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## FEBRUARY

- 11 Delta Sorority Scholarship Deadline
- 14 Valentine’s Day
- 28 Class of 2022 Information Deadline

## Black History Month



Church is open with limited seating.  
Reservations required.

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



### WHAT IS GODLY LOVE?

The world says love is about how someone makes them feel or how they feel about someone else, but God says love is about how you behave and treat others and in order for the Church to build unity among the saints, keep friendships, marriages and families together, and show an accurate example of Christ to the world, we need to know what godly love is.

### Christian Misconceptions About Godly Love

**Misconception 1:** *We can't love like Christ. His love is just something to aspire to, not something you can actually reach.* This is false. The Bible says, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (Philippians 4:13), for God called us to be conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29) and to love one another like he loved us (John 15:12). These comments usually come from people who don't want to obey God, listen to the lies of the devil, or have failed to love because they tried in their own strength. Loving like Jesus is possible because Jesus commanded us to do so.

**Misconception 2:** *You have to first love yourself before you can love others.* We hear this often, but when you look at Scripture it's not there. The truth is: most people love themselves already. By nature, we're self-centered beings. In Mark 12:30-31, Jesus said to love God first. If you love God first, you'll be filled with his love in return so you won't have a problem loving your neighbor as it goes on to command (John 14:23; Ephesians 3:14-21). To love yourself first is contrary to the word of God, self-centered, and **not** an attribute of love as we see in 1 Corinthians 13:5. If a person doesn't love themselves, it's because they don't love God. Loving God rids a person of self-love issues.

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### **LOVE DEFINED**

The world defines love this way: *A deep, tender, ineffable **feeling** of affection and solicitude toward another person. An intense **emotional** attachment or **feeling** for a person, place, or thing. A **feeling** of intense **desire** and **attraction** toward a person with whom one is disposed to make a pair.*

God defines what love is in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 saying: *“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely. Love does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”*

After comparing the world's view of love with the Bible's, we get a few things:

- Love is not a feeling.
- Love is not an emotion.
- Love is not attraction.
- Love is not having sex.
- Love is not liking someone.
- Love is not giving gifts.
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### **Love is godly moral character.**

Notice how the world's definition is based on how they feel about someone—this has nothing to do with love at all. Godly love is all about moral character—how we act and treat other human beings. And we as children of God know that our moral character comes from God (for God is love as seen in 1 John 4:7).

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### **The world says love is about how someone makes them feel, God says love is about how you behave and treat others.**

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This means that times will come when we don't feel like showing respect, patience, trust, and honesty; but we must push past those feelings and show it anyway. Love is what we do according to the standard of God, not what we feel. The “5 Love Languages” is not love.

Gary Chapman wrote a popular and excellent book called **The 5 Love Languages**. In it, he describes the five different things people in relationships can do to make the other feel loved. The book helps you learn your mate's love language so you can speak it and have a successful marriage. The languages are:

1. Words of Affirmation
2. Quality Time
3. Receiving Gifts
4. Acts of Service
5. Physical Touch

As a psychologist, Chapman discovered 5 different actions humans receive that make them feel good; this is not love. These are good things to express to people but not without the foundation of God's love.

### **How to determine if it's godly love.**

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A man or woman can know if the person who desires them loves them by lining up that person's character with God's definition of love. They should ask themselves this question: does this person display the attributes of Christ? Through discernment from the Holy Spirit, oftentimes, they will find that this is not the case.

Most people cannot love because love is God (1 John 4:7) who only embodies the born again believer. Without God, no man can love. However, the people of God love like God because they have God in them (John 14:23).

So, where does attraction, desire and passion fit in? Are these love? No. These are simply the natural feelings that come about between the opposite sexes for the purpose of unification, pleasure, and procreation which should only be expressed and enjoyed when a strong foundation of godly love has been established within marital commitment.

God's definition of love is solid—something we can build a foundation on. The world doesn't have a standard. And mainstream Christianity doesn't follow God's standard either. This is why love is so confusing and disastrous in this world—it's not love all.

