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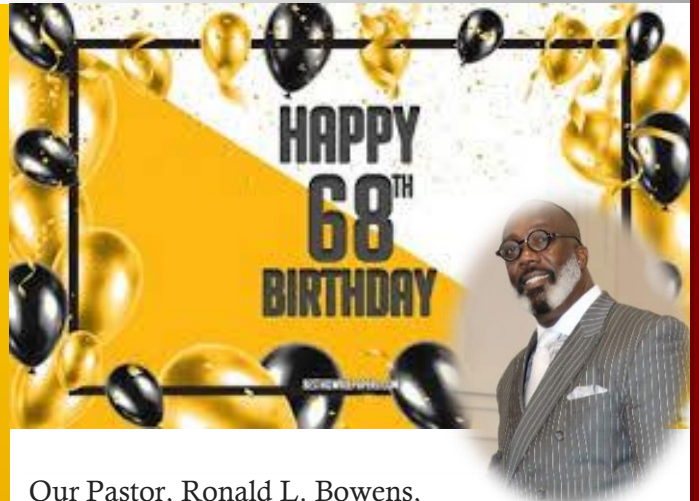
JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 8 Men's Ministry 10:30am
- 8 Women's Ministry 8:30am
- 9 Pete Bowens Bowling Fellowship
- 17 MLK Jr Holiday Observance
- 23 Pastor Bowen's Birthday

FEBRUARY

- 11 Delta Sorority Scholarship Deadline
- 14 Valentine's Day

Church is open with limited seating. Reservations required.
 Go to fbcduluth.org/reopening/ for information and registration.



Our Pastor, Ronald L. Bowens, will celebrate his 68th birthday on January 23, 2022.

We pray that God continues to bless you with many more birthdays. There is no one else like you, Pastor Bowens. You have a unique gift that only you can give the world. The Lord designed every detail of who you are.

You're an amazing Pastor. You continuously lead your flock. God not only called you to preach, He also anointed and equipped you. Your kind and humble spirit make you a special and rare gem.

On your special day, *delight yourself in the LORD, And He will give you the desires of your heart.*

We give special recognition to you on your birthday. Your labor is not in vain!

You may send your well wishes and gifts of love to Pastor Ronald L. Bowens at: Friendship Baptist Church, 3375 Church Lane, Duluth GA 30096.



Vickie Chambers
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VICTORY

Many of God's children are living defeated, unsatisfying and unsatisfactory lives. They have never entered into the experience of the peaceful life (Isaiah 30:15); the overflowing life (John 7:37-39); the abundant life (John 10:10); the joyful life (John 15:11); the liberated life (Romans 6:7); the triumphant life (2 Corinthians 2:14); and the loving life (1 John 2:5) – and yet they long to do so!

1. What is meant by a life of victory? Seven characteristics of such a life are mentioned above, and many other scriptures could be cited. Consider the following:

- (1) It is not a life in which it is impossible to sin, but a life in which victory over sin is possible. The first is unobtainable in this life, but the second is attainable.
- (2) It is not an abnormal life or a life to be enjoyed by just a few of God's children, but it is His provision for every Christian.
- (3) It is not a life where there is no temptation, but a life where temptation is overcome— Hebrews 4:15.
- (4) It is not a life of outward victory only, but a life of inward and outward victory.
- (5) It is not a fully grown life where further growth in grace is unnecessary or impossible.

The victorious life is a life of victory over SIN, SELF, and SATAN; a life of freedom from the power of sin as well as freedom from the penalty of sin; a life that is not only “reconciled to God by the death of His Son”, but a life that is also “saved through His life” (Romans 5:10).

2. Is such a life really possible? Is it God's will that we should live such a life of victory? Has He made provision for each and all of His children to be victorious all along the line? If so, we sin against Him by accepting and being satisfied with anything less than His will. If it is not His will it would be a sin against Him to seek or to expect to live this life. Reverse the question for a moment: Is it God's will that we, His children, should live defeated lives? Is it necessary for us to be beset and overcome by such things as temper, touchiness, untruthfulness, pride? Let the following scriptures (and those already mentioned earlier) supply the answer: Matthew 1:21; John 8:34-36; Romans 6-8, which are summed up in Romans 6:14; Philippians 4:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; 2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 7:25; 1 John 1:7 and 9 and 2:1. These scriptures make it abundantly clear that God desires all His children to experience a victorious Christian life.

3. What is the secret of this life of victory? The secret is a four-fold one, and for the sake of simplicity and clarity it may be stated thus:

- (1) **Victory is not gained by human effort.** We shall be on the way to living a life of victory when we have truly learned this simple lesson. It is absolutely impossible to live this life in our own strength (read 1 Samuel 2:9). Here is the reason for all our failure; we have tried to gain the victory over sin, self and Satan in our own strength, and we have failed every time? Remember

(Victory cont'd)

this: God has excluded the work of man from every tense of salvation. We are not saved from the guilt and penalty of sin by our own works (Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 3:5); we are not saved from the power of sin by our own (John 14:3). You can see this illustrated in Exodus 14:13-14.

(2) **Victory is given – it is a gift!** 1 Corinthians 15:57 makes this clear. The victorious Christian life is God's gift, and it is offered to everyone who will receive this gift. Indeed, the victorious life which He offers to all men is the victorious, triumphant life of His Son. The Lord Jesus in a human body triumphed gloriously in His life and by His death over sin and Satan; and now His victorious life may be reproduced in and lived out through our human bodies. There is only once victorious life, and when you received the Lord Jesus (John 1:12), you received that life. Did you realize that? Now you must let Him live His life in you and through you – see Joshua 6:16 – the victory over Jericho was not gained by effort and striving, but by simple trust and obedience. That victory was a gift?

