

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”



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Rev. Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor

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## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 1 Sis. Debbie Bowens' Birthday
- 4 First Day of School
- 7 Men's Ministry Zoom Meeting
- 14 Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Labor Day Observance

### WELCOME BACK!

For reopening registration and current information, please go to our website at [www.fbcduluth.org](http://www.fbcduluth.org). Stay connected via YouTube and subscribe to our channel. Stay safe and well.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**SISTER DEBBIE**

**AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>**

**WE CELEBRATE YOU ALWAYS**

“The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!” Deuteronomy 1:11

Thank you for your dedication to God, Pastor and our congregation. We love you and thank God for you!



# Obedience

Obedience in the dictionary can be broken down as simple compliance, dutifulness, respect, discipline, conformity or submissiveness. God's definition of Obedience relates to hearing or hearkening to a higher authority or positioning oneself under someone by submitting to their authority and command.

Because of disobedience, Saul was rejected as king because he failed to utterly destroy the Amalekites, instead, he chose to keep the best of the best for himself and to offer sacrifice to God. God did not want his sacrifice; he wanted his obedience.

1 Samuel 15:22 - But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. This means we have to hear, trust, submit and surrender to God and his Word.

## Reasons for Obedience:

1. **Jesus calls us to Obedience** – John 14:15, If you love me, you will keep my commandments
2. **Obedience is an Act of Worship** – Our works cannot make us righteous but because of the Grace the Lord has extended to us, obedience should be flowing from our hearts out of gratitude. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."
3. **God Rewards Obedience** – Genesis 22:18, "And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me."
4. **Obedience to God Proves our Love** – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> John shows that obedience to God demonstrates love for God. "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments". (1 John 5:2-3) and doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning. (2 John 6)
5. **Obedience to God demonstrates our Faith** – When we obey God, we show our trust and faith in Him: And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. (1 John 2:3-6)
6. **Obedience is better than sacrifice** – 1 Samuel 15:22-23, But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the LORD: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice? Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

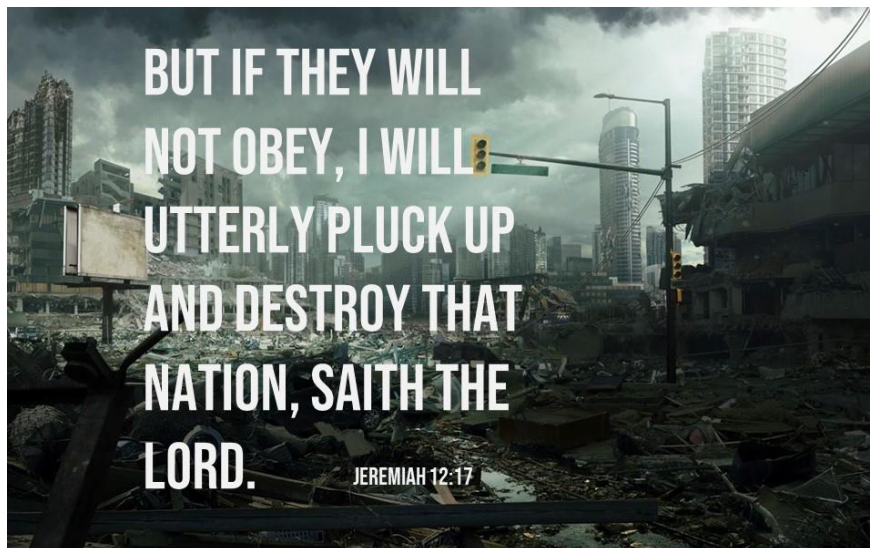
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7. **Disobedience leads to sin and death** – the disobedience of Adam brought sin and death into the world but Christ's perfect obedience restores fellowship with God for everyone who believes in Him. Romans 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous"; and I Corinthians 15:22 "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."
8. **Through Obedience we experience the Blessings of Holy Living** – Jesus was the only perfect one who walked sinless and in perfect obedience. As we spend more time with God through his Word, Fellowship and Worship, the Holy Spirit will transform us from within as we can grow in holiness. Obedience should be a lifestyle for us. 2 Corinthians 7:1 "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung  
Communications Ministry



## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



## HYMN OF PRAISE: "TRUST AND OBEY"

### Lyrics

1) When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

2) Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.

