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JULY

- 5 Church Office Closed—4th of July Observed
- 10 Men's Ministry Zoom Meeting
- 10 Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting
- 24 Back-to-School Drive Thru

AUGUST

- 1 Sis. Debbie Bowens' Birthday
- 4 1st Day of School (GCPS)

WELCOME BACK!

Seating is limited, reservations required.
Go to fbcduluth.org for more information.



Forgiveness can be considered as - the intentional and voluntary process by which a victim undergoes a change in feelings and attitude regarding an offense, let go of negative emotions such as vengefulness, compensation from or punishment of the offender, however legally or morally justified it might be, and with an increased ability to wish the offender well. Forgiveness is different from condoning (failing to see the action as wrong and in need of forgiveness), excusing (not holding the offender as responsible for the action), forgetting (removing awareness of the offense from consciousness), pardoning (granted for an acknowledged offense by a representative of society, such as a judge), and reconciliation (restoration of a relationship).

The dictionary gives the synonyms of Forgiveness as: pardon, absolution, exoneration, remission, dispensation, indulgence, understanding, tolerance, purgation, clemency, mercy, pity, lenience, reprieve, discharge, amnesty, delivery, acquittal, clearing, pardoning, condoning, condonation, vindication, exculpation, shrift or shriving.

Throughout the Bible, forgiveness is a dominant theme and as Christians we have many questions about forgiveness. The act of forgiving does not come easy for most of us. Our natural instinct is to recoil and hide in self-protective mode when we are hurt, so mercy, grace and understanding flies out of our vocabulary as we are now in a physical shutdown.

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Here are some Questions and Answers that will definitely help you to exercise forgiveness.

Is Forgiveness a conscious choice or an emotional state?

Forgiveness is a choice that we make, it is a decision of our will, motivated by obedience to God and his command to forgive. The Bible instructs us to forgive as the Lord forgave us: Colossians 3:13
"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

How do we forgive when we don't feel like it?

We forgive out of obedience by faith. Since forgiveness goes against our human nature, we must forgive by faith whether we feel like it or not. We must trust God to do the work in us that needs to be done so that our forgiveness will be complete. Our faith brings us confidence in God's promise to help us forgive and shows that we trust in his character. Hebrews 11:1 *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."*

How do we translate our decision to forgive into a change of heart?

God honors our commitment to obey him and our desire to please him when we choose to forgive. He completes the work in his time and we must continue to forgive by faith which is our job until the work of forgiveness, which is the Lord's is done in our hearts. Philippians 1:6 *"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."*

How will we know if we have truly forgiven?

We will know the work of forgiveness is complete when we experience the freedom that comes as a result. We are the ones that suffer most when we choose not to forgive. We experience the release from anger, bitterness, resentment and hurt that previously imprisoned us. It can be a slow process which puts added stress on us causing all kinds of physical challenges but Jesus had given Peter the answer to forgiveness.

Matthew 18:21-22 *"Then came Peter to Him and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee until seven times but, until seventy times seven."* Jesus' answer to Peter makes it clear that forgiveness is not easy for us and does not come with an expiration date. We have to keep on forgiving until we experience the freedom of forgiveness. This may require a lifetime of forgiving until it is settled in our hearts.

What if a person we need to forgive is not a believer?

We are called to love our neighbors and our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. Our secret weapon to fight unforgiveness is prayer. When we begin to pray for the person who has wronged us, saved or unsaved, God takes the scales from our eyes to see and the veil from our hearts to care for that person as we are all God's creation. Matthew 5:43-48 *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven, for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not*

(Forgiveness cont'd)

even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."


Is it okay to feel anger and want justice for the person we need to forgive?

Again, this can be resolved in prayer as we ask God to deal with the injustices. We can trust God to judge that person's life and then we ought to leave that prayer at the altar. We no longer have to carry the anger, although it is normal for us to feel anger toward sin and injustice, it is not our job to judge the other person in their sin. Luke 6:37 *"Judge not and ye shall not be judged; condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned; forgive, and ye shall be forgiven."*

Why must we forgive?

- Jesus commands us to forgive or we also will not be forgiven (Matthew 6:14-16).
- We forgive so that our prayers will not be hindered (Mark 11:25).
- We forgive out of obedience to the Lord. It is a choice and a decision that we make. Forgiving others releases blessings on us, we receive the reward of our forgiveness which is spiritual freedom.

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung
Communications Ministry

A quote about forgiveness overlaid on a background of autumn leaves. The text is white and centered. The background is a soft-focus image of red and orange leaves on a dark surface, set against a colorful gradient background that transitions from blue on the left to red on the right.

Forgiveness is unlocking
the door to set someone
free and realizing you
were the prisoner

unknown



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy
transgressions for mine own sake, and
will not remember thy sins.*

Isaiah 43:25

HYMN OF PRAISE: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Written by Joseph M. Scriven

Lyrics

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.