(3) **Victory is gained by a choice.** It is vital to see this. As long as we are in this world we shall be faced with a choice, as Joshua faced the Children of Israel with a choice (Joshua 24:15). This choice involves a definite, conscious act of the will. Every time we are tempted to sin, if we are to experience victory, we must deliberately choose to please our Lord Jesus Christ who has already gained the victory for us, and who is waiting to give the victory to us – and the moment we choose Him we receive His power and enabling (Romans 6:13).

(4) **Victory is maintained by an attitude.** Victory is only victory, of course, as victory is maintained. What then is the secret of continuous victory? Here it is in a sentence:

“LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS... WHO GIVETH US THE VICTORY...”

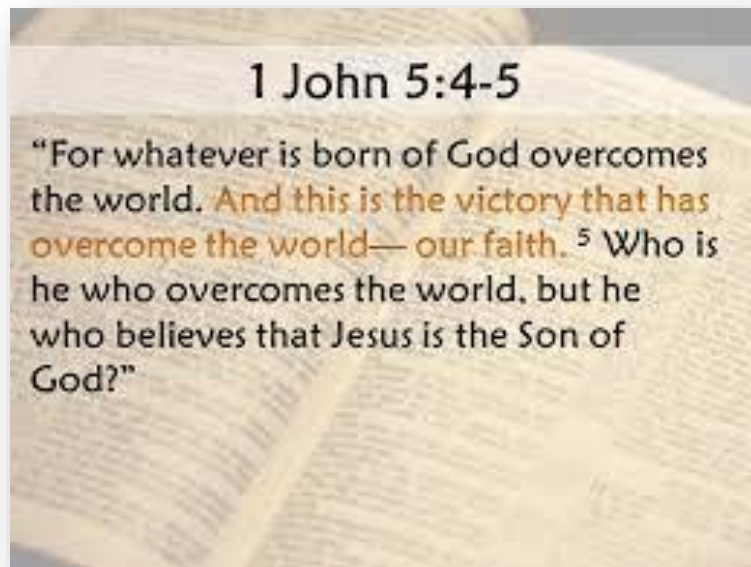
And the scriptural warrant for this is found in Hebrews 12:2 (our part) and 1 Corinthians 15:17 (His part).



Source: wordsoflife.com



SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



HYMN OF PRAISE – “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929) wrote the stanza and Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924) wrote the refrain. The hymn is a result of an epiphany based on Deuteronomy 33:27, “The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.”

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to
day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread? What have I to fear?
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Submitted by Paulette Tapp,
Communications Ministry



A Celebration of Life

honoring

Mother Shirley Louise Thomas

August 29, 1942– December 29, 2021



Mother Shirley's homegoing celebration was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 12:00 pm at Friendship Baptist Church, where her beloved Pastor Ronald L. Bowens, officiated.

We will miss her beautiful smile, her quiet spirit, her encouraging words, her dedication to the ministries she was called to and her faithfulness in interceding in prayer on behalf of others.

Gone from this life, but never will be forgotten. Rest in peace in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior. "God is good" as Mother Shirley would always say.

WELCOME HOME!



“GIVE ME THIS MOUNTAIN”

Joshua 14:10-12

10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

Preached by Rev. Ronald L. Bowens, Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church
Recapped by FBC Mother Gerald C. Baker

“Who would have thought we’d have to fear so many actions, and yet know that faith and the LORD are on our side?!”

This year, 2021, is not the last mountain we’ll have to climb. There will be mountains of debt, precious lost moments, distress, accumulated despair and grief that keep trying to enter our hearts and minds. GOD’s people are resilient, and mountains are no contest for the faithful. Question: Do we have mountain-climbing spirits? As we enter this new year, take time to celebrate and reflect on the goodness of GOD. ‘We’ve come this far by faith, leaning and depending on the LORD.’

Mountain climbing involves aspects that force us to rethink our strategies. Caleb is a case study in mountain climbing. He said “let us go up at once and possess the mountain, for we’re well equipped to do so” ... “A piece of cake,” “impossible?”

Ten naysayers were present also! Numbers 3:32. Their false reports were evil! They left God out of the equation. When we include GOD, all things are possible! Let us look into a few lessons in this passage of Scripture:

1. OUR FEAR WAS IRRATIONAL (FOOLISH)

Fear can make us forget every good thing GOD has already done. It can cause retreat. The negative ten scouts were so convincing that the Israelites wanted to settle in the wilderness—no food, nor water. GOD wanted them to move on, but fear held them back.

Every good thing comes from the LORD. **Lesson:** *You can’t mark time, or you’ll miss your blessing.* We’re in a wilderness of our own and it’s called COVID. Our way out is called VACCINE. Don’t let fear cause us to miss our blessing.

Is your GOD bigger than any giant you face?! Have FAITH over FEAR. We’re fed, healed, provided for, able to take care of our children. We’re kept in the midst of it all, able to handle our bills, and we are protected.

(Give Me This Mountain cont'd)

If you haven't had COVID yet, the LORD has protected us! AMEN! We've had comfort, hope. He kept us from falling. Truly provided a ram in the bush, lifted our burdens and healed our bodies. Our fear is irrational and foolish. We've not been given a spirit of fear.

2. YOU CAN'T CONTROL WHAT YOU WON'T CONFRONT

We're discovering that we can make changes through our faith. To admit reality is no sin. It's all in how we see problems. Ten doubted. Caleb and Joshua believed that the LORD was with them. REAL FAITH FEEDS ON THE STUFF THE ENEMY THROWS AT US.