3) But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.

4) Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.

### Refrain:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

"Trust and Obey" was written by John H. Sammis in 1887, listed in The United Methodist Hymnal, No. 467. The meaning of this hymn is fairly self-explanatory as Sammis illustrates the rewards of trusting God's word and obeying God's will.





Sunday, July 25, 2021  
 Pastor Ronald L. Bowens, Presiding  
 Baby: Morsell Anthony Baker, III  
 Parents: Ebony Lawton and Morsell Baker, II  
 Grandparents: Harold and Dianna Lue Morris  
 (FBC members)

**Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 KJV**

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: <sup>5</sup> And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. <sup>6</sup> And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: <sup>7</sup> And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. <sup>8</sup> And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. <sup>9</sup> And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.



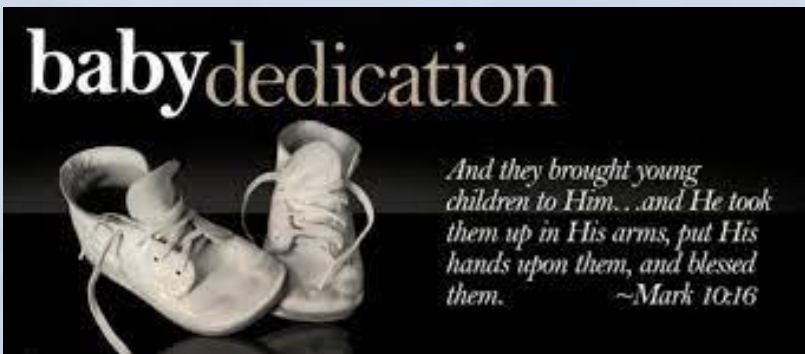


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Baby  
Dedication

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Dedication



## OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diana McGhee, Director



“One Body Saved to Serve”

### 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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## HEALTH MINISTRY

*Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader*



### August is National Immunization Awareness Month

In the U.S., vaccines have greatly reduced or eliminated many infectious diseases that once routinely killed or harmed infants, children, and adults. However, the viruses and bacteria that cause these diseases still exist and you can still get these diseases if you aren't vaccinated.

Every year thousands of adults in the U.S. become seriously ill and are hospitalized because of diseases that vaccines can help prevent. Many adults even die from these diseases. By getting vaccinated, you can help protect yourself from much of this unnecessary suffering.

Even if you received the vaccines you needed as a child, the protection from some vaccines can wear off. You may also be at risk for other diseases due to your job, lifestyle, travel, or health conditions.

**Vaccines can lower your chance of getting certain diseases.** Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses to help you safely develop immunity to disease. This lowers your chances of getting certain diseases and suffering from their complications. For instance:

- Hepatitis B vaccine lowers your risk of liver cancer.
- HPV vaccine lowers your risk of cervical cancer.
- Flu vaccine lowers your risk of flu-related heart attacks or other flu-related complications from existing health conditions like diabetes and chronic lung disease.

#### **Vaccines lower your chance of spreading disease.**

- Some people in your family or community may not be able to get certain vaccines due to their age or health condition. They rely on you to help prevent the spread of disease.
- Infants, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems (like those undergoing cancer treatment) are especially vulnerable to infectious disease. For example, newborn babies are too young to be vaccinated against whooping cough. Unfortunately, whooping cough can be very dangerous or even deadly for them. Pregnant women should get the Tdap vaccine during every pregnancy to help protect their babies from whooping cough. Anyone who is around babies should be up to date with their whooping cough vaccine.

