



# FRIENDSHIP

BAPTIST CHURCH



3375 Church Lane  
Duluth GA 30096  
Rev. Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor

*In Everything*  
GIVE THANKS

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

November 2021

*Happy Thanksgiving*

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FRIENDSHIP'S VOICE

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### CALENDAR

#### NOVEMBER

- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 11 Veterans Day
- 24 Thanksgiving Drive-Thru 1-2pm
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 26 Church Office closed
- 26-27 Friendship Market closed

#### DECEMBER

- 24 Church Office closed
- 25 Christmas
- 31 Watch Night

### WELCOME BACK!

Seating is limited,  
reservations required.

Go to [fbcduluth.org/reopening/](http://fbcduluth.org/reopening/)  
for information and registration.



Thanksgiving celebration is a secular holiday, observed in many countries, as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year.

This celebration should not be set aside for a once a year annual event. Thanksgiving should be embedded in our hearts and be the heart of our daily worship to God.

We were created for worship, and worship without thanksgiving is like having the spread without the turkey. Thanksgiving should be the protein in our diets whet with praise, just like turkey or ham without the dressing would not be appealing to our palettes.

Thanksgiving is a way of life, the relationship between God and man. Just as the Pilgrims who came many years ago were dying of diseases, the Indians helped them back on their feet with food and medicine, but later the Pilgrims turned on the Indians and looked down on them as savages.

In the same way, we were wallowing in sin, God looked down upon us with pity and sent His only Son to die on the cross so we could have eternal life. He saved us from the wretched path we were going down, so each day we open our eyes, we should be giving him thanks instead of looking back from whence we came.

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In Nehemiah 12:27, it reads: *“And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, with thanksgivings and with singing, with cymbals, harps, and lyres.”* In the same manner, we should dedicate ourselves to God and His work with Thanksgiving and Praise.

Some of the many scriptures that support God requires Thanksgiving are:

Psalm 116:17 *“To you I shall offer a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.”*

Psalm 50:14 *“Offer to God a sacrifice of Thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High.”*

Psalm 95:2 *“Let us come before His presence with Thanksgiving. Let us shout joyfully to Him with Psalms.”*

Psalm 100:4 *“Enter His gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with Praise. Give thanks to Him and Bless his name.”*

Let us continue to praise God with gratitude, joy and thanksgiving, because if we are not grateful, we cannot be thankful. Keep on praying for each other my church Family and at all times, give thanks for the gift of Life.

Submitted by Hyacinth Chung  
Communications Ministry



## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



## HYMN OF PRAISE – “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand”

Written by Mary Jane Bain Wilson (Jennie Wilson)

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| <p>1. Time is filled with swift transition,<br/>Naught of earth unmoved can stand,<br/>Build your hopes on things eternal,<br/>Hold to God’s unchanging hand.</p> <p>2. Trust in Him who will not leave you,<br/>Whatever years may bring;<br/>If by earthly friends forsaken,<br/>Still more closely to Him cling.</p> | <p>3. Covet not this world’s vain riches,<br/>That so rapidly decay;<br/>Seek to gain the heav’nly treasures,<br/>They will never pass away.</p> <p>4. When your journey is completed,<br/>If to God you have been true,<br/>Fair and bright the home in glory,<br/>Your enraptured soul will view.</p> |
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### **Refrain:**

Hold to God’s unchanging hand,  
Hold to God’s unchanging hand;  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God’s unchanging hand.



Submitted by Hyacinth Chung,  
Communications Ministry

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diana McGhee, Director

**The Market is closed  
November 26 & 27.**



**“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 !!!**



Friendship Baptist Church ~ 3375 Church Lane ~ Duluth, GA 30096

Phone ~ 770-497-8227 ~ Email ~ [friendshipduluth@att.net](mailto:friendshipduluth@att.net)

For more information about the Outreach Ministry, please contact: Diana McGhee at 404-312-1232 or [dianaymcghee@bellsouth.net](mailto:dianaymcghee@bellsouth.net) or Catherine Stafford at 678-983-7587.