O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden?
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior, still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” was originally written as a poem in 1855 by Joseph M. Scriven to comfort his mother who was terribly ill and who was living in Ireland while he was in Canada. Scriven was born in 1819 of prosperous parents in Bainbridge, Down County in Ireland. He graduated with a degree from Trinity College in Dublin in 1842. In 1843, the night before he was married, his fiancée accidentally drowned. In 1845, at the age of 25, he left his native Ireland and migrated to Canada.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diana McGhee, Ministry Leader



FBC Outreach Ministry
 is here to **HELP** during these
 challenging times!

Drive through
 on
Fridays
3:00pm-4:00pm
 and
Saturdays
11:30am-12:30pm

to get **FREE** groceries
 (Meat, Produce, Dairy & More)
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED !!!



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**School
Supplies &
Care Packages**

FBC Outreach Ministry's
**"Back to School"
 Drive Thru Event**
Saturday, July 24, 2021
1:30-3:00 pm

**Masks
Required**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



July is Healthy Vision Awareness Month

Get a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

Getting a dilated eye exam is simple and painless — and it's the single best thing you can do for your eye health! Even if your eyes feel healthy, you could have a problem and not know it. That's because many eye diseases don't have any symptoms or warning signs.

A dilated eye exam is the only way to check for many eye diseases early on, when they're easier to treat.

Find out if you're at risk for eye diseases.

Getting older increases your risk of some eye diseases. You might also have a higher risk of some eye diseases if you:

- Are overweight or obese
- Have a family history of eye disease
- Are African American, Hispanic, or Native American

Other health conditions, like diabetes or high blood pressure, can also increase your risk of some eye diseases. For example, people with diabetes are at risk for [diabetic retinopathy](#) — an eye condition that can cause vision loss and blindness.

If you're worried you might be at risk for some eye diseases, talk to your doctor. You may be able to take steps to lower your risk.

Know your family's health history. Talk with your family members to find out if they've had any eye problems. Some eye diseases and conditions run in families, like [age-related macular degeneration](#) or [glaucoma](#). Be sure to tell your eye doctor if any eye diseases run in your family.

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.



COVID INFORMATION & PREVENTION TIPS



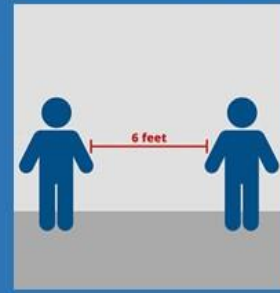
STAY AT HOME
AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE



WASH HANDS
WITH SOAP OR USE
60%+ ALCOHOL
HAND SANITIZER



WEAR A MASK
WHEN OUT
AND ABOUT



STAY 6 FT APART
DO YOUR
PART

COVID-19 has a wide range of mild to severe symptoms which may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

TO ACCESS THE SYMPTOM CHECKER GO TO

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

REMEMBER WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



COVID-19 VACCINE INFORMATION

Make an appointment

By phone

@ 800-456-0186

Online

@ <https://www.gnrhealth.com/covid-vaccine-scheduling>

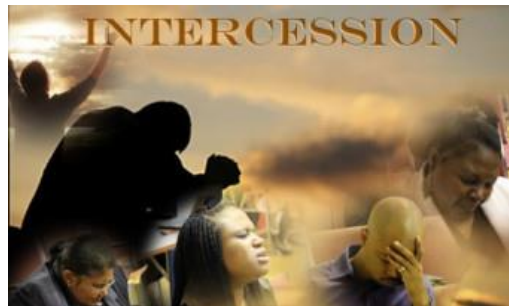
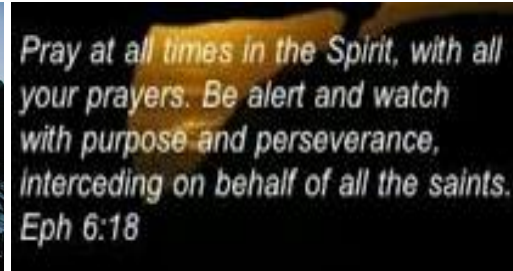
Walk-Up (Limited Availability)

@ Gwinnett Place Mall Mon-Sat, 9a-6p

@ GA Piedmont Technical College Newton Campus Mon-Wed, 9a-6p

@ Springfield Baptist Church Thu-Sat, 9a-6p

Prayer List



REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN WITH PRAYER AND CALLS

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

Sis. Doris Doyle
Sis. Essie Foy
Sis. Marlon German
Sis. Barbara Hall
Sis. Crystal Ingram
Sis. Charlotte Hayes
Bro. Emanuel Hazell
Sis. Dorothy Jamison
Bro. Patrick Jones
Bro. Dennis Kimmey
Sis. Mabel Lawrence
Dea. Jack Leverett

Bro. Laceem McCall
Sis. Thelma Matthews
Bro. Quintrell Melancon
Sis. Roxanne Motley
Evg. Valerie Montaque
Sis. Mary Myers
Sis. Ruthie Nelson
Sis. Gloria Peters
Bro. Garvin Potts
Sis. Catherine Pressley
Sis. Carrie Rawls
Sis. Peggy Rogers

Dea. Clarence Slaughter
Bro. Antone Smith
Sis. Latisha Smith
Bro. Xavier Stephens
Sis. Tiffany Stovall
Sis. Mabel Thomas
Bro. Seth Tyler
Sis. April Walker
Rev. Dwight Wilkerson
Min. Floyd Williams
Sis. Sadie Wilson
Bro. Victor Winston, Jr.