#### **You Can't Afford to Get Sick**

You have a busy life and too much responsibility to risk getting sick. Vaccines can help you stay healthy so you don't miss work. If you can avoid getting sick, you will have more time for your family, friends and hobbies.

Getting recommended vaccines can give you some peace of mind. You will have the best possible protection available against a number of serious diseases.

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#### **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-19

### Key Facts About COVID-19 and COVID-19 Vaccines

**WHAT WE KNOW** COVID-19 is a deadly virus that does not discriminate.

**WHAT WE NEED** Population/Herd immunity which makes it hard for a disease to spread from person to person.

**WHAT CAN WE DO** Educate ourselves about the COVID-19 vaccine and get vaccinated.

**WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW** COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. Vaccines cannot give you COVID-19. You may have side effects after vaccination. These are normal and should go away in a few days.

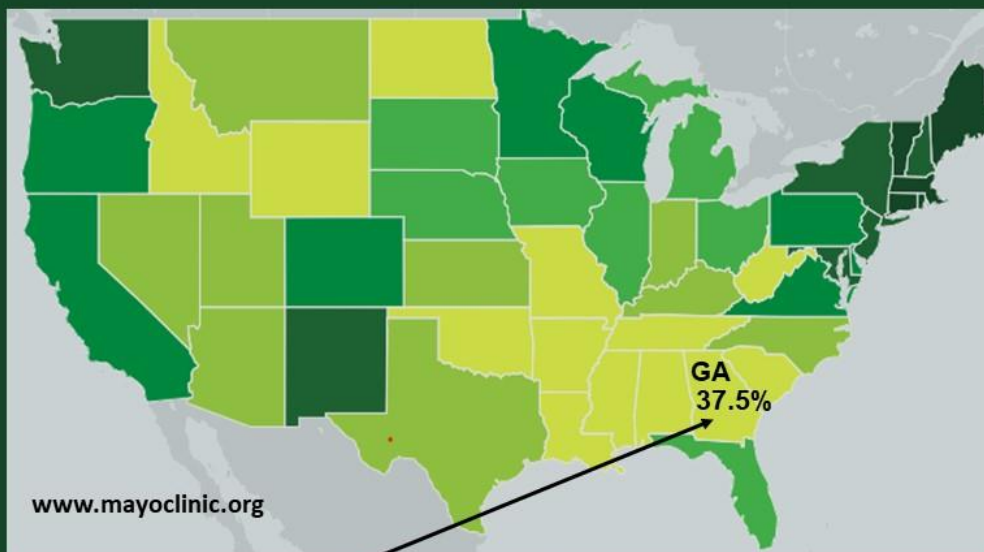
**HOW WILL THE COVID-19 VACCINE HELP** COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19, especially severe illness and death. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

**For more information go to**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/about-vaccines/index.html>

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.  
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

### US COVID-19 Vaccination Rates



Percentage of state population vaccinated



# HOW TO ACCESS A COVID VACCINE



- 1 ONLINE**  
Make an appointment on line at [www.gnrhealth.com/covid-vaccine-scheduling](http://www.gnrhealth.com/covid-vaccine-scheduling)
- 2 BY PHONE**  
Make an appointment by calling 888-457-0186
- 3 WALK-UP**  
Walk-up at one of our mass vaccination sites  
Monday-Friday 9am-5pm
  -  Lawrenceville Health Center, 455 Grayson Hwy, Suite 300
  -  Norcross Health Center, 5030 Georgia Belle Court
  - Monday-Friday 9am-4pm
  -  Gwinnett Place Mall, 2100 Pleasant Hill Rd

## COVID INFORMATION & PREVENTION TIPS



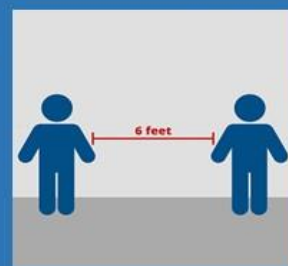
**STAY AT HOME**  
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE



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



**WEAR A MASK**  
WHEN OUT AND ABOUT



**STAY 6 FT APART**  
DO YOUR PART

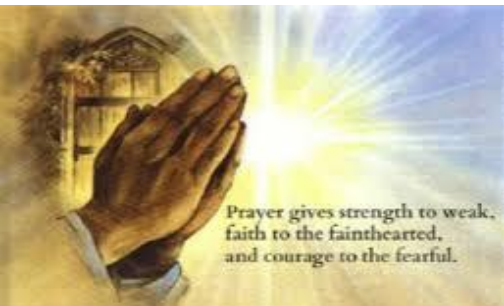
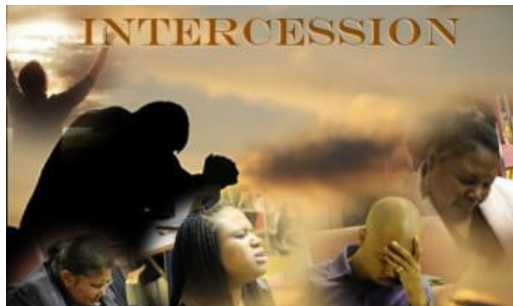
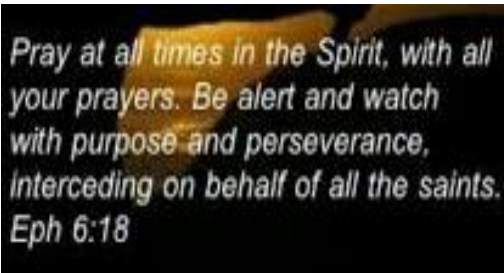
COVID-19 has a wide range of mild to severe symptoms which may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

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**

# 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. Minnie Fry  
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.*



## BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

*Sponsored by the FBC Outreach Ministry*

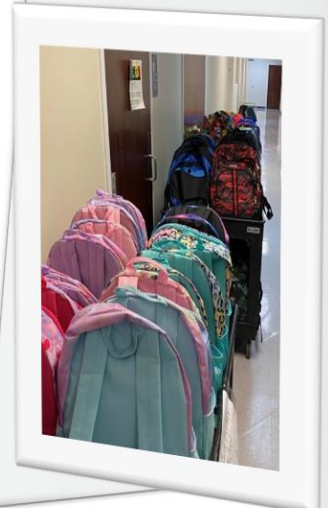
The Friendship Baptist Church Outreach Ministry held its annual Back to School event on Saturday, July 24, 2021. The 2019 and 2020 events were not held because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since many students are returning to the classroom this fall, we wanted to support them as much as possible. We changed the event to a “drive thru” format and instead of offering hot dogs and hamburgers, each child received a care package which included peanut butter, Ritz crackers, Pringles, Girl Scout cookies, apple juice and other items.

A total of 136 bookbags packed with school supplies were distributed to children in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Recipients included members of our church and a diverse group of families and children from greater Gwinnett County. We were assisted by volunteers from the Men’s Ministry, the Deacons’ Ministry and other church members. The event was chaired by Angela Campbell who coordinated the shopping, packing and distribution, along with a team of very able and committed volunteers. We thank you for a job well done! Thanks also to Diane Russell and Louie Malone, Communications Ministry, for capturing the event from beginning to end with photography.

We sincerely pray God’s protection over all the students as they return to school in person this year.

Diana McGhee, Ministry Director

Setup





(Back to School Event)





(Back to School Event)



Angela Campbell,  
Event Coordinator





## MEN'S MINISTRY

*Marvin Whitfield, Ministry President*



**GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY ZOOM  
MEETING SATURDAY, AUGUST 7 @ 10:30 AM  
AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86809041871?pwd=YkdxWDFoREs1YzJzbDBIL3RHRTI4UT09>

**Agenda: Prayers for a Safe and Successful School Year  
Psalm 20:4 "May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans  
succeed."**