Of course, people want God's kind of love, but it's hard to find on earth because it comes from above. Until people come to God and interact with his children, they will never experience godly love.

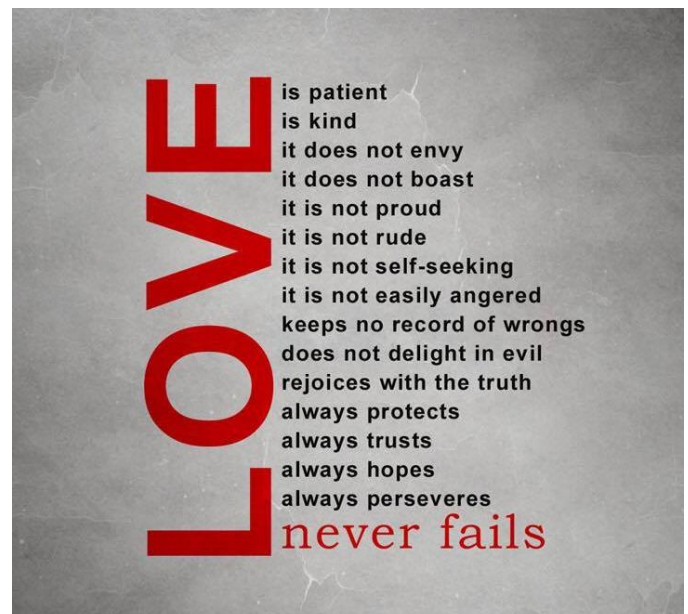
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 names 13-16 different attributes (depending on what Bible version you use):

1. Love is **Patient**.
2. Love is **Kind**.
3. Love is **Happy** for others rather than envious.
4. Love is **Humble** rather than boastful, disrespectful, proud and arrogant.
5. Love is **Forgiving** and doesn't keep a record of wrongs.
6. Love is **Honest** and doesn't rejoice in evil.
7. Love is **Covering** the faults of others, rather than gossiping about them.
8. Love is **Hopes for the best** for people rather than the worst.
9. Love is **Supportive** and considerate rather than self-centered.
10. Love is **Courtesy** and polite rather than rude.
11. Love is **Slow to Anger** and not easily provoked.
12. Love is **Trusting** and gives a new start to those who have sinned past.
13. Love is **Loyal**, endures to the end, and never gives up.

Also: Love doesn't Control others.

**Galatians 5:22-23** *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*

Source: Letspleasegod.com



## SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH



## HYMN OF PRAISE

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### Love Lifted Me

JAMES ROWE

HOWARD E. SMITH

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea  
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true  
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me-Now safe am I.  
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice too To Him be-longs.  
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be-Be saved to-day.

**CHORUS**

Love lift-ed me, Love lift-ed me, When noth-ing  
 e-ven me, e-ven me,

1 else could help, Love lift-ed me; 2 Love lift-ed me.



James Rowe was born in England in 1865. He served four years in the Government Survey Office, Dublin Ireland as a young man. He came to America in 1890 where he worked for ten years for the New York Central & Hudson R.R. Co., then served for twelve years as superintendent of the Mohawk and Hudson River Humane Society. He began writing songs and hymns about 1896 and was a prolific writer of gospel verse with more than 9,000 published hymns, poems, recitations, and other works.

# 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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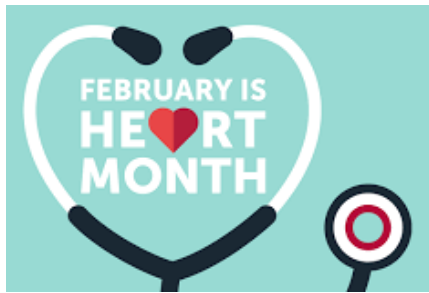
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# HEALTH MINISTRY

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Stress happens. You can't always prevent or avoid it. But you can change how you respond to it. Try these tips. You may feel better—and have a healthier heart, too!