The LORD is with us! It's one thing to proclaim and another to trust that GOD will do it. Go on a quiet vacation getaway and believe. Our dangerous places will be turned into safe havens.

3. WE LEARN THAT GOD BLESSES FAITHFULNESS

Be faithful, love one another, give GOD glory and praise for all He does. Hold onto mountain climbing faith!

How can we be sure of the unflinching mountain climbing? Caleb lived well into his eighties! He asked to lead an army into the Promised Land. 'Give me a mountain at 85—same strength he had at 45 years old, same courage. The LORD had blessed him because he was faithful! He never forgot that GOD had promised him that mountain, and he asked to lead a campaign to take the mountain. GOD reverses every negative situation. Now, the Israelites are the 'giants.'

Be faithful over a few things. GOD is a promise keeper! GOD keeps His word! Sometimes, we have to out wait the naysayers, pray for those who say it can't be done.

Our fear factor was high earlier this year; this new year, we ought to be stronger in our faith. GOD outdid Satan on every hand. GOD blesses the faithful. He will take care of you. He'll make our enemy our footstools.

Try JESUS for yourselves. Trust the LORD to give you the mountain—give you the strength to climb it and to overcome the obstacles.

As you climb, keep your hand in the LORD's Hand. He will see you through.

It's been a rough year, but it's time to celebrate in spite of all the obstacles. Doubt entered the situation, but yet in all of this, GOD is still good. He gives us the strength to keep going. There are going to be some mountains in this new year, but GOD is able!

Be faithful, pray, study the Word, walk in obedience to the Word. Try not to let fear over rule us. Be faithful! Reassess your thoughts about going to church. Let Him direct your path.

ASK GOD TO **"GIVE YOU THIS MOUNTAIN."**



Mother Gerald C. Baker

Baby Dedication

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Alani Malone
daughter of
Shanea Malone



A baby dedication is a ceremony in which believing parents, and sometimes entire families, make a commitment before the Lord to raise that child according to God's Word and God's ways. The practice of baby dedication is rooted in this passage found in Deuteronomy 6:4-7: *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 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."*

On this day, December 26, baby girl, Alani Malone, was dedicated to the Lord by Pastor Ronald L. Bowens. There to witness this special occasion were her mother, Shanea, grandmother Thelonda, great grandparents, Louie and Pat Malone, other members of the Malone family (Darion, Mecca, Miah, and LaShea) and Associate Minister, Rev. Eugene Graves and his wife, Brenda.



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

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Who Can Donate?

In most states, you must be 17 or older to donate whole blood. In states where 16-year-olds are eligible to donate, we require a signed parental consent form.

You must weigh at least 110 lbs. and be in good health — that means you feel well and can perform normal activities. If you have a chronic condition such as diabetes and you want to donate blood, it's important that you are

being treated and the condition is under control. If you're not feeling well on the day of your donation, please contact us to reschedule.

Additional eligibility criteria apply, including certain medications, medical conditions, travel to certain countries, and personal history. You can browse the most common reasons people may not be able to give blood, or view our complete eligibility requirements.

Why Should I Do It?

Whole blood is the most flexible type of donation. It can be transfused in its original form, or used to help multiple people when separated into its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets. Every day, whole blood donations help save the lives of children and adults fighting to survive cancer, blood disorders, traumatic injuries and more.

The actual donation can be very quick, but you should plan on being at the center for about an hour. You can donate whole blood as often as every 56 days up to 6 times a year.

Source: redcrossblood.org

Your Health Is a Life Long Journey

- 1) Take care of 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

OMICRON

This COVID-19 variant spreads more quickly and efficiently than other known coronavirus variants and is extremely transmissible. 5,705,264 reported cases on January 5, 2022 more than doubled cases reported in January 2021.



What we can all do...

- Get both vaccines and the booster
- Vaccines are available for everyone 5 and older
- Wear a mask in all public indoor spaces
- 3 ply surgical or KN95 masks offer more protection
- Your mask must cover your nose, mouth and chin
- Wash your hands
- Maintain social distancing
- Stay home unless absolutely necessary
- If you feel sick get tested and stay at home

We are in this together so let us abide by God's word.

"Let each of you look out not only for your own interests, but for the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

HOW TO ACCESS A COVID VACCINE



1 ONLINE

Make an appointment on line at
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



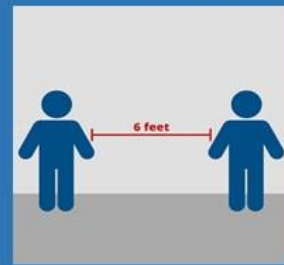
STAY AT HOME
 AS MUCH AS
 POSSIBLE



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



WEAR A MASK
 WHEN OUT
 AND ABOUT



STAY 6 FT APART
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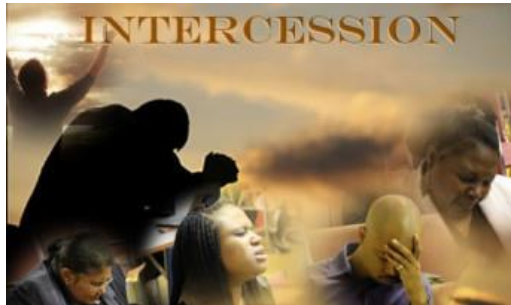
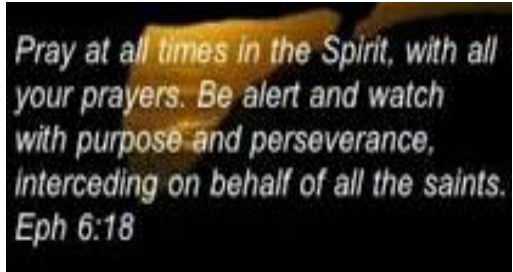
COVID-19 has a wide range of mild to severe symptoms which may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

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

Prayer changes things.