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

**Men's Ministry Leadership**

President – Marvin Whitfield

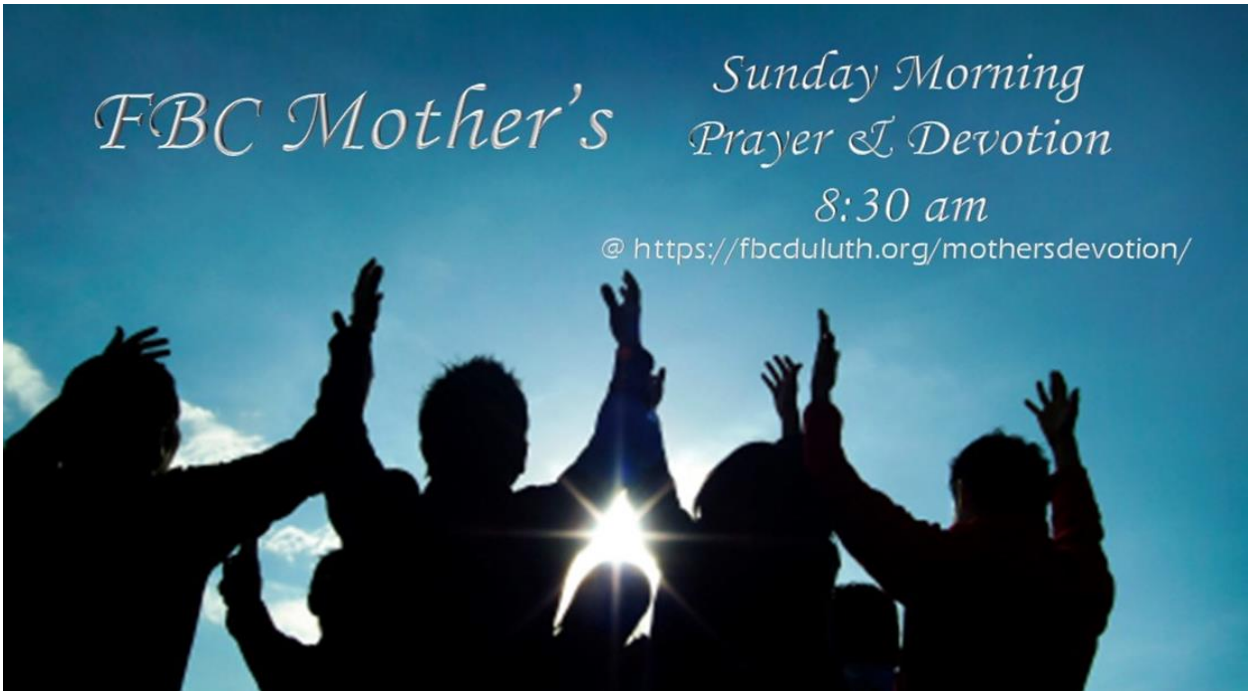
Vice President - Ryan Dendy

Treasurer – Dale Hill

Secretary – Dallis Hairston

Asst. Secretary/Correspondence – Rickie Bowens

Chaplain - Minister Jimmy Redman



## FBC Women's Ministry 2021 - "We're All In!"



We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month!  
Come join us as we go after God with all our heart!

**Zoom Meeting ID: 827 8986 6699**

**Passcode: 903992**

Min. Monique Stroman (678) 357-8282

Sis. Leslie Houston (770) 296-8874

### 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

## AUGUST – BLACK HISTORY MOMENTS

August 20, 1619



John Rolfe, Virginia's first tobacco planter & husband of the Indian princess Pocahontas, reports the arrival of the first African American slaves in English North America.

They were brought to Virginia by a Dutch trade ship named the *White Lion*. In his letter to the Virginia Company of London Rolfe writes:

*"brought not any thing but 20 and odd Negroes, with the Governor and Capt. Merchant bought for victuals . . . at the best and cheapest rate they could."*



AUGUST 20, 1619



(Black History cont'd)

## Civil Rights Act, 1957

- 1957, Pres. Eisenhower passed the **Civil Rights Act** to increase African American voting in the South.
- Various 'Jim Crow' laws had limited the ability of blacks to vote without paying a *poll tax* or passing a *literacy test*.
- Act created a **Civil Rights Commission** giving federal courts the power to register African American voters.
- Registration procedures were so complex that the act proved to be ineffective, but it helped set the pattern for later civil rights legislation.