## **IT'S ALMOST THANKSGIVING!!**

*"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 118:1 KJV*

**In place of our Annual Thanksgiving Eve Service and Lunch, the FBC Outreach Ministry invites you to a "Drive-Through" and pick up a prepared Thanksgiving meal and grocery box!**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

**Drive-Thru Pick Up Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Friendship Baptist Church  
3375 Church Street, Duluth, GA 30096**

**Please call the FBC church office at 770-497-8227  
for more information**



## HEALTH MINISTRY

Vickie Perry, RN/BSN, Ministry Leader



### National Diabetes Month 2021

November is National Diabetes Month, a time when communities across the country team up to bring attention to diabetes. This year's focus is on prediabetes and preventing diabetes.

Prediabetes is a serious health condition where your blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. **According to the CDC, more than 1 in 3 U.S. adults have prediabetes—that's 88 million people—but the majority of people don't know they have it.**

The good news is that by making small healthy lifestyle changes, it is possible to prevent type 2 diabetes and even reverse your prediabetes.

Here are some tips to help manage prediabetes and prevent diabetes.

- **Take small steps.** Making changes to your lifestyle and daily habits can be hard, but you don't have to change everything at once. It is okay to start small. Remember that setbacks are normal and do not mean you have failed—the key is to get back on track as soon as you can.
- **Move more.** Limit time spent sitting and try to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity, 5 days a week. Start slowly by breaking it up throughout the day.
- **Choose healthier foods and drinks most of the time.** Pick foods that are high in fiber and low in fat and sugar. Build a plate that includes a balance of vegetables, protein, and carbohydrates. Drink water instead of sweetened drinks.
- **Lose weight, track it, and keep it off.** You may be able to prevent or delay diabetes by losing 5 to 7 percent of your starting weight.
- **Seek support.** It is possible to reverse prediabetes. Making a plan, tracking your progress, and getting support from your health care professional and loved ones can help you make the necessary lifestyle changes.
- **Stay up to date on vaccinations.** The COVID-19 (booster shot, if eligible) and flu vaccines are especially important for people who may be more likely to get very sick from COVID-19 or the flu, such as people with diabetes.

Source: NIH.gov

**Your Health Is A Life Long Journey**



# 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.

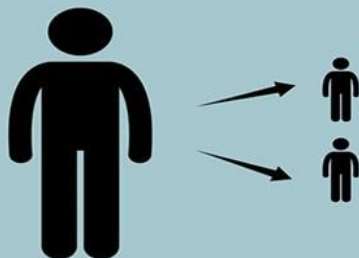
**For more information go to**

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

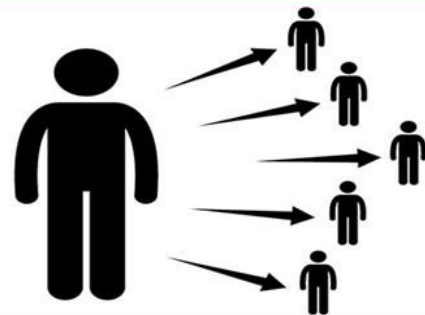
*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*

**The Delta variant is more contagious than previous strains—it may cause more than **2x** as many infections**

ORIGINAL COVID-19 STRAIN



DELTA VARIANT




**Vaccines protect you from hospitalization, severe infections, and death**



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

# 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  
 Monday-Friday 9am-4pm  
 • Gwinnett Place Mall, 2100 Pleasant Hill Rd

## COVID INFORMATION & PREVENTION TIPS



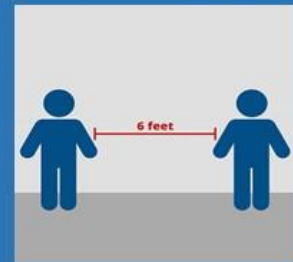
**STAY AT HOME**  
AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE



**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>

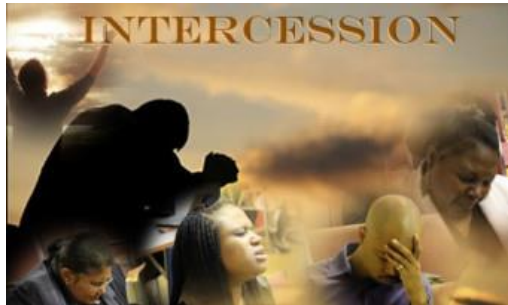
**REMEMBER WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**



# Prayer List



Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all your prayers. Be alert and watch with purpose and perseverance, interceding on behalf of all the saints.  
Eph 6:18



## REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT-IN WITH PRAYER AND CALLS

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

*Prayer changes things.*



## SHEPHERD'S CARE MINISTRY

*Vickie Chambers, Servant Leader*

### 37<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary

Hello FBC Church Family and Friends,

On behalf of the Shepherd's Care Ministry, I want to take this precious opportunity to thank you "ALL" for the love shown to Pastor and Sis. Debbie.

During this season, we still manage to see the hand of God at work. God continues to lead, guide and direct the great Undershepherd of this church.

On this 37<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary, Pastor Bowens brought eight beautiful souls into the fold. This coincided with Pastor's theme: **"Your Labor Is Not In Vain."**

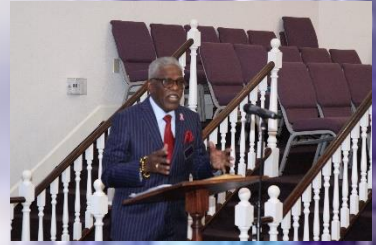
1 Corinthians 15:58 KJV

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

We're forever grateful for your kindness, dedication and love that's shown year after year. The Drive-By Celebration was awesome!

Please continue to be in prayer for Pastor, Sis. Debbie and family.

Anniversary photos courtesy of Louie Malone,  
Communications Ministry Photographer



# 37<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Anniversary Drive-By Celebration Sunday, October 10, 2021



Photo courtesy of Paulette Tapp



## VETERANS DAY | NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans. This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called [Armistice Day](#). It fell on November 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in [all wars](#).

When first celebrated as Armistice Day, the day marked the end of World War I, formally recognized on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month" in 1918. Today we continue to celebrate the day as Veterans Day, still recognizing the original tie with November 11. That means Veterans Day is on the same day every year -- November 11 -- regardless of on which day of the week it falls. When the date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, government officials or businesses may recognize it on both the official day and the following Monday.



### Military Branches

The U.S. Armed Forces are made up of six military branches: Navy, Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and, most recently, Space Force.

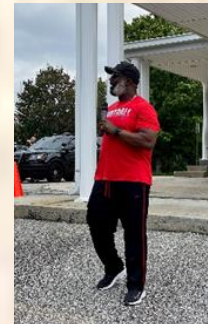
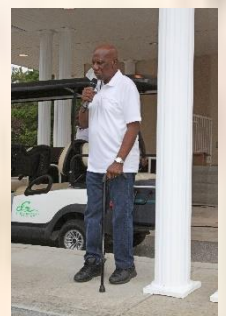




## 2021 FBC Outreach Walk-A-Thon

The FBC Outreach Ministry held the 2021 Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. This year, the event was prayer focused and not a fundraiser as in previous years. The theme was **“Walk A Mile, Pray Awhile.”** Participants and households were encouraged to take the opportunity to pray together while walking.

Many thanks to volunteers from the Men's Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Duluth Police Department and others who helped to make the event possible. Thanks to Bro. Louie Malone and the Communications Ministry for facilitating the online registration, and a special thanks to Sis. Catherine Stafford and Sis. Gail Lewis who helped plan the event.



**WALK BY FAITH**





Photos courtesy of Louie Malone, Communications Ministry Photographer

# What Does it Really Mean to "Give Thanks in All Things...in Everything"?

Bethany Verrett, a freelance writer and editor



Thankfulness is a complicated state of being. When life is good, and someone is getting what they want, it is easy to achieve. When life is hard, and nothing goes right, it is hard to have a spirit of gratitude. In fact, for many people, difficult times or circumstances are the easiest excuse to justify ingratitude.