Stewardship - Part One

It is important for us to know the standard for being good stewards of the Lord's work. That Standard is to be found only in the "Holy Bible" – God's Word.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV)

A steward is a manager or administrator. He takes care of other people's property, and is rewarded or punished for how well he does his job. Jesus used the idea of stewards in his parables (e.g., Luke 12:42, 16:3). Believers are stewards in that God has entrusted to them various resources, and He expects them to use them properly. To do so requires discipline. It's easy to squander what God has given, or to think that the things God gives are really one's own. But believers don't own anything. They are just taking care of or managing God's property (Matthew 25:21, Luke 16:10, 1 Corinthians 4:2, Colossians 4:17).

Biblical stewardship, also known as "Christian stewardship," is the practice of *selflessly* managing everything we have—our talents, time, money, relationships, health, etc.—for God's glory. It's been practiced for thousands of years, and its origins are captured in the many Bible verses about stewardship of money, time, and possessions.

Stewardship Principles in the Bible

1. Everything was created by GOD – Genesis 1:1, Colossians 1:16-17
2. Everything belongs to the LORD – Psalm 24:1, Psalm 89:11, Job 41:11b
3. GOD has called everyone to be good stewards – Genesis 2:15, 1 Peter 4:10
4. Christian stewardship can result in growth – Genesis 1:28a, 2 Corinthians 9:6
5. We will be held accountable for our stewardship – Matthew 25:29, 25:23, 27-30
6. God will reward good stewardship – Colossians 3:23-24, Matthew 6:33, Phil 4:19

Biblical stewardship involves every area of our lives (Romans 12:3-8 and Ephesians 5:15-16).

A biblical understanding of stewardship rests on the foundation that God is the Creator and Owner of all things: *"The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it"* (Psalm 24:1). Persons do not truly own anything—even themselves—but hold their time, talents, material resources, the created world, and "God's mysteries" (1 Corinthians 4: 1) in trust to be used for God's purposes.

Within this understanding, we cannot truly give anything to God--all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We can, however, return to God a portion of that which is God's (1 Chronicles 29: 14). We offer this portion not out of a sense of duty but as a response to the gracious love of God. As Christians, we have seen God's love most clearly demonstrated in the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. In Jesus we see the model of stewardship to which God calls each of us.

(Stewardship cont'd)

Stewardship is a Way of Life

Stewardship is not a particular activity such as serving on a committee or making a financial pledge. Rather, stewardship is a way of life that requires us to put God first in all things, trust God to meet our

needs, and be accountable to God in the way that we use all of the resources entrusted to our keeping. If we use these resources as God intends, the earth and all who dwell in it will be cared for.

A look at several Greek words used in the New Testament and their meanings in English will help us to clarify this holistic understanding of stewardship. *Oikos* (oy' kos) means home or household. *Oikonomos* (oy ko no' mos) is the household manager or administrator; the steward. *Oikonomia* (oy ko no mee' ah) signifies the management or administration of a household stewardship. *Oikoumene* (oy kou me' nay) means the whole world-God's entire household.

The English words *ecology*, *economy*, and *ecumenical* have their roots in these Greek words. These words help us to see that stewardship encompasses the ideas of caring for all of creation, economic management, and the inclusiveness of the entire world within the family or household of God.

Jesus and Stewardship

In addition to words related to stewardship, we can learn from Jesus' parables about how to live as stewards. In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30), Jesus depicts three servants who were each entrusted with money (talents) as their master left on a long journey. Jesus' listeners would have identified these men as stewards since the responsibility of administering the affairs of a wealthy biblical household was assigned to trustworthy servants.

In Luke 11:5-13 Jesus teaches us that God will provide us with the resources we need. God's generosity is also evident in the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-15). Our generosity, willingness to take risks, and compassion for others is seen in the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9), and the parable explained (Matthew 13:18-23) show that we are stewards of God's word as we respond to it in our own lives.

Jesus not only taught us about stewardship but lived as the chief steward. He reached out to persons on the fringes of society-the poor, the sick, the woman, the outcast-to care for all members of the household of God. He used the gifts that God entrusted to him to teach, preach, and heal. He pointed others to the kingdom of God as a trustworthy steward of God's mysteries.

Stewardship of Our Gifts

A **spiritual gift** is a God-given ability for service. Since God will ask Christians to give an account of the stewardship of their gifts, it is important that we know some basic truths concerning spiritual gifts and also know how to discover our own. To get an understanding of Spiritual Gifts, read Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, and 1 Peter 4.

Discovering Our Spiritual Gifts

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." We all may have one or more of these gifts:*

(Stewardship cont'd)

- Apostleship ■ Administration ■ Distinguishing/Discerning Spirits ■ Prophecy ■ Exhortation
- Miracles ■ Evangelism ■ Faith ■ Healings ■ Pastor ■ Giving ■ Teaching ■ Tongues
- Showing Mercy ■ Interpretation of Tongues ■ Helps

Stewardship of Our Togetherness

Unity and Diversity in One Body

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NKJV) *For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.*

The Church as a Body

1 Corinthians 12:12-27:

- The Apostle Paul compares the church to a human body. Both have many parts, but in order to remain healthy they have to function in unison (v. 12).
- The church like the human body is made up of many parts, all diverse (v. 13).
- The human body is made up of many different parts, yet all are important (vv. 14-19).
- In the human body, every individual part is dependent upon the other parts of the body (vv. 20-27).