## Civil Rights Act of 1957

- Pres. Eisenhower signs Civil Rights Act of 1957 into law.
- Small victory
- Protected rights of minorities
- But lacked power and conviction



AUGUST 29, 1957

(Black History cont'd)



AUGUST 28, 1963



(Black History cont'd)

The Marin County Civic Center in San Rafael, California, United States was the target of two related domestic terrorist attacks in 1970, tied to escalating racial tensions in the state's criminal justice system. On August 7, 17-year-old Jonathan P. Jackson attempted to coerce the release of the Soledad Brothers (including his older brother George) by kidnapping Superior Court judge Harold Haley from the Marin County Civic Center in San Rafael, California. The resulting shootout left three men and one boy dead, including both Jackson and Judge Haley. Two others were wounded. The event received intense media coverage, as did the subsequent manhunt and trial of Angela Davis, an ousted professor from UCLA with connections to George and Jonathan Jackson, and the Black Panthers. Davis owned the weapons used in the incident. On October 8 of that year, the Weathermen detonated explosives in support of the earlier incident.



**INTERSTATE FLIGHT - MURDER, KIDNAPING  
ANGELA YVONNE DAVIS**

Photograph taken 1969




FBI No. 867,615 G  
Photograph taken 1970



Aliases: "Tamu"

**AUGUST 7, 1970**






You are young, gifted, and Black. We must begin to tell our young, There's a world waiting for you, Yours is the quest that's just begun.

— James Weldon Johnson —

2 Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing

Lyrics by JAMES WELDON JOHNSON Music by I. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