The Bible has much to say about being thankful, and its message runs counter to the instincts of man. In his letter to the church at Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul wrote, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Despite this seemingly difficult task for people, the Bible is full of hope, of God's unshakable promises, and the sufficient reasons needed in order to give thanks in all things.

## What Does It Mean to "Give Thanks in All Circumstances...In All Things"?

As difficulties pile on, it can be easy to look around and see nothing good, sinking into despair, perpetual anger, and an inability to feel gratitude. The Bible does not pretend there is no suffering, with the Book of Ecclesiastes acknowledged there will be, "a time to kill ... a time to break down ... a time to weep ... a time to mourn" ([Ecclesiastes 3:3-4](#)).

In order to be thankful at all times it is important to have sources of joy, something to always be grateful for, and reminders to turn to those sources of joy and good things when times are hard.

What should be the Christian's ultimate source of joy? To get through loss, suffering, and chaotic times, it would need to be something permanent and unchanging. Jesus prayed to His Father, "But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves" ([John 17:13](#)). He wants those who love Him to have His joy, and to be thankful for those things which bring joy.

Jesus had joy when:

- A sinner repented and became saved: [Luke 15](#)
- When the Father's will is done: [Luke 10:20-24](#)
- When thinking about eternity together [John 16:20-22](#)

The Bible also encourages believers to be thankful for:

- Jesus' everlasting words: [John 17:3](#)
- God's unchanging nature: [Psalm 102:27](#)
- Salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection: [1 Corinthians 15:57](#)
- The eternal home in Heaven: [Hebrews 12:28](#)



(Give Thanks in All Things cont'd)

Ultimately, the Bible encourages believers to focus on eternal things. It is important to thank God for earthly blessings, but in order to always be thankful, there must be things to thank God for that do not rust, decay, or disappear. The way to always give thanks is to remember to thank God for His eternal gifts and promises.

When the Bible says to give thanks in all things, it asks people to thank God for blessings both visible and invisible. When He blesses, thank Him, and thank Him for the things unseen in which Christians place their hope.

Of course, the verse does not mean that every second of everyday Christians should be muttering "thank you God" under their breath. Instead, it encourages an attitude adjustment and a re-focusing of priorities. Thanking God for blessings through praise and prayer is the first step, and the second is by turning away from earthly wants and desires, and focusing on the future promises that will matter forever, that are guaranteed by the Word of God, so there is always something to thank Him for, even if current circumstances are difficult.



What if you awoke tomorrow morning with only the things you thanked God for today? Would that change how you prayed today?

I think most of us would agree that life is busier than it's ever been. With all the rushing and doing, it's easy to grumble and complain. It can become the new norm if we're not diligently seeking to live with a grateful heart.

Why not break that cycle and challenge yourself to purposefully set aside time to show gratitude for all that our Father God has done and will do in our lives.

**Be grateful everyday!**

Submitted by Paulette Tapp,  
Communications Ministry

## MEN'S MINISTRY

*Marvin Whitfield, Ministry President*



The Game Day Men's Ministry event was held at Friendship Baptist Church on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 3:30 pm in the FBC Family Life Center. Seventeen members attended including Marvin Whitfield, Dale Hill, Dallis Hairston and Ryan Dendy.

The Men's Ministry leadership members arrived at 1:30 pm for a brief meeting to go over details of the event and other business. The Scripture selected for the day was taken from Matthew 18:20: ***"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."***

Deacon Tennyson Smith assisted the Men's Ministry, along with Marvin Whitfield, president, with opening the family life center to get food, chairs and tables, the projector and screen set up for the event. Dallis Hairston and Ryan Dendy grilled the burgers and hotdogs.

FBC members arrived for the Georgia vs Auburn game tipped off at 3:30 pm. Grilled burgers and hotdogs, baked beans, mac 'n cheese, cupcakes and other menu items were served shortly after tipoff.