**Know How Stress Affects Your Body.** Whether it's from everyday deadlines, the work-life balancing act, or financial struggles, stress shows up often. Your body reacts to it. Your heart rate increases, your blood vessels narrow—and especially over the long term that's not healthy!

Research shows that stress can make us more likely to get heart disease and have a heart attack. The origins of heart disease begin at a young age, so the earlier in life you learn how to de-stress, the happier you and your heart will be. Ongoing stress acts on more than just your heart. It affects everything from your nervous system and hormones to your lungs and gut. You may not see the connection, and healthcare providers may not ask about your stress. So, try to listen to your body while thinking about what's going on in your life.

**Turn On Your Relaxation Response.** Did you know your body also has a relaxation response? Your breathing slows and blood pressure and heart rate decrease. The good news is you can trigger that response. Ways to do so often combine breathing deeply and focusing your attention on pleasing thoughts and images. Here are a few relaxation response techniques to try. You can do these on your own or find a teacher or class to start.

- **Progressive Muscle Relaxation** - This approach calls for tightening individual muscles in your body and then releasing the tension. Start by tensing and relaxing your toes, then your calves, and on up to your face. Do one muscle group at a time. Sit in a partially reclined position.
- **Meditation** - This is one of the most-studied approaches for handling stress. There are a variety of ways to do it, including through mindfulness meditation. Most meditation styles involve: 1) Being in a quiet location with as few distractions as possible 2) Being physically comfortable either sitting, lying, or walking 3) Focusing your attention on a specific word or set of words, an object, or your breathing 4) Having an open attitude and letting distractions, including thoughts, come and go without judgment.
- **Guided Imagery** - This involves a series of steps that include relaxing and visualizing the details of a calm, peaceful setting, such as a garden.
- **Deep Breathing** - This is something you can do anytime, anywhere. Take in a slow, deep breath, let your stomach or chest expand, then exhale slowly. Repeat a few times.

Finding healthy relaxation exercises is just one way to protect your heart. Combine de-stressing with other heart-healthy habits: eat nutritious foods, move your body more and exercise, get enough sleep, and develop a strong social support system.

Source: nhlbi.nih.gov

## 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](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



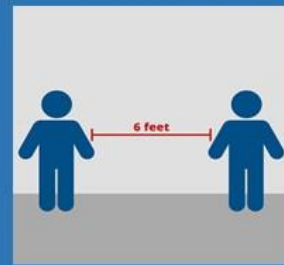
**STAY AT HOME**  
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE



**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.

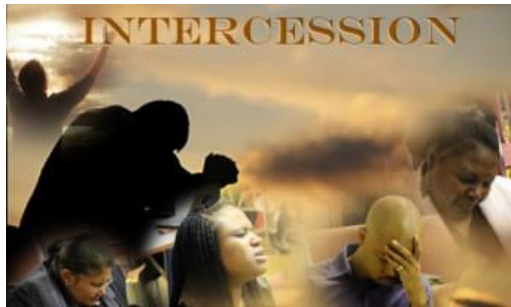
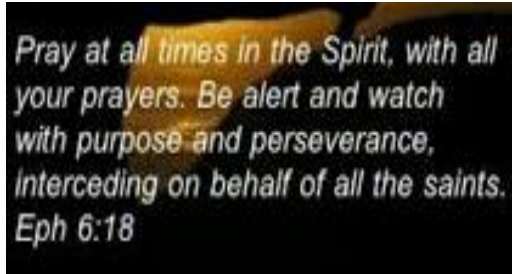
TO ACCESS THE SYMPTOM CHECKER GO TO

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

**REMEMBER WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**



# Prayer List



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

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

Sis. Doris Doyle  
Sis. Essie Foy  
Sis. Minnie Fry  
Sis. Marlon German  
Sis. Ann Greer  
Sis. Barbara Hall  
Sis. Crystal Ingram  
Sis. Charlotte Hayes  
The Hayes Family  
Bro. Emanuel Hazell  
Sis. Dorothy Jamison  
Bro. Patrick Jones  
Bro. Dennis Kimmey  
Sis. Mabel Lawrence

Dea. Jack Leverett  
Bro. Laceem McCall  
Sis. Thelma Matthews  
Sis. Roxanne Motley  
Evg. Valerie Montaque  
Sis. Mary Myers  
Sis. Ruthie Nelson  
Sis. Gloria Peters  
Bro. Garvin Potts  
Sis. Catherine Pressley  
Sis. Carrie Rawls  
Sis. Leslie Reese  
Sis. Peggy Rogers  
Dea. Clarence Slaughter

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





## Stewardship - Part Two

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, <sup>17</sup> 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.