Caring for One Another

As good stewards of our relationships, we are commanded to care for each other. That care is expressed what are known as the “one another” passages in the New Testament—passages that speak of our care for one another:

- *Acts 2:42-45 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need."*
- *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 even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."*
- *Galatians 5:13 "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."*
- *Galatians 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."*
- *Ephesians 4:1-3 "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*
- *Ephesians 5:21 "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."*

(Stewardship cont'd)

- Colossians 3:12-13 *"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."*
- Hebrews 10:24-25 *"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Stewardship of Our Testimonies

Mark 5:19 (NKJV) *"However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."*

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 *"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."*

2 Corinthians 5:20 *"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."*

Colossians 4:2-4 *"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak."*

Ephesians 6:19-20 *"And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."*

1 Peter 3:15 *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."*

Colossians 4:5-6 *"Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."*

Contributed by Paulette Tapp
Communications Ministry



Look for Stewardship (Part Two)
in the February Issue



CALVARY: THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL TIMES

By Rev. Artis Johnson

During this holiday season, a time when most of Christendom is preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, there are many who would find the words that He spoke from the Cross at Golgotha inappropriate, mistimed, and misplaced. But Christmas really is about what eventually would happen 33 years later at that place we reverently know as Calvary. It is on that *"hill far away"* that Jesus spoke these words: "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **'It is finished.'** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (John 19:30)

The Master's journey had begun in a stable, a simple manger, in Nazareth, the City of David, 30 some years before. The Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men that were in attendance made certain that the world knew that He was that special gift which had been prophesized. But now the Master was making the pronouncement that **"IT IS FINISHED!"** As we begin to celebrate this holiday season, we must understand the mission of Christ that was now finished and why Christmas and Easter are forever inextricable and form that most perfect and holy union.

The triune God consented to Jesus coming to carry out, as the Bible says, the following as He defined His mission and how His apostles and we, as His followers, should understand it. Jesus was commissioned to "preach the Gospel to the poor" (Luke 4:18, 43), "to bring life" (John 10:10b), "to destroy the devil's work" (1 John 3:8b), "to bring fire upon the earth," (Luke 12:49), and "to testify to the truth" (John 18:37). Christ's ultimate purpose was to save us from our sins. As Mark wrote, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to **save** what was lost." (Luke 19:10) **What a gift!**

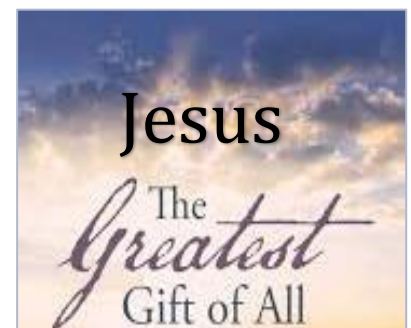
Most Christians love the beauty and splendor of Christmas, all the pageantry and festiveness, but Jesus had a very clear view of what lay ahead of Him during His ministry. He consistently used two metaphors: "To drink the cup," to partake fully of an event, and "to be baptized," to be immersed fully in the event. "Can you **drink the cup** I drink or **be baptized** with the baptism I am baptized with?" (Mark 10:38)

While the Bible is silent to the Master's knowledge of purpose during the silent years of His life, the Christian must accept that Jesus knew what was going to be required to redeem the people of the world. As Luke reminds us, He forebodes His suffering in words such as, "But I have a **baptism** to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed! (Luke 12:50)

The cross, in all its sorrow, pain and intensity, is one of the great gifts given to mankind because of its symbolic redemptive power to bear the sins of the world. This gift hung heavily on Jesus during His last days in the flesh. He struggled to a climatic realization in the Garden of Gethsemane and surrendered ultimately to the Father's will. As a gift to mankind, the cup had to be drunk, and the baptism completed. It is finished!

During this Christmas season and the start of a new year, we should all be overjoyed because **It Was Truly Finished at Calvary.** Jesus did what no one else could for mankind. He gave us the greatest gift of all time!

As we unwrapped gifts that had been carefully placed under our Christmas trees and around fireplaces, let us rejoice because there is no greater gift. God, through Jesus Christ and this sacrifice, made redemption and eternal life available for all of mankind.





Greetings Saints of God!

Please join the FBC Mothers Ministry every Sunday morning for prayer and devotion from 8:30am-9:00am. It is a good warm-up before Sunday School and 11:00am Worship Service. We meet virtually and are blessed to have so many join us from different churches and locations.

We share testimonies, scriptures, praise reports, offer prayer requests and words of encouragement, but most of all, we share the love of Christ. Many have expressed how the devotional time has helped during this time of loneliness, stress, and to be able to share time together.

God is letting us know that we can make it through these trying times. He will never leave us nor forsake us. We look forward to you joining us Sunday mornings on Zoom. Please go to the church website at www.fbcduluth.org and follow the link for "Worship -Word, Prayer and Devotion."

May God continue to bless us all.

The Mothers Ministry
Mother Gerald C. Baker, President
Mother Dorothy Blagmon, Vice President

Have A Blessed Day!

FBC Women's Ministry 2022 - "Renew!"