FBC members came together to assist with cleanup immediately after the game concluded at 7:00 pm. Thanks to all those who participated to make this a fun and enjoyable event and to watch the Georgia Bulldogs beat Auburn Tigers 34-10! **GO DAWGS!**



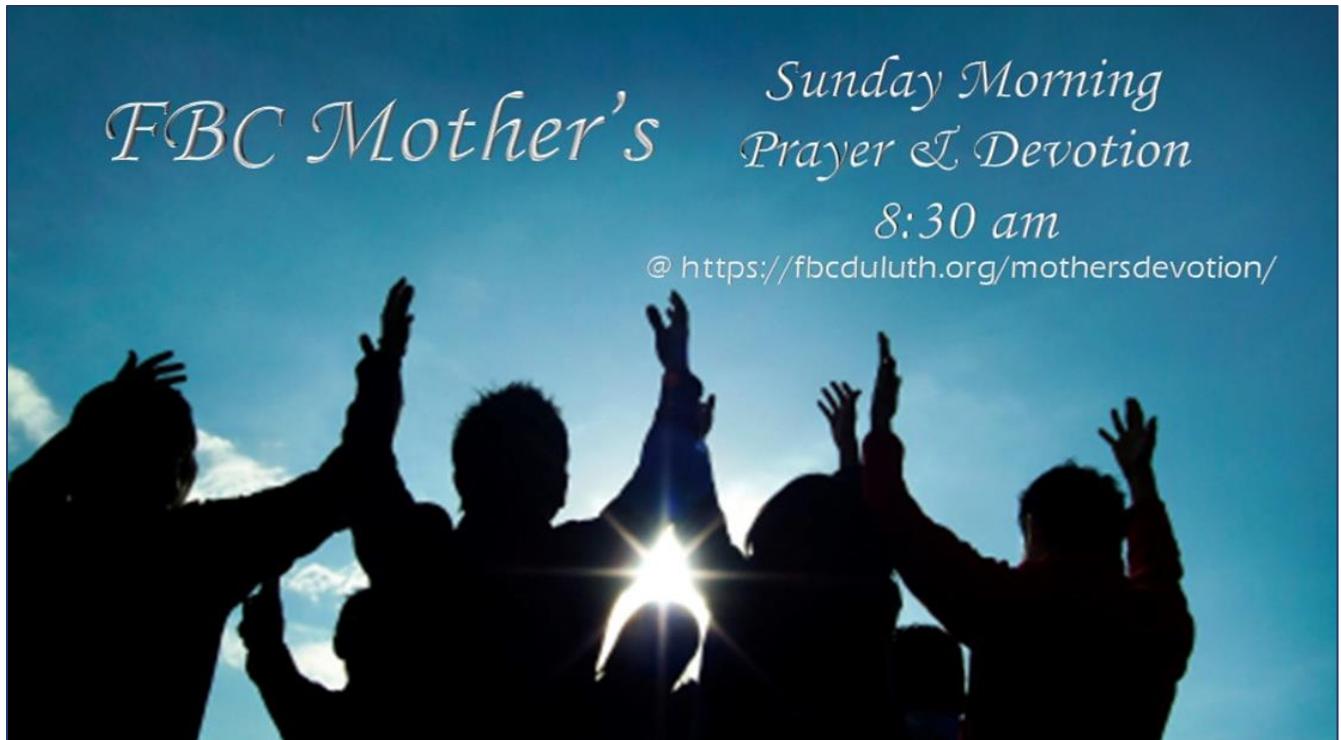
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**GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS  
EVERY FIRST SATURDAY @ 10:30 AM AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86809041871?pwd=YkdXWDFoREs1YzJzbdDBIL3RHRTI4UT09>

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Communications Ministry Photographer



*FBC Mother's*

*Sunday Morning  
Prayer & Devotion*

*8:30 am*

@ <https://fbcduluth.org/mothersdevotion/>

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

*Women's Ministry*

*connecting*

*teaching*

*encouraging*

*"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil His promises to her" Luke 1:45*

**We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month!**

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

**Intercessory  
Prayer  
8:30**

**Zoom Meeting ID: 827 8986 6699  
Passcode: 903992**

**Fellowship  
9:00**

*For more info contact Min. Monique Stroman (678) 357-8282 or 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*



HAPPY  
Thanksgiving  
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



1 CHRONICLES 16:34  
his love endures forever  
give thanks to the lord for he is good

(Black History cont'd)



### COLLARD GREENS

COLLARD GREENS HAVE BEEN EATEN FOR AT LEAST 2000 YEARS, WITH EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE ANCIENT GREEKS CULTIVATED SEVERAL TYPES OF COLLARDS. THE GREEKS TRADED WITH AFRICA IN THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AND BROUGHT THE DARK LEAFY PLANT TO AFRICA.