### Being a Good Steward of Our Time

Psalm 90:12 (NKJV) *"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."*

Time is one of the most precious commodities we have, and it always seems to be in short supply. Jesus' life and ministry were relatively short, yet he made the most of his years here on earth. Likewise, the Bible commands us to make the most of our time, and to be good stewards of the time that God gives us.

#### The Psalmist's View of Time

Psalm 90 is filled with contrasts of the timelessness of God, who is from "everlasting to everlasting" and the temporal nature of people, who are "dust." The psalmist, in this case Moses, looks back and realizes how quickly life has passed by.

Moses used images to remind his readers of how brief life is. Psalm 90:3-6 *"You turn man to destruction, and say, Return, O children of men. For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night. You carry them away like a flood; they are like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass which grows up: In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers."*

Moses speaks of the average life expectancy being seventy years or eight, if we have the strength. *"The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." (vs. 10)*

Given the fact that life passes by so quickly, the psalmist prays a prayer. *"So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (vs. 12)*

#### The Lord Jesus as a Steward of His Time

- The Lord Jesus' life was short, yet very significant. It lasted just thirty-three years—His ministry consisted of only three of those years. Yet in that short period of time, He impacted the world more than anyone else in

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history. As we look at Jesus' life, we see Him extremely busy at times, yet always in control. We never see Him rushed or in a panic over how to manage His time. Throughout His ministry, Jesus is on a divine timetable (John 2:4; 7:6; 8:30; 8:20; 12:23; 13:1; 17:1), and He was able to accomplish everything that God gave Him to do.

- The Lord Jesus took time for worship and prayer. Mark 1:21-24, 35
- Throughout the Lord Jesus' ministry, we see Him setting aside time to spend with His Father. Look up the following verses on the high priority Jesus placed on spending time alone with God (Mark 6:46; Luke 4:16; 6:12; 9:18). We often use the excuse there is not enough time for worship or prayer. What does Jesus' example teach us?
- The Lord Jesus had a sense of urgency about His mission and ministry. John 4:30-36
- The Lord Jesus was aware of how short His time on earth would be. John 9:4-5
- The Lord Jesus took time for Himself. He also took time to nurture the physical and emotional needs of his disciples and himself. Mark 6:31-32

### **How do We Spend Our Time?**

Ephesians 5:15-16 *"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*

## **Stewardship of Our Finances and Resources**

Proverbs 3:9-10 *"Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."*

The Bible has a lot to say about managing our money and finances. More than 2,000 verses address a wide range of financial topics. The Bible is practical and accurate when it speaks about our financial stewardship. To the extent we follow the Scriptures, we profit. To the degree that we ignore them, we pay a stiff price.

### **What the Bible says about being a good steward of the finances God has entrusted to us and what the Bible says about the endless pursuit of wealth:**

Proverbs 23:4-5 *"Labor not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven."*

Proverbs 28:19-20 *"He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough. A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent."*

Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 *"He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity. When goods increase, they increase who eat them; so what profit have the owners except to see them with their eyes? The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not permit him to sleep."*

Proverbs 3:9-10 talks about giving God his rightful place in the area of our finances. *"Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine."*

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Read Haggai 1:2-11 and 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

The Scriptures warn us about the danger of indebtedness:

- Proverbs 22:7 *“The rich ruleth over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.”*
- Proverbs 22:26-27 *“Be not thou one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts. If thou hast nothing to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?”*

The Scriptures teach us about the importance of saving:

- Proverbs 21:20 *“There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.”*
- Proverbs 13:11 *“Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: but he that gathereth by labour shall increase.”*
- Proverbs 30:24-25 *“There be four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer.”*

The Scriptures teach us about the secret and source of a Christian's contentment:

- Philippians 4:11-13 *“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”*
- Hebrews 13:5-6 *“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”*

## Stewardship and Tithing

Every Christian needs to know the standard for giving to the Lord's work. Those who do not, give haphazardly and spasmodically, guided only by attitudes, emotions and moods. God's standard for giving is to be found in the “Holy Bible”.