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 2nd 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 Minister Monique Stroman (678) 357-8282 or Sister Leslie Houston (770) 296-8874

**And that you be renewed in
the spirit of your mind.
Eph. 4:23**

MEN'S MINISTRY

Marvin Whitfield, Ministry President



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

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

or

follow Men's Ministry page at fbcduluth.org to JOIN LIVE



Celebrating Our History

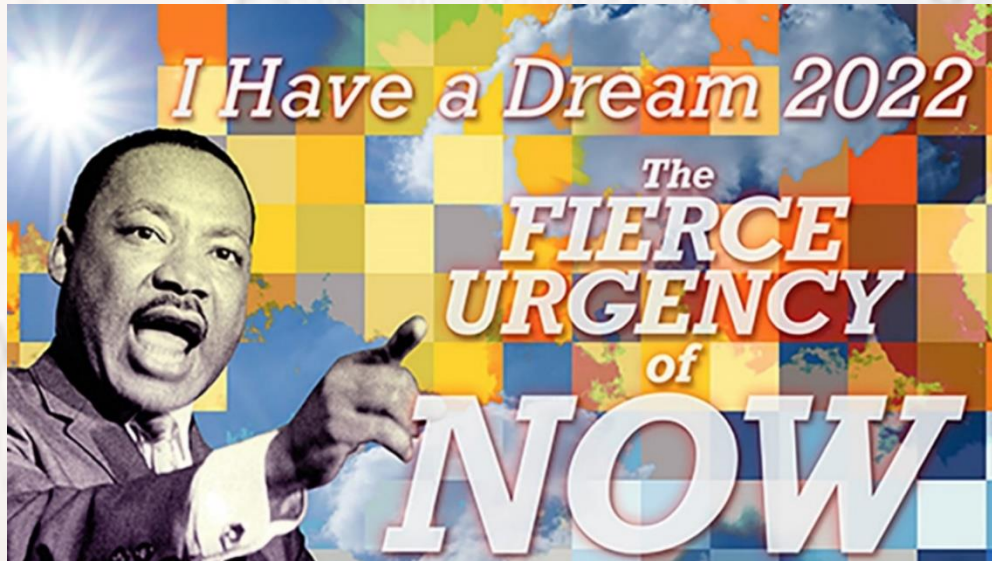
A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.

Attributed to Marcus Garvey

BLACK HISTORY

OUR VOICES. OUR STORIES.

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



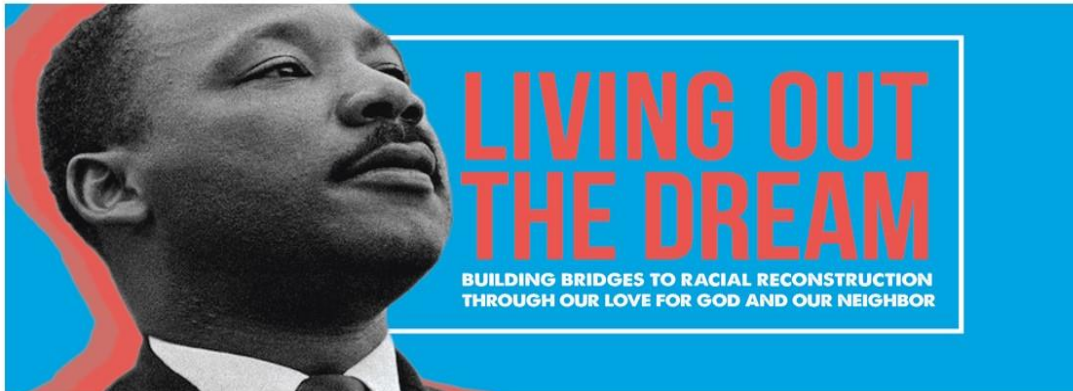
**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
ANNUAL CELEBRATION**

JANUARY 17, 2022

The idea of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King's death, U.S. Representative John Conyers (a Democrat from Michigan) and U.S. Senator Edward Brooke (a Republican from Massachusetts) introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. The bill first came to a vote in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1979. However, it fell five votes short of the number needed for passage. Two of the main arguments mentioned by opponents were that a paid holiday for federal employees would be too expensive and that a holiday to honor a private citizen would be contrary to longstanding tradition (King had never held public office). Only two other figures have national holidays in the U.S. honoring them: George Washington and Christopher Columbus.

Soon after, the King Center turned to support from the corporate community and the general public. The success of this strategy was cemented when musician Stevie Wonder released the single "Happy Birthday" to popularize the campaign in 1980 and hosted the Rally for Peace Press Conference in 1981. Six million signatures were collected for a petition to Congress to pass the law, termed by a 2006 article in *The Nation* as "the largest petition in favor of an issue in U.S. history".


(Black History cont'd)



Senators Jesse Helms and John Porter East (both North Carolina Republicans) led the opposition to the holiday and questioned whether King was important enough to receive such an honor. Helms criticized King's opposition to the Vietnam War and accused him of espousing "action-oriented Marxism". Helms led a filibuster against the bill and on October 3, 1983, submitted a 300-page document to the Senate alleging that King had associations with communists. Democratic New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan declared the document a "packet of filth", threw it on the Senate floor and stomped on it.



President Ronald Reagan originally opposed the holiday, citing cost concerns. When asked to comment on Helms' accusations that King was a communist, the president said, "We'll know in thirty-five years, won't we?", referring to the eventual release of FBI surveillance tapes that had previously been sealed. But on November 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill into law, proposed by Representative Katie Hall of Indiana, to create a federal holiday honoring King. The final vote in the House of Representatives on August 2, 1983, was 338–90 (242–4 in the House Democratic Caucus and 89–77 in the House Republican Conference) with 5 members voting present or abstaining, while the final vote in the Senate on October 19, 1983, was 78–22 (41–4 in the Senate Democratic Caucus and 37–18 in the Senate Republican Conference), both veto-proof margins. The holiday was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. It is observed on the third Monday of January.