### MACARONI AND CHEESE

PASTA AND CHEESE CASSEROLES WERE RECORDED IN THE 14<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ITALY. IN 1793 THOMAS JEFFERSON TRAVELED TO PARIS AND BROUGHT THE MAC&CHEESE RECIPE BACK TO MONTICELLO. IT WAS JEFFERSON'S CHEF AND CHAUFFEUR, JAMES HEMINGS WHO PERFECTED THE RECIPE WHEN IT WAS SERVED AT A STATE DINNER IN 1802.




### CORNBREAD

NATIVE AMERICANS HAD BEEN USING GROUND CORN (MAIZE) AS FOOD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS BEFORE EUROPEANS ARRIVED IN THE NEW WORLD. EUROPEAN SETTLERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO RESIDED IN THE ENGLISH SOUTHERN COLONIES, LEARNED THE ORIGINAL RECIPES AND PROCESSES FOR CORN DISHES FROM THE CHEROKEE, CHICKASAW, CHOCTAW, AND CREEK, AND SOON THEY DEvised RECIPES FOR USING CORNMEAL IN BREADS LIKE THOSE MADE OF GRAINS AVAILABLE IN EUROPE.



### SWEET POTATO PIE

IN THE EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, A BLACK SCIENTIST AND INVENTOR, DEVELOPED MORE THAN 100 USES FOR SWEET POTATOES. HE ALSO PRODUCED HIS OWN RECIPE FOR SWEET POTATO PIE.



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**

Lyrics by  
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Music by  
J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