As Christians, we are instructed by the Word of God – the Holy Bible- to bring 10% of our income to the church.

### What is tithing?

The word “tithe” means a tenth: ...one tenth of the annual produce of one's land or its equivalent in money.

Genesis 14:20 – Abram gave tithes of all he had.

Genesis 28:22 – Jacob promised God a tenth, a tithe.

Leviticus 27:30 instructs us to give a tenth of land, fruit or seed, increase.

2 Chronicles 31:5 – The children of Israel brought tithes of all things.

The proper attitude of a Christian when it comes to tithing is to gladly bring a tenth or tithe of his income and possessions to the Lord's work.

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2 Corinthians 9:7 *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of [a]necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*

### **To Whom does all your money and other possessions belong?**

1 Timothy 6:7 *"For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."*

God gives each of us the ability and skill to earn money; so, all that we have we owe to the Lord.

Haggai 2:8 *"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts."*

Psalms 24:1 *"The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein."*

### **When do you bring your tithe?**

1 Corinthians 16:2 *"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."*

The Bible plan is that you be systematic and regular in your giving.

### **Where do you bring your tithe?**

Malachi 3:10 *"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."*

The storehouse is God's house, the local church you attend, where you receive your spiritual food. The work of the local church is carried on by tithes and offerings given by God's people.

### **The Treasury**

Luke 21:1-4 *"And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, **Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.**"*

### **What should be your attitude in giving?**

2 Corinthians 9:7 *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

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Communications Ministry



## AN AFRICAN PASTOR'S STATEMENT ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DISCIPLE

Recently, I was asked to share something for the monthly Newsletter. It didn't take long for the Holy Spirit to remind me of this statement and my reaction to it. I read this several years ago after completing a Discipleship Training Class. I've shared it before in other settings over the past few years. You may have heard or read it before. The statement can actually be found in the back of one of the books. I found it thought provoking, educational and inspiring. It was written by an African Pastor who was totally sold out for Jesus. I hope you're blessed as I was.

*He says, "I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.*

*My past is redeemed, my present makes sense; my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.*

*I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.*

*My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.*

*I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me.*

*And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me – my banner will be clear."*

This statement by a dedicated, fully committed preacher of the gospel is a clear example of how, if we are serious, and if we are sold out, we should be as servants of our God.

If you listened closely and were able to decipher in your own words, you could hear redemption, regeneration, hope, trust, prayer, faith and determination.

You didn't need to hear the word to know that he was totally and completely in love and he was committed to his relationship until the end.

(An African Pastor's Statement cont'd)

It didn't take much to realize who the center of his joy is or that falling in love with Jesus was the best thing he'd ever done.

This Pastor let us know just how personal his relationship and conviction is.

At the end of this preacher's profession, the author of the lesson we'd been studying posed two questions, *"Are you totally committed to Jesus? And, will He recognize you as His disciple because your banner is clear?"*

My heart's desire is not to question you but to encourage you to receive the statement of this African Pastor in your spirit and to examine your relationship with our Lord even as I have done and am still doing, and, more importantly, *"to be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* (Romans 12:2)

Even as I share this with you, I am reminding myself that it's easy to talk about what we believe but our actions speak far better than words so *"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16) Allow the love of Christ to flow out of you to touch the heart of your sister or brother.