Prayer changes things.



EDUCATION MINISTRY

Sharon Norman, Ministry Leader

On Sunday, June 13th, Friendship Baptist Church highlighted and virtually recognized both our high school and college graduates during our 11 am service. At this moment in time, we have all faced obstacles, but this Class of 2021 did not allow anything to stop them from reaching their goal.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



- Basil Porter
- Parent: Roxanne Porter
- Lambert High School



- Christian Mason
- Parents: Corey & Tanya Mason
- Peachtree Ridge High School



- Emani Tucker
- Parents: Emmanuel & Barbara Tucker
- Peachtree Ridge High School



- Emon Hill Jr
- Parents: Emon Sr. & Gail Hill
- Mill Creek High School



- Gabrielle A. Williams
- Parent: Kittren Lee-Williams
- Archer High School



- Marissa Turk
- Parents: Marc & Melissa Turk
- Northview High School



- Nathaniel (Nate) Finch
- Parents: R. Keith & Kalandra D Finch
- Mill Creek High School

Congrats!



- Rayvin Smith
- Parents: Vincent & Evita Smith
- Central Gwinnett High School



- Zakia Browne
- Parents: Markesha & William Little
- Hampton High School

2021 CLASS OF

2021 COLLEGE GRADUATES



Autumn Janay Williams
Bachelor of Science
Chemistry
Spelman College
Parents: Deacon Anthony
and Tuwanda Williams



Daijah Armani Brown
Bachelor of Science
Business Administration
Marketing
Georgia Gwinnett College
Parents: Jesse and Sheila Jones



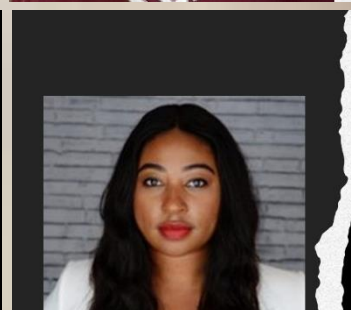
Jarren DaVaughn Cottingham
Bachelor of Science
Communications-Journalism
Wingate University
Parents: Elder James and
Minister Erika Cottingham



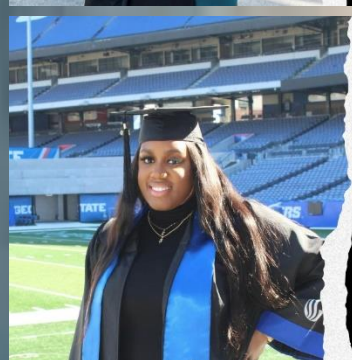
Maxwell Turk
Bachelor of Arts
Morehouse College
Political Science
Parents: Marc and Melissa Turk



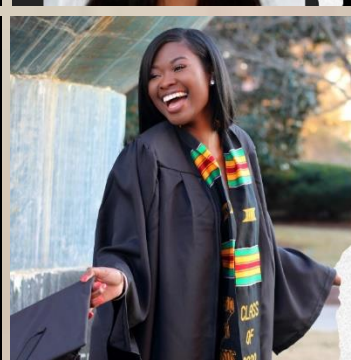
Mecca Malone
Bachelor of Science
Multimedia Film and Production
Minor Film Production
Georgia Southern University
Parent: LaShea Malone



Melissa Martin
Bachelor of Science
Business Administration
Georgia State University
J. Mack Robinson College of Business
Parents: Min. Shurron and Rhoda Green



Michal Briana Patterson
Bachelor of Arts
Journalism
Georgia State University
Parents: Deacon Michael and
Paula Patterson



Myriyah Alexis Wells
Bachelor of Science
Journalism and Emerging Media
Minor Spanish
Kennesaw State University
Parent: Charlotte Wells



Shelvin Whyte, Jr.
Bachelor of Science
Information Technology
Kennesaw State University
Parent: Judith Whyte



MEN'S MINISTRY

Marvin Whitfield, Ministry President



**GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY ZOOM
MEETING EVERY 1ST SATURDAY AT 10:30 AM
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86809041871?pwd=YkdxWDFoREs1YzZbDBIL3RHRTI4UT09>

The next meeting is scheduled for July 10th following the 4th of July.

For more information, contact: Bro. Marvin Whitfield @ 678-896-3918.