*Maestoso ben sostenuto*

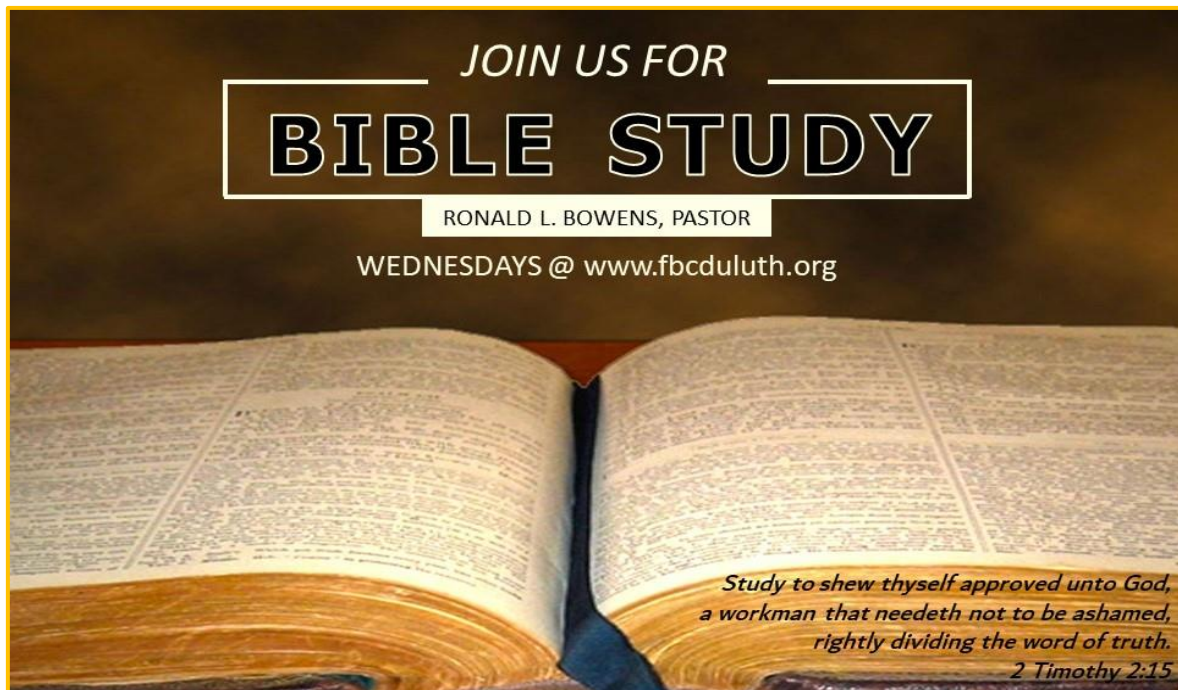


## National Black Anthem

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.



### ... a gift that lasts forever

A family is a little world created by love. Our family is a circle of strength and love. Founded on faith. Joined by love. Kept by God together forever. Family is like branches on a tree. We may grow in different directions. Yet our seeds remain the same. You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you as you are to them. Family is not an important thing it is Everything. Family is where life begins and love never end. There

are two gifts we should give our children, one is roots. And the other is wings. Family is like music, some high notes, some low notes, but always a beautiful song. Your family is the best team you could ever have. Family isn't defined only by last names or by blood it's defined by commitment and love. It means showing up when they need it most. It means having each other's backs. It means choosing to love each other even on those days when you struggle to like each other. It means never giving up on each other! Being a family means you are part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life. No matter what. The family is God's greatest masterpiece.

Author unknown





ADULT ONLINE  
*Sunday*  
SCHOOL 9:45 am  
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Women's Class    Marriage Class  
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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](http://fbcduluth.org) and choose your class. The study for the fall quarter will focus on “**Celebrating God.**” Sunday school books are available for pick up from the Church office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

From the October 31<sup>st</sup> lesson “Praise God with Music” Psalms 149:1-5; 150:1-6 <sup>1</sup> “Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness. <sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. <sup>4</sup> Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs. <sup>5</sup> Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals. <sup>6</sup> Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.”

**Liberating Lesson:** Gospel music—which gave birth to the blues, jazz, soul, rock, and other styles of music—has in recent years been influenced by the genres it birthed. For some church members, these new sounds are not gospel or what they would call church music. Others feel it is necessary to broaden the church’s musical repertoire to appeal to younger audiences. What do you find in today’s lesson that would cause you to take a stance on either side of that issue? What makes a musical style fitting for church worship?

**Application for Activation:** “Praise the Lord” is not an admonition we follow out of duty, but from deep delight. To praise the Lord is an invitation to share our delight in Him, and to tell of His goodness. When we enjoy something, whether it is a cup of coffee, a sports game, or time with a friend, we will verbally and creatively express our pleasure in the thing or person we enjoy. Take a moment to list some things you enjoy about God. Use the items on your list to write a song, poem, or prayer. Share your creation with others.



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*

## Bible Quiz: Thanksgiving

Select one answer for each question. Then go to page 28 to check your answers.

1. The fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving Day in the United States; a day proclaimed for people of all faiths to join in prayer and give thanks to God.

Which Bible book is this quote from?

Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (NRSV)

- Proverbs
  - Psalms
  - Luke
  - Romans
2. Who said this? "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry, you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (NRSV)
- Jesus Christ
  - The Apostle Paul
  - Daniel
  - Mary, mother of Jesus

3. Who said this?

I thank and praise you, O God of my fathers: You have given me wisdom and power, you have made known to me what we asked of you, you have made known to us the dream of the king. (NIV)

- Jesus Christ
  - The Apostle Paul
  - Daniel
  - Mary, mother of Jesus
4. Who said this?
- My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. (NRSV)
- Jesus Christ
  - The Apostle Paul
  - Daniel
  - Mary, mother of Jesus





## 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

### **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. 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 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).

**Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter The Marietta-Roswell Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. seeks your support for our Biennial Cotillion 2022, a scholarship benefit for young women. The 16th Biennial Cotillion will be held, Saturday, November 19, 2022. This event raises scholarship funds for young women pursuing post-secondary education. Cotillion is a comprehensive 11-month program designed for African American young women.



