDLED	UNTANGLED
BURNT	LAMB	SERVANTS	WRESTLING
OFFERING	LOCATION	SLAY	
CHILDBEARING			

Mystery Answer: -----

(Answer on next page)

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

Classes and Meetings are virtual until further notice

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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