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.



PETE BOWENS FELLOWSHIP

BOWLING LEAGUE

JANUARY 9, 2022

Bowlero (formerly) Brunswick Lanes

3835 Lawrenceville Highway | Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

Contacts: Deacon Michael Jerralds, Rosena Heyward, Ethel Emery



Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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"Positively Impacting Lives & Making Dreams Come True in the Gwinnett County Community"



Eligibility

African American
seniors who attend
High school in
Gwinnett County
(except Centerville,
Snellville, or
Loganville) may
apply.



How to Apply

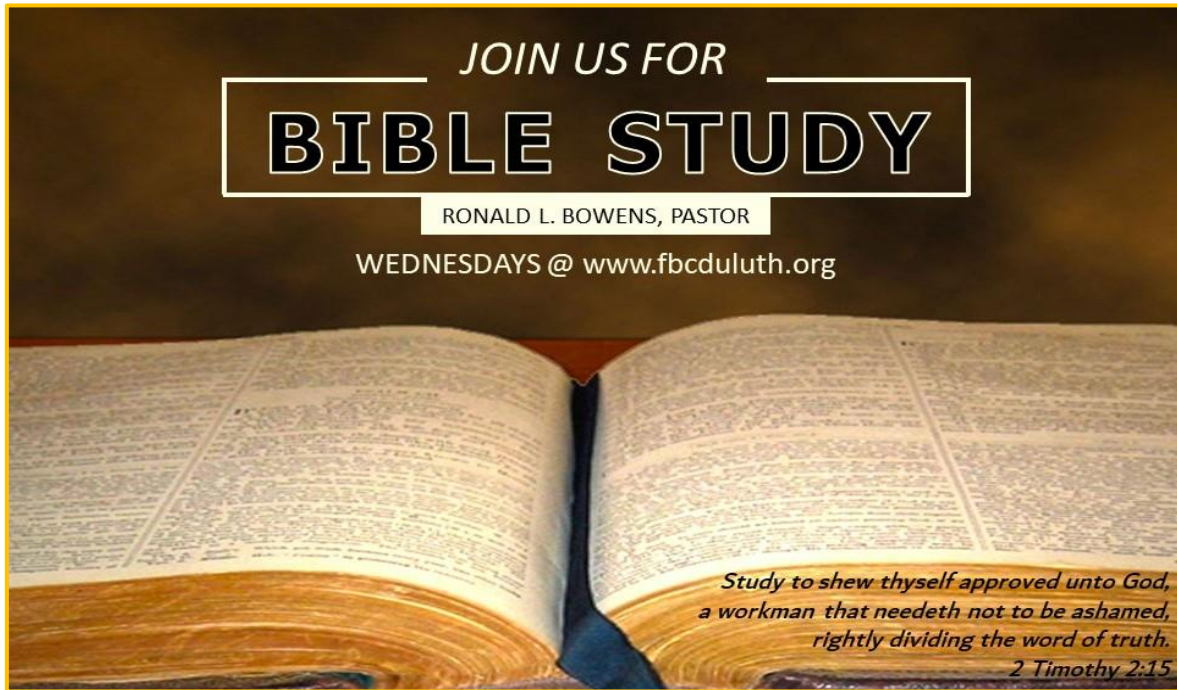
Eligible students can
Find additional
information on
our website
www.Gwinnettdst.org



Deadline

Completed
applications
are due
Friday,
February 11, 2022

This scholarship opportunity is presented by the
Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
For additional information please contact us at: scholarships@gwinnettdst.org



Today Will Never Come Again

Today will never come again.
 Be a blessing, be a friend.
 Encourage someone.
 Take time to care.
 Let the words heal and not wound.
 Pay it forward.
 It's about caring and sharing.
 It's about compassion and kindness.
 It's about generosity.
 It's about sacrifices and love.
 You get what you give . So give good.
 If it is to encourage, then give encouragement.
 If it is giving, then give generously.
 If it is to lead, do it diligently.
 If it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.



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
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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 winter quarter will focus on "Justice, Law, History". Sunday school books are available for pick up from the Church office Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.

From the December 26th lesson "A Just King is Born" Matthew 2:1-12. "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11, KJV)

Liberating Lesson: The story of Christmas and the Magi invites us to consider standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable among us. The Savior of the world was born as an innocent baby instead of descending from the heavens with angels. The Son of God, who had all glory, chose to be the Son of Man who was rejected by His own people. Our Savior King chose to give up heaven to love us and live with us on Earth.

Application for Activation: We are entering a new year next week, and often people make New Year's resolutions. But as we remember Jesus' birth and the Magi's worship of the Savior, let's make sure we put seeking God as the top priority of the New Year. How can we worship God in new ways in the New Year? How can we make seeking justice part of our worship? Take some time to pray and write down a person or group of people you want to advocate for, extend hospitality toward, or share Jesus with in the New Year. Spend the week praying for yourself and that person or group so that you can turn that compassion into Spirit-led action in the New Year.



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.