Men's Ministry Leadership

President – Marvin Whitfield

Vice President - Ryan Dendy

Treasurer – Dale Hill

Secretary – Dallis Hairston

Asst. Secretary/Correspondence – Rickie Bowens

Chaplain - Minister Jimmy Redman

Meet Linda Davis: 45 Years of Teaching and Training

Source: *Child Development Associate (CDA) A National Credentialing Program*

May Edition of *CounciLINK-E Newsletter: Honoring Early Childhood Education Teachers, May 27, 2021*



“Jesus taught everywhere,” Linda Davis says. So has she because she thinks it is a blessing to teach other folks. And this conviction has guided her during a long, diverse career in the early childhood field. She has been a center teacher and director, an adjunct college professor and the owner of Justus Kidz Family Child Care. Now she is a Professional Development Specialist and the CEO of Justus ECE Professional Development in Atlanta GA, a business she started about 10 years ago “My focus now,” she explains, “is to provide high-quality training for family childcare providers, center-based teachers, administrators and directors.”

Success in the early childhood field, Linda tells everyone she trains, depends on caring about the people you serve. “You have to love the children. You also must love the families and give them the social and mental support they need. You need to be willing to work long hours to help others develop and grow. You have to be willing to take criticism at times, and you certainly can’t expect to get rich.”

But the rewards are great, Linda points out, as she thinks about the impact that she has made. “The children I taught have been successful. They have become doctors and lawyers, even judges. We keep in touch, and they still call me Ms. Linda and/or Nana like they did when they were little.” Some of them even come to Linda’s house for picnics and bring their own kids, who are now about the age Linda was when she first found her vocation.

“I’ve always been interested in working with children,” Linda recalls. “When I was six, I would get the neighborhood children and remember putting them on the porch to teach them their ABCs and colors in Peoria, IL. And when I went to college, I found a way to turn my love for teaching children into a career. A friend of mine was a nurse (Donna Rutherford) and said she was going to take a child development class, so I took it with her. When I aced the class, it was like I had found my niche.” It was the start of a 45 plus year-long career in ECE.

Linda would go on to earn her master’s in child, family, and community services. She became the director at Riverview Garden Child Care Center in Peoria, Illinois. Then her path changed a bit after she and her husband moved to Georgia in 2003. “Around that time, the onset of long-term health issues stopped me from working,” she explains. In 2007, she operated an afterschool program at her church. When that ended Linda stated, “some of the parents asked me if I would watch their children, so I decided to get licensed and start my own family childcare home. Four years later, I got involved in the National Association of Family Child Care and got her program accredited. During that time, a trainer for Bright from the Start (Marilynn Ward) figured out how experienced I was and asked me if I wanted to become a trainer, too. So, I took the steps to become a qualified trainer, began creating my training and submitting them for approval.” The rest is history.

Since then, Linda has reached a wide audience of people who want to learn. “I do train the trainer. I do directors’ training and I do individual training dealing with engaging parents, social emotional skills, and other early childcare trainings to teach my students. It is different than teaching the little ones,” she admits. Yet she still gets the gratification of helping kids by making sure their teachers are well prepared. “Everyone is winning out in the long run,” she says, “when teachers do what they’re supposed to do.” And that matters to her so much that she even provides free training to some teachers who cannot afford it. Her keen sense of charity comes from her strong commitment to kids, as she explains. “Teachers need to be aware of resources and trends in their field so they can do the best possible job serving young children.”

One of the ways she helps teachers learn the proper way of doing things is by helping them earn their CDA. “The credential is a great way to get the training they need without going to college,” she says, and that is a godsend,

(Linda Davis cont'd)

especially for older teachers. "I have had students in their sixties and seventies," she says, "who told me they were afraid to go into a college classroom with a lot of young people. But they were comfortable earning their CDA with me."

That is because Linda knows how to put students at ease. Every time she starts a training session, she makes a standard speech, so all the students know they are in this together. "I tell them that we are all here to learn, including myself. I am still taking training for things to enhance my knowledge in the childcare field, and I hope you are taking this training to enhance your knowledge. No one has all the answers."

Still, there was one 65-year-old student who thought she knew it all, Linda recalls, and was convinced you could not teach anything to infants. "But I insisted that you could and showed her how to do interactive activities like finger plays, tummy time and baby yoga. Then when the training was over, I went to the center where she worked and saw that she had taken my lessons to heart. I watched her getting down on the floor talking to babies, doing baby yoga and all the other things she told me you could not do with babies. So, it made me feel good to know I had won her over."

Linda has also made a lasting impact on other students she has trained for the CDA. "After earning the credential," she says, "some go on to earn their associate degree in ECE. Then, when it comes time to renew their CDA, they come back to me for any additional training that they might need. Some also invite me to come into their classroom just to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to do. And it is rewarding to watch them do exactly what I taught them."