Maestoso ben sostenuto

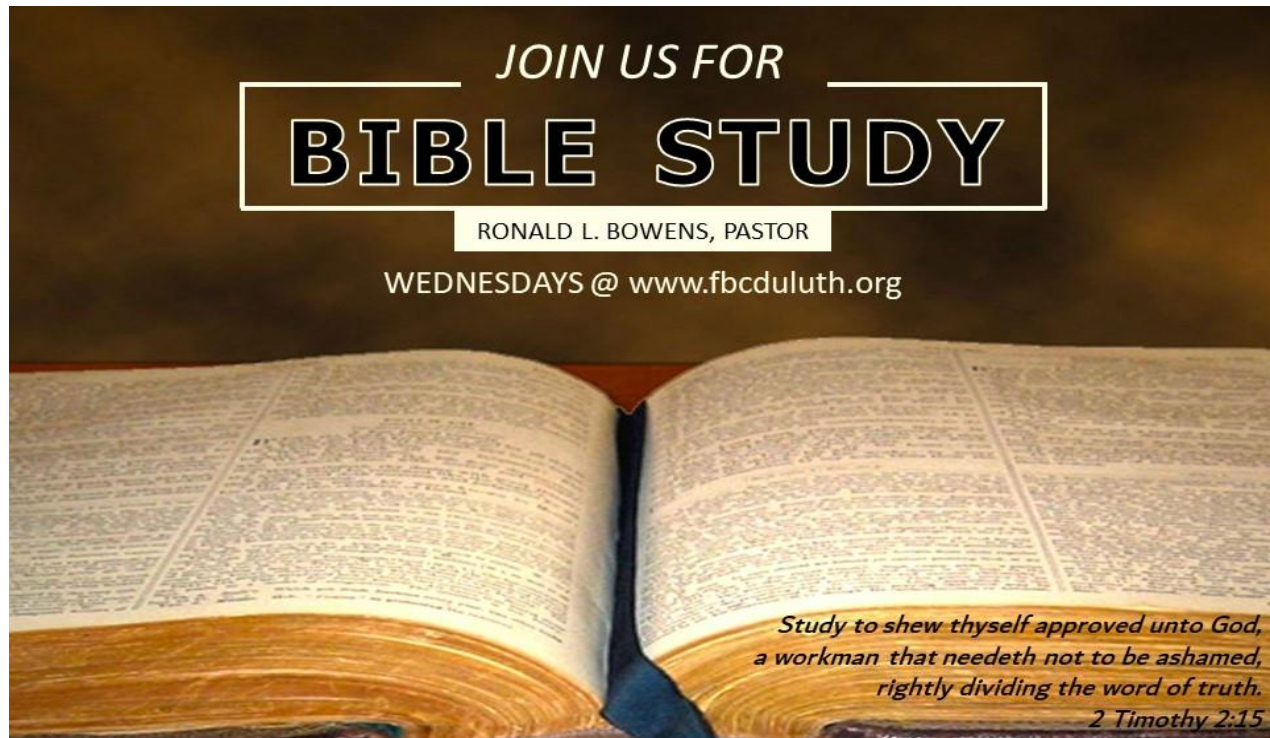


## National Black Anthem

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.



## NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

God. For some reason we tend to always read that word as a name. Have you ever noticed that? It may be because it's capitalized, or because often we're reading it from the Bible. For some reason though, when we verbalize this name through our speech, it lacks that same respect or reverence as when we read it. We've turned this name into a multitude of things other than what it truly is. For some it's a saying when we get frustrated, or something we throw around when we're gossiping about someone (OMG). "Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears." 2 Samuel 7:22 I love this verse because it represents the magnitude of this name. It's a name above all names. Great. None like it. The one true God.

We all have stories of grade school when we had 3 Jordans in our class, or 7 Matthews. This isn't how it is with God. He is the only one. Unmatched in all of His glory, might, love, and wisdom. My prayer for you in 2021 is that you would start to revere this name above all names. That your life would reflect its glory. His glory.

Challenge: What are all the names for God found throughout scripture (redeemer, perfecter, etc.)? When you think of God, or use His name in conversation, does it reflect the beauty and power of His name?

Author Unknown



ADULT ONLINE  
**Sunday**  
SCHOOL

9:45 am  
@fbcduluth.org

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



Dorian Rogers, Superintendent  
[4integrityauto@gmail.com](mailto:4integrityauto@gmail.com)  
 Phone: 770-309-6245

**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](http://fbcduluth.org) and choose your class. The study for this quarter will focus on “**Confident Hope.**” Sunday school books are available for pick up from the Church office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

From the July 25<sup>th</sup> lesson “Justification through Faith” Romans 5:1-11:

**Liberating Lesson:** It is interesting that the Scripture never presents living in faith and being hopeful as requests but as commands. We should keep in mind that the Lord is aware of our weaknesses even more than we are. He also knows our enemies and challenges but still requires our victorious outlook. When we are fearful and unsettled, then it shows we are not focused on His assurances. Our believing brothers and sisters need to see our hope in the Lord. Our hopeless world needs to see our hope as well. When we correct our relationship with Christ—when our daily walk is firm—we will grow in the ability to share this hope.

**Application for Activation:** Share the eternal truths of this lesson with at least two people this week. Explain how Christ’s death not only reconciles us to God but also empowers us to live godly lives.



Friendship Baptist Church

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
SCHOOL

SUNDAYS  
🕒 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Go to [fbcduluth.org](http://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*

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

## OBEYING GOD

K M D F X Q E N U X D G C Y H H M L T D P Q C X  
 P P U P V V S D B D M Z T S Y A B E T D N M N E  
 Y C D Z M I P E T E R P Y P I Z O Q G M S S M S  
 Y K I R E M O B E Y O C W S Y Q Z F B Z X Y X Q  
 U Y N G L U E O L W J N O Y Q U N G R T P G V H  
 A J R B Y X H R G D R R Q B M G O D P L U S R F  
 B P L O X M D B F J M N L F A F S H X R Z G M I  
 V W S L S R N Z N J I H V J J L I J Q X E V T V  
 Q V T A Q J I O F W K Z I P D U R C F B L A P B  
 V Z U D W D T D X K A N N Z X R P W C Y M B C X  
 X O U X E M A Q S X J L J Y Y Y J T V L M Q I H  
 U C M R A O Y P P A H P K N B W J Y N C E C A X  
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priest	happy	healed	walk
forty	man	crippled	worship
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Peter			