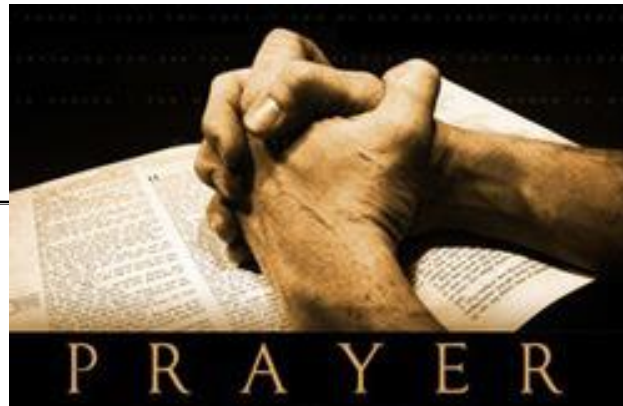
YOUTH MINISTRY

Sis. Charlene Benn, Ministry Leader



TEEN MINISTRY

Rev. Stan & Min. Barbara Williams, Ministry Leaders



Do you know that you, yes you, young and old, are called to pray?

As a body of believers, God has called each of us to pray and to pray for one another. Prayer is simply talking with and listening to God. It can be done privately or with other believers – anytime and anywhere.

Prayer is a weapon for spiritual warfare often neglected by many within the body of Christ. Pray the scriptures and make it personal. God always answers earnest and sincere prayers. Always. Even if the answer is not what you expected...even if the answer takes weeks, months, years...God must be glorified, and His answer is always on time and for our good.

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1 (NIV)

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him." I John 5:14-15 (NIV)

"Again, I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven." Matthew 18:19.

God answers prayer!! If you have a praise report or testimony that you would like to share with others in the **Friendship Voice** to encourage and strengthen them, please submit via email to Paulette Tapp at ptapp1052@gmail.com or call 678-779-4661 for more information.

Thank you and may God's grace and mercy be with you always.



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

Job Opportunity

Join Pateco Services Team. We are a commercial and industrial property maintenance company. We are currently looking for qualified individuals to fill multiple positions. No Previous Experience Needed; Training Provided with Competitive weekly pay! Please email resume to fnaayone@patecoservices.com or fax to 770-884-2693. Any questions, please contact our office 770-545-8735.

Communications Ministry

FBC's newsletter, Friendship's Voice, is the voice of the people. 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. Have you adopted a new hobby or some other activity you would like to share with your Friendship family? For more information, contact Paulette Tapp at ptapp1052@gmail.com or call 678-779-4661. If you need additional information about the Communications Ministry and would like to be a part of the team, please contact Louie Malone at tag49llm@aol.com.

Gwinnett County Alumnae Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. We are announcing our 2021-22 College Scholarship Program. We invite all Black/African American high school seniors who are attending high school in Gwinnett County (except Centerville, Loganville, and Snellville) to apply with the link below. If you have any questions, please contact Tuwanda Williams at scholarships@gwinnettdst.org or 404-428-8493. **Deadline is February 11, 2022.** <https://form.jotform.com/GCAC/2022-gcac-scholarship-application>.

New Testing/Vaccination Location

The Hopewell Clinic, 182 Hunter Street, Norcross, GA will offer COVID Testing & Vaccinations on Saturday, January 15th from 11 am – 2 pm / Give Us Hope Gym. (**5 yrs. old and older; 1st, 2nd, & Booster Shots; Flu Shot; PCR 24-hr Testing; Shingle Shots with co-pay**). Please register online at www.hmbchurch.net/



<https://abundant.co/fbcduluth/give>
Go to fbcduluth.org and click on: "Giving" tab or text: [fbcduluth](tel:7705458735) to 73256

Contributions can also be mailed to:

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

AROUND GWINNETT

Volunteer on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Gwinnett will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service in our community. Join us for service projects in Gwinnett County parks:

- Saturday, January 15, from 9:00am to noon at Freeman's Mill Park in Lawrenceville
- Monday, January 17, from 9:00am to noon at McDaniel Farm Park in Duluth
- Monday, January 17, from 9:00am to 1:00pm, Alcovy River Cleanup at Harbins Park in Dacula

Visit VolunteerGwinnett.net to register and to see more opportunities to volunteer over the MLK weekend.

January is National Radon Action Month

During January's National Radon Action Month, the U.S. Surgeon General and the Environmental Protection Agency urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes for radon. Radon is a natural radioactive gas that you can't see, smell, or taste but could be present at a dangerous level in your home.

As the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. and the first leading cause among non-smokers, radon claims more than 20,000 lives annually. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix it to protect yourself and your family. For more information about protecting your health and taking action against radon during National Radon Action Month, please call UGA Extension Gwinnett at 678.377.4010.

Assessor's Office to conduct onsite property field visits

The Gwinnett Board of Assessors appraisal staff will be conducting routine field visits to maintain accurate appraisal data as part of an annual review process. The appraisers — Gwinnett employees or contractors with Tyler Technologies or LMC — will be verifying existing or new construction, measuring exteriors, and taking photographs. Appraisers will carry identification and will announce their presence at the property before beginning a review. If no one is available, information will be left to advise you of the visit. Call 770.822.7200 or email Taxpayer.Services@GwinnettCounty.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Emissions required for 1998 to 2019 model years

For 2022, all gasoline-powered cars and light-duty trucks 8,500 pounds or less with the model years 1998 through 2019 require an emissions test to register and renew. For testing locations, senior exemptions, and other information, visit CleanAirForce.com. Once your vehicle has been tested, renew online at GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Renew.

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 now through April 1. For assistance, email Tax@GwinnettCounty.com or call 770.822.8800.

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 1st & 3rd 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 2nd & 4th 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 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary



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

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Friendship Baptist Church has a newly-enhanced website to provide greater communication across all FBC Ministries. Improvements are ongoing. Feedback can be provided to the Communications Ministry at tag49llm@aol.com.

SUBSCRIBE to: www.fbcduluth.org

DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY ARTICLES IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 21ST



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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