Finally, my prayer is that in whatever area of ministry He has equipped us to serve, whether we usher, whether we teach, whether the women's ministry, the men's ministry or the health ministry, the mothers' ministry or the deacons' ministry, whether outreach ministry or media ministry, whether Sunday School or Pastor's Aide, whether musician or choir member, we will do so to the glory of God. It doesn't matter where we're at; it doesn't matter what we're doing; it doesn't matter who we're with – the saint or the sinner. What matters is that we exhibit the same tenacity, conviction and determination so that all will know that we are undeniably God's own and nothing shall separate us from Him, not death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. **We belong to Him and our lives ought to reflect that fact. This for me is a great declaration of love and I pray you receive it.**

Faithfully submitted,  
Cheryl Alford, FBC Member





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](http://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!



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Marvin Whitfield, Ministry President



The Men's Ministry met via Zoom at 10:30 am on January 8, 2022. Fourteen members were present including Marvin Whitfield, Dale Hill, Dallis Hairston, Rickie Bowens and Ryan Dendy. Bro. Hairston opened the meeting with prayer. Bro. Whitfield, President, provided the scripture reading from Lamentations 3:22-23 *"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness"* and from Revelation 21:5 *"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, write: for these words are true and faithful."* After the general meeting, our guest speaker, Elisabeth John, retired accountant, presented 2021 Tax Changes, AARP and filing information which are highlighted below. We were very appreciative of the information provided. Bro. Dendy closed the meeting with prayer.

### 2021 TAX CHANGES (Important Changes for Individuals)

**AARP Foundation** [www.aarpfoundation.org](http://www.aarpfoundation.org). The Foundation, a charitable affiliate of AARP, goals and missions are helping the 50+ community. It is an accredited charity (501(c) 3) with the BBB. The Foundation has several programs that support its' missions and goals:

- SCSEP- Senior Community Service Employment Program
- Work for yourself@50+
- Back to work 50+
- Experience Corps
- Tax-Aide (provides free tax preparation, counseling and guidance to the population that needs the services, available year round, offers online tax assistance, offers services in your community and services are provided by trained, skilled and certified volunteers). The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program is offered nationwide either in-person or virtually based on location and the availability of volunteers. **The program begins in February 2022.** You can locate a facility in your neighborhood @ [www.aarp.org/taxaide](http://www.aarp.org/taxaide).

#### 2021 Tax Law Updates (Individual Tax Filing)

- Recovery Rebate Credit: EIP3
- Child & Dependent Care Credit
- Earned Income Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Credit for Sick Leave & Credit for Family Leave

#### Recovery Rebate Credit (Economic Impact Payment #3)

- All EIP were advance payments: EIP1 & EIP2 (TY 20 under CARES)
- EIP3 under ARPA up to \$1,400 per person including qualified dependents, (college students, adults with disability, parents & grandparents)
- Income phase out: S \$75K, MFJ/SS \$150K, HH \$112,500
- RRC on your tax return and it's refundable
- What did you get? Notices 1444 & 1444B (TY20) 1444C (TY21)
- IRS Letter # 6475 confirming EIP3 for TY 21

#### Child & Dependent Care Credit

- Increased the amount of the credit: up to \$4,000 for one qualifying person and \$8,000 for two or more
- Eligible if you pay someone to care for your qualifying person(s)
- Qualifying person is: dependent under 13, spouse if mentally or physically unable to care for his/herself
- Credit is refundable if your main home is one of the 50 states or DC

(Men's Ministry cont'd)

### **Earned Income Tax Credit**

- Designed for low & moderate income individuals
- Taxpayer(s) & qualifying children must have valid SSN & be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Must be at least 19 years old (was 25); cannot be a dependent on another return. Available to senior citizens (was to age 65)
- Available to taxpayers with and without qualifying children
- Calculate the credit based on 2019 if higher than 2021 income
- Married must file MFJ\*

### **Child Tax Credit**

- Increases the amount to \$3,000 per child (6-17); \$3,600 (5 and under)
- Fully refundable to eligible taxpayers
- Available if family(s) have little or no income
- Family received advance payments up to 1/2 of the credit
- IRS sends letter # 6419 in January 2022 with the total amount of advance payments