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## 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/](http://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



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

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

**Contributions can also be mailed to:**

Friendship Baptist Church  
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### **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](mailto:ptapp1052@gmail.com) or via text at 678-779-4661. If you need additional information about the Communications Ministry and would like to be a part of the ministry, please contact Louie Malone at [tag49llm@aol.com](mailto:tag49llm@aol.com).



## AROUND GWINNETT

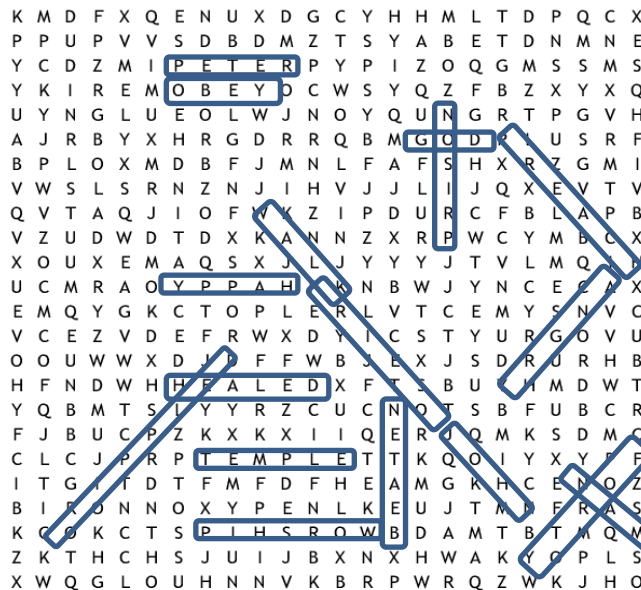
**NEW BUSINESS OWNERS.** If you're a new business owner in financial need or one who needs a jumpstart, the Gwinnett Entrepreneur Center wants to lend a helping hand. Learn more and apply at [GwinnettEntrepreneurCenter.com](http://GwinnettEntrepreneurCenter.com).

**PUBLIC SAFETY.** Use caution in summer heat Summer temperatures in Georgia can reach 100 degrees or more, which can be especially dangerous to seniors, children, and people with asthma. If you work or play outdoors, take precautions to be safe. Heat exhaustion symptoms include rapid, shallow breathing, cold and clammy skin, heavy perspiration, general weakness, muscle cramps, and possible loss of consciousness. Heat stroke includes deep breaths followed by shallow breathing, fluctuating pulse, dry hot skin, dilated pupils, loss of consciousness/possible coma, and seizures or muscular twitching. Heat stroke could result in brain damage or even death. If you find someone with heat exhaustion or heat stroke, try to cool them down, hydrate them, and call 911.

Follow these tips to stay safe in the summer heat:

- Stay hydrated during outdoor activities by drinking plenty of water
- Take a cool shower, especially after long exposure to the sun
- Wear clothing that is lightweight, light-colored, and loose fitting. A brimmed hat and sunglasses provide protection to the head, face, and eyes
- Use sunscreen and take breaks in shade
- Limit outdoor activities to early morning or late evening.

### OBEYING GOD



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| beaten | preach | prison   | angry   |
| priest | happy  | healed   | walk    |
| forty  | man    | crippled | worship |
| God    | obey   | temple   | John    |
| Peter  |        |          |         |

## 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 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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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SUBSCRIBE to: [www.fbcduluth.org](http://www.fbcduluth.org)

**DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER SUBMITTALS IS  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>**



### Mission Statement

**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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