She also passes on important lessons in her work as a PD Specialist for the Council. "Before I do a visit for CDA students, I interview them to make sure they have everything they need. Then I tell them to relax and take a deep breath. I am not here to criticize you. So just be yourself. If you are teaching the children the right way, you will be fine." And so will the children. "What matters is that you take time to explain to the kids what is, and why is, of what you are doing. And you also have to make children feel they can come to you with any issues and know you will do your best to clear them up."

Linda gets the chance to practice what she preaches since she often volunteers as a sub for her former students. "I take over their classes," she says, "when they have a doctor's appointment or something important to do and cannot get someone to fill in. I teach, I read, I cook, and do anything else they need. I also go with former students on field trips, so they have another set of hands to supervise the children." And this volunteer work gives Linda a chance to still enjoy the rewards of teaching young children. "I get to see the smiles on their faces," she says, "and watch them absorbing everything like sponges."

Little children have a strong desire to learn, Linda explains. So, "teachers who have the right training play a vital role in helping them become productive adults later in life. There is nothing better than seeing a young child go on to succeed in school and have parents tell you it is because you took the time to make them school ready." Many parents have said this to Linda, and many early childhood teachers have turned to her consistently for help in making their practice effective and fun. So, as she reflects on her long career as a teacher and trainer, Linda feels truly blessed.

Linda and her husband, Michael, are faithful members of Friendship Baptist Church.

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



Capt. Ferrer, the Captain of
Pedro Mestre, of the Island of Cuba, having purchased fifty-thr...
Ferrer, in order to transport them to Principe, another port...
has on board, in order to obtain their freedom, and return to J...
moor. Capt. Ferrer and the cook of the vessel were killed; two



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We were glad to leave this vessel, as the exhalations from her hold and deck were like any thing but 'gales wafted over the gardens of Gol.' Captain Gedney has despatched an express to the U. S. marshal at New Haven, while he has made the most humane arrangements for the health and comfort of the prisoners, and the purification of the prize. There are now alive 44 negroes, three of whom are girls; about 10 have died. They have been at sea 63 days.

The vessel and cargo were worth \$40,000 when they left Havana, exclusive of the negroes, which cost from 20 to \$30,000. Vessel and cargo were insured in Havana.

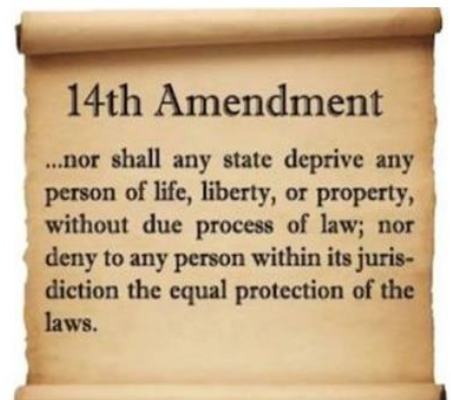
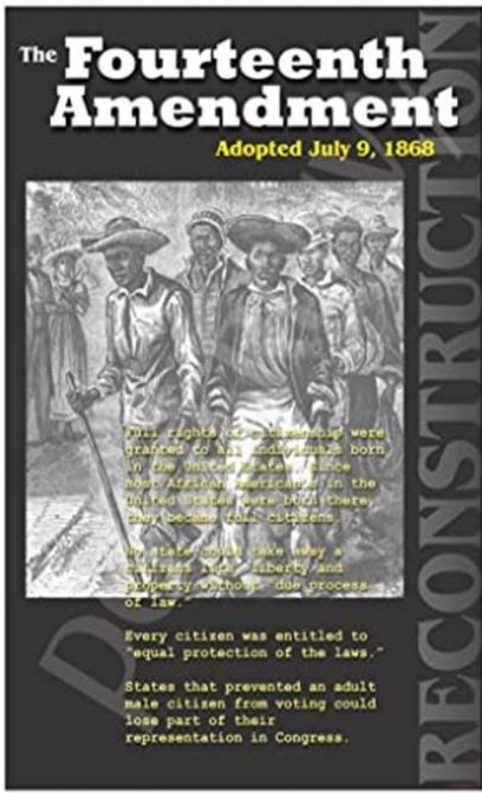
Capt. Gedney, when he first espied the Amistad, was running a line of sounding toward Montauk Point. He had heard nothing of this vessel being on the coast till after his arrival in this port.

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July 1839

La Amistad (Spanish for Friendship) was a 19th-century two-masted schooner, owned by a Spaniard living in Cuba. It became renowned in July 1839 for a slave revolt by Mende captives, who had been captured by Portuguese slave hunters in Sierra Leone in violation of all extant treaties and brought to Cuba.

(Black History cont'd)



July 1868
 The 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified in 1868, granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States—including former enslaved people—and guaranteed all citizens “equal protection of the laws.”