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

Go to [fbcduluth.org](http://fbcduluth.org) and click on: “Giving” tab or text: [fbcduluth](tel:6787794661) to 73256

### **Contributions can also be mailed to:**

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

### **Thanksgiving Bible Quiz Answers:**

1. Psalms – Psalms 100:3-5
2. The Apostle Paul – 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
3. Daniel – Daniel 2:20-23
4. Mary, mother of Jesus – Luke 1:46-49

## AROUND GWINNETT

**Gwinnett joins Hefty® EnergyBag® program.** Gwinnett has joined the Hefty® EnergyBag® program to help dispose of hard-to-recycle plastic in an environmentally friendly way. You can put plastic films, plastic pillow packs and bubble wrap, grocery and snack bags, foam food containers, plastic straws, and even plastic dinnerware in special orange Hefty® EnergyBags® that you buy at Kroger grocery stores or online. Bags can be dropped off at WestRock, located at 384 Maltbie Street in Lawrenceville, Monday through Saturday from 7:00am to 2:00pm. For more information, visit [GCSolidWaste.com](http://GCSolidWaste.com).

**Protect your pipes this Thanksgiving.** Butter, cheese, milk, ice cream, and oils are all great additions to your favorite recipes, but they're not great additions to our county's sewer system or to your septic tank. These foods are all examples of fats, oils, and grease, or FOG, which can potentially clog pipes when not disposed of properly. FOG can solidify after being rinsed down the sink, creating blockages that can cause messy and costly sewage backups in your home. When grease is washed down the drain, it may seem like a small amount, but as many people can sadly attest, it adds up, and when it does, it can create blockages. Kitchen byproducts also pose a risk to our natural resources by polluting our community's creeks and streams if the backup causes overflows in the public sewer system.

When cooking, you can keep pipes clear of FOG by pouring cooled grease into a container with a top so it can be recycled or placed in a trash can for disposal. You should also wipe cookware and dishes with paper towels and place solid scraps in the trash.

**Toilet rebate program can save water and money.** The Department of Water Resources participates in a toilet rebate program that can give you up to \$150 in rebates for new, WaterSense 1.1gpf labeled toilets. To qualify, your home must have been built before 1993. Only two toilets can be rebated. Details on how to apply can be found on the [Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District website](http://MetropolitanNorthGeorgiaWaterPlanningDistrict.com). For more information, please call 404.463.8645 or email: [toiletrebate@northgeorgiawater.org](mailto:toiletrebate@northgeorgiawater.org).

**Are you 65 as of January 1?** If you are 65 years or older as of January 1 and your taxable income is less than \$101,000, you likely qualify for the Senior School Tax Exemption. Go to [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply) now through April 1. For assistance, email [Tax@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Tax@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8800.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

**Be careful when deep frying turkeys.** If you're planning to deep-fry the holiday bird, remember to follow proper precautions to prevent a fire or burn injury:

- Use a fresh or thawed bird when cooking in a turkey fryer; placing a frozen turkey into a fryer could cause a violent reaction
- Lower the turkey into the pot slowly — the hot oil may bubble fiercely at first; allow the bubbles to settle before lowering the bird the rest of the way
- Always use turkey fryers outdoors and a safe distance from the house or any other combustible material; never leave the fryer unattended
- Place the turkey fryer on a solid, flat, and level surface, and never use the turkey fryer on the back deck or in the garage/carport
- To avoid a spillover of hot oil, do not overfill the fryer
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer; the pot will be extremely hot both during and immediately after cooking, so remember to use insulated cooking mitts or potholders when touching the pot or removing the lid cover
- Keep the oil temperature in the turkey fryer at the recommended level (350°F or below) when cooking; the oil could ignite and burn if the temperature is raised above the recommended level
- The oil in the pot should be completely cooled before removing or storing

## 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.**

## Communications Ministry

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**SUBSCRIBE to:** [www.fbcduluth.org](http://www.fbcduluth.org)

**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER  
SUBMITTALS IS  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26<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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