July 1852

Frederick Douglass gave a keynote address at an Independence Day celebration and asked, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?" Douglass states that the nation's founders are great men for their ideals for freedom, but in doing so he brings awareness to the hypocrisy of their ideals with the existence of slavery on American soil. Douglass continues to interrogate the meaning of the Declaration of Independence, to enslaved African Americans experiencing grave inequality and injustice: "...Fellow-citizens, pardon me, allow me to ask, why am I called upon to speak here to-day? What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us? and am I, therefore, called upon to bring our humble offering to the national altar, and to confess the benefits and express devout gratitude for the blessings resulting from your independence to us?"

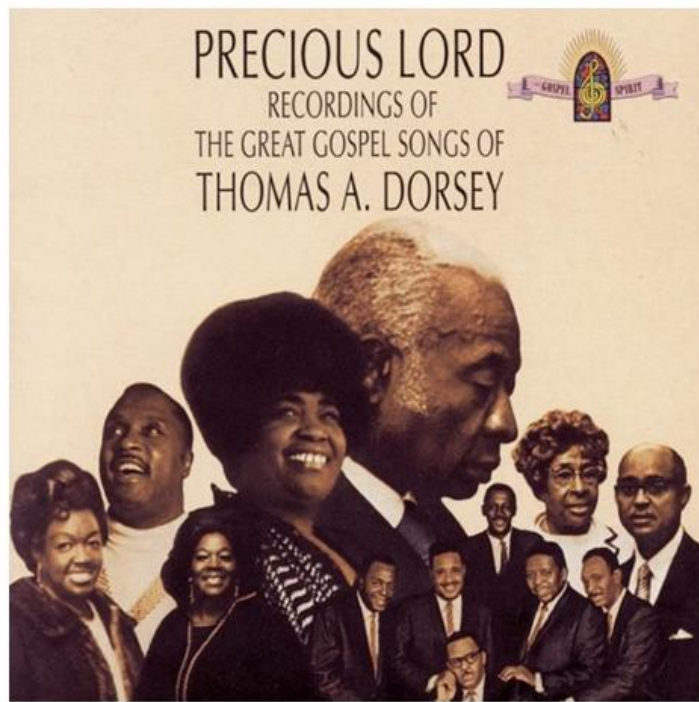


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July 1899

Thomas Andrew Dorsey

was an American musician, composer, and Christian evangelist influential in the development of early blues and 20th-century gospel music. He penned 3,000 songs, a third of them gospel, including "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" and "Peace in the Valley". Recordings of these sold millions of copies in both gospel and secular markets in the 20th century.



There'll Be Peace In The Valley For Me
An song by Mahalia Jackson, National Gospel Singer, Chicago, Ill.
 A Dorsey Song By THOMAS A. DORSEY

Moderato

1. I am tir - ed and woa - ry but I must toil on Till the Lord comes to
 2. There the flow'rs will be bloom - ing the grass will be green And the skies will be
 3. There the bear will be gra - tle the wolf will be tame And the lion will lay
 4. No head - aches or heart - aches or mis - un - der - stands No con - fess - ion or

call me a - way Where the morn - ing is bright and the Lamb is the
 clear and se - rene The sun ev - er shines giv - ing me end - less
 down by the Lamb The hood from the wild will be led by a
 trou - ble woot be No frowns to de - file just a big end - less

CHORUS

light And the night is as fair as the day. There'll be peace in the val - ley for
 beam And no clouds there will ev - er be seen. Child I'll be changed from the crea - ture. I am.
 smile There'll be peace and con - tent - ment for me.

me some day There'll be peace in the val - ley for me I pray no more sor - rows and
 sad - ness or trou - ble will be There'll be peace in the val - ley for me.

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand
 Words: Thomas Dorsey, 1932
 Music: George Allen, 1844
 and Thomas Dorsey, 1932

Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Lead me on, let me stand,
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 Through the storm, through the night,
 Lead me on to the light:

Refrain
 Take my hand, precious Lord,
 Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
 Precious Lord, linger near,
 When my life is almost gone,
 Hear my cry, hear my call,
 Hold my hand lest I fall:

Refrain

When the darkness appears
 And the night draws near,
 And the day is past and gone,
 At the river I stand,
 Guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain



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 PRECIOUS LORD**

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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 —

Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing

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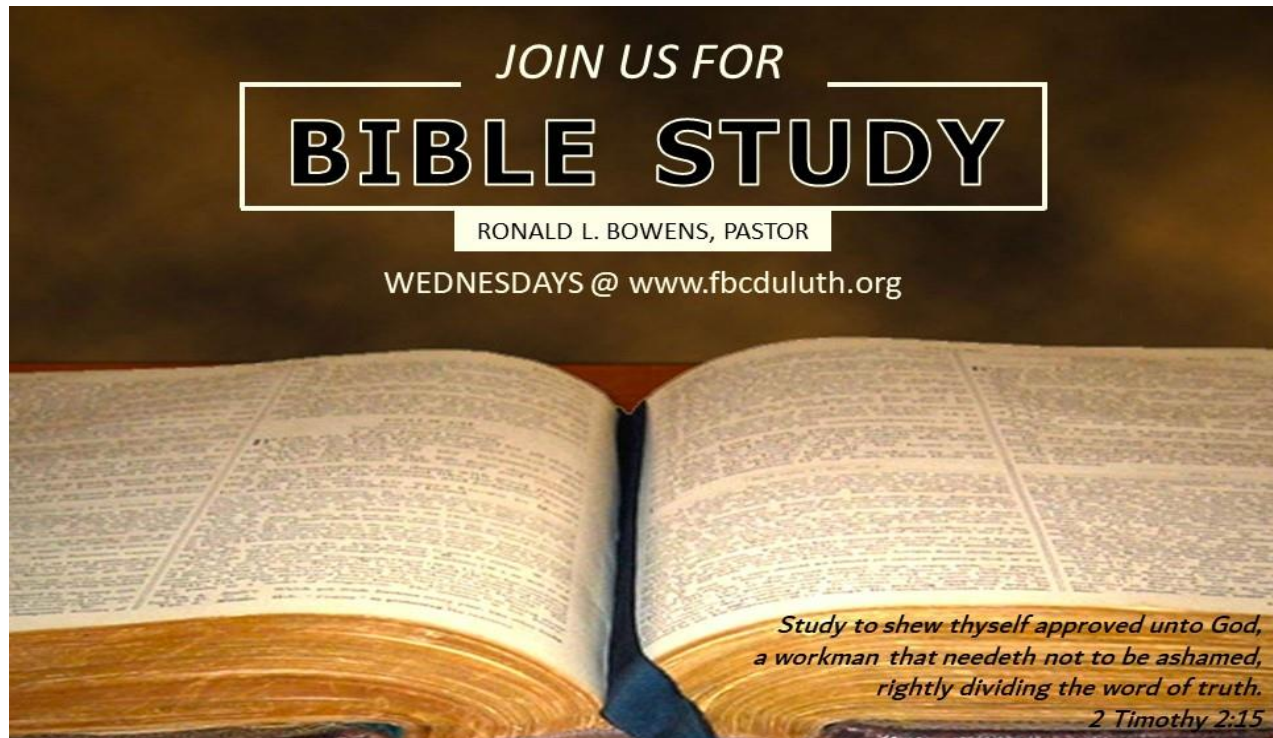


National Black Anthem

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
 Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
 Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
 Sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
 Sing a song full of hope that the present has brought us;
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
 Let us march on till victory won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
 Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
 Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
 Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
 We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
 We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
 Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
 Where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
 Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
 Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
 Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
 Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
 Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
 True to our God, true to our native land.



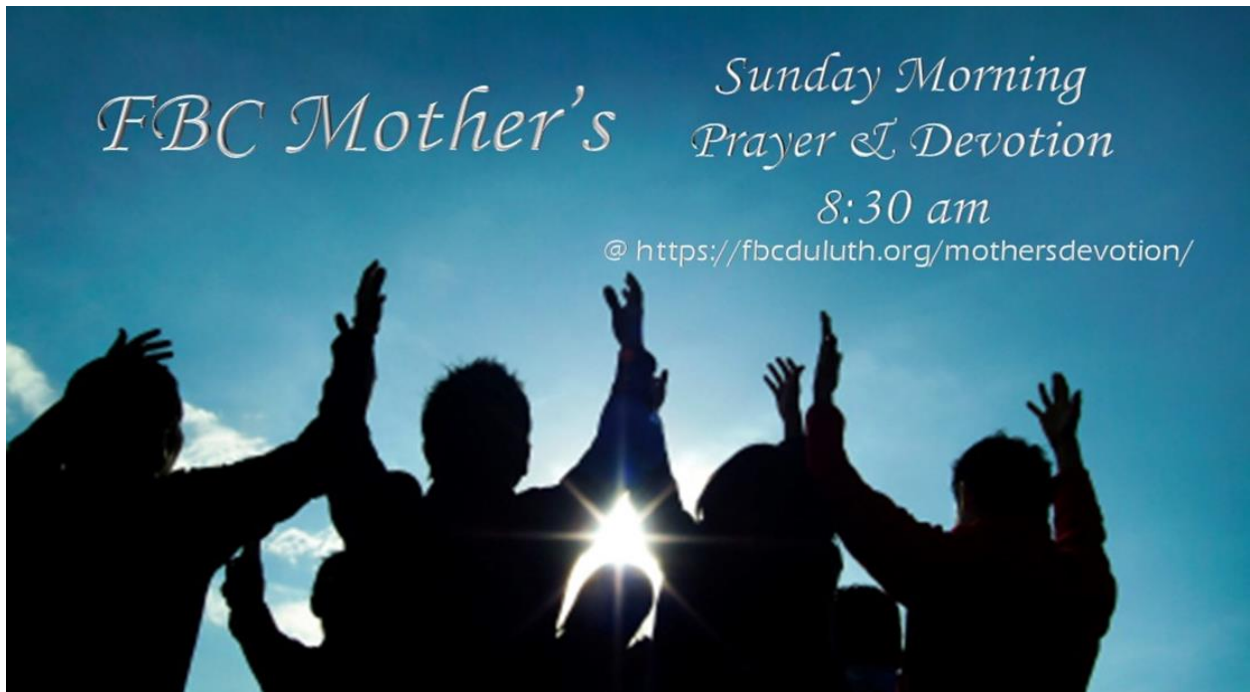
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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15*

HAVE YOU HAD **YOUR**
BREAKFAST?

They say it is the most important meal of the day. It jump starts your body for the day and when your body is well nourished, you thrive. But I love the verse in Matthew where we are reminded that we cannot live on bread alone. While breakfast may be the first meal of the day, it is even more important to feed your soul first thing in the morning. Giving God your “firsts” of the day sets your body, mind and spirit up for success. You see, our spirit needs a different kind of food and that is the knowledge of God’s Word. In the same way that our body can be malnourished when not fed a balanced meal, the same can be true when we do not feed our spirit with truths from God’s Word.

But he answered and said, **“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”** Matthew 4:4 KJV



FBC Women's Ministry 2021

"We're All In!"

Come join us each month as we go after God with all our heart!

2nd Saturday @ 8:30 am

Zoom Meeting ID ~ 850 9570 8020

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Women's Class Marriage Class
Men's Class Conn3ct
Living Single for Christ

Sunday School Books
available in the Church Office
Monday-Thursday
10am-2pm



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FBC Sunday School on ZOOM! Please join one of our Adult online Sunday School classes every Sunday from 9:45 am – 10:45 am. Go to fbcduluth.org and choose your class. The study for the summer quarter (June-August) will focus on “**Confident Hope.**” Sunday school books are available for pick up from the Church office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

How many times do we doubt the Lord’s ability to do the impossible in our lives? From the June 27th lesson “Why Do You Doubt?” Matthew 14:22-33:

Liberating Lesson: God is still performing signs and wonders today as we call on the name of His Son Jesus. We should seek the Lord’s Will for our lives to receive vision and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to get in alignment to make the miraculous happen in our age. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives within us. Just as the apostles turned the world upside down at the Word of the Lord to establish the church, we live on as His fruit on the earth.

Application for Activation: We are encouraged to fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for the sake of the joy set before Him endured the Cross and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). If we truly believe that Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us, we must trust that we are safe in His arms and follow His lead.



Friendship Baptist Church

YOUTH SUNDAY
SCHOOL

SUNDAYS
🕒 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Go to fbcduluth.org and click Online Youth Sunday School

Come fellowship and gain a much deeper understanding of God's Word
so you can apply these scriptural truths to your everyday life.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sis. Charlene Benn, Ministry Leader



TEEN MINISTRY

Rev. Stan & Min. Barbara Williams, Ministry Leaders



Church News & Other Important Information

Welcome Back! Friendship Baptist Church is open Sundays at 11:00 am. The opening is limited and reservations are required. For Information and Registration go to fbcduluth.org/reopening/.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Psalm 133:1

For the protection of everyone:

- Maintain social distancing
- A face mask is required at all times
- Follow ushers and staff instructions
- Walk directly outside after service
- Adhere to the signs posted in the church

"Let all things be done decently and in order."
1 Corinthians 14:40

Communications Ministry

FBC's newsletter, Friendship's Voice, is the voice of the people. Being sheltered in has changed many lives in a number of ways. Consider sharing a word for God's people, a testimony, an inspiration, a helpful tip for parents trying to balance working from home and helping their children with school work. "You can merely be a witness and share aspects of your experience while sheltered in." Are you doing something specifically to help others who are sheltered in? Have you adopted a new hobby or some other activity you would like to share with your Friendship family? Please provide feedback and include your name, phone number and email address and send newsletter information to Paulette Tapp at ptapp1052@gmail.com or via text at 678-779-4661. If you need additional information about the Communications Ministry, please contact Louie Malone at tag49llm@aol.com.

AROUND GWINNETT

Register early at your child's new school

If you're new to Gwinnett and need to register your child for school or if your child is changing schools due to a move, summer is the best time to register. All Gwinnett County Public Schools locations will be open for registration from 9:00am to 4:00pm on July 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, and 22. To learn which school your child will attend, go to "[Find my school](#)" webpage. Start the [registration process](#), then go to the school on registration days to complete the process. Visit the [GCPS website](#) for your school's phone number to learn additional registration dates and hours. **GCPS' first day of school is August 4.**



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Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

Based on Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)



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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



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

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**DEADLINE FOR AUGUST SUBMITTALS IS
FRIDAY, JULY 16TH**



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Exalt the Savior • Equip the Saint • Evangelize the Sinner

A PURPOSE-DRIVEN CHURCH

Friendly through Fellowship

Developed through Discipleship

Enlarged through Evangelism

Sharing and Caring through Servanthood

Stronger through God’s Word and True Worship

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