### **Credit for Sick Leave & Family Leave**

- Eligible self-employed persons can take an income tax credit to offset federal self-employment tax
- Modified & extended for 2021
- File Form 7202
- Uses a calculation to determine the eligible amount if under Federal, State or local quarantine for COVID 19

### **2021 Tax Law Updates (Individual Filing)**

- Increase in the standard deduction:
- S/MFS \$12,550; HH \$18,800 MFJ \$25,100
- Increase in charitable contribution deduction for taxpayers using the standard deduction S \$300 or MFJ \$600
- Medical expense deduction is 7.5% above AGI and is permanent

### **Tax liability is based on filing status. You must file a return if:**

- Single under 65 earn \$12,550; 65 earn \$14,250
- HH under 65 \$18,800 65 earn \$20,500
- MFJ under 65 (both) \$25,100; 65 (one) \$26,450 65(both) \$27,800

S-Single MFS-Married Filing Single HH-Household MFJ-Married Filing Jointly

This information is not designed to provide all of the 2021 tax changes but to highlight the most commonly used and needed for individual tax filing only. Tax filing deadline for 2021 is **April 18, 2022**.

**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 the Men's Ministry page at [fbcduluth.org](http://fbcduluth.org) to "JOIN LIVE"

# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

*Min. Monique Stroman, Ministry President*



## GOD WILL RENEW US!

The theme for the Women's Ministry in 2022 is "Renew in 2022"!

**Renew** means to resume (an activity) after interruption. Merriam Webster defines renew as to make like new; to make new spiritually; to do again, to begin again.

According to the King James Version, renew means: 1) to renovate, to restore; 2) to reestablish; 3) to make again; 4) to repeat (like to renew a promise; 5) to revive; 6) to begin again; 7) to make new, fresh or vigorous, like to renew youth, strength.

Often, when we begin a new year, people may ask, "What are your new year's resolutions?" We may feel pressure and stress to come up with resolutions, or maybe guilt and regret that we have not done, finished, or continued something. We do not have to feel any pressure—we can be renewed in 2022! God can refresh us, revive us, restore us and renew our strength! We can also renew our commitments to Him, to things He has asked us and called us to do. Wherever we "ended" in 2021, we do not have to "start all over again"; God can renew us right where we are.

Our lesson for January came from Isaiah 40:25-31. The Lord wanted to remind us of His promises and comfort us from His Word.

## GOD IS STRONG IN POWER/ALL POWERFUL

In verse 25, God asks, "**To whom then will ye liken Me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.**" (KJV) He is asking, "**To whom will you compare Me, that I would be his equal?**" (AMP). To whom do we compare God? Who is equal to God? Our friends? Our family? When we worry about a problem, to whom are we comparing Him? God wants us to remember that He is the Almighty God, the All Powerful (Omnipotent) God. There is no one that is equal to God or greater than God. He has all power!

The Lord said in verse 26, to lift your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all of this? He brings out the starry host like an army (NLT) and He calls them forward by name. He created all of the millions of stars in the heavens by His Word and He calls each of them by name. The verse goes on to say that because He is strong in power, because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power (AMP), not one is missing. The order and display of the stars reflect God's great power and might; none of the stars fail to appear or fail to do what He tells them to do. To whom will you compare Me?

Verse 27 states, "**Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, my way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?**" (KJV) God asks, through the prophet Isaiah, why do you say God doesn't see me? God doesn't see what I'm going through? Why do we say He doesn't see my tears, hear my prayers, see my situation? Why do we say the justice we are due has escaped God's notice (AMP)? Why do you say the Almighty God, who created the stars and knows them by name, who spread the heavens like a curtain, and who made you does not see you? In the next verse, the Lord begins to answer the question He asked in verse 27---with a question and a reassuring statement.

(Women's Ministry cont'd)

### **GOD DOES NOT GET TIRED**

In verse 28, God asks (for the 2nd time in this chapter), **"Have you not known? Have you not heard?..."** God is the Everlasting God; He is eternal, lives forever, and in Whom there is no deficiency. He is **the Lord**, which means Jehovah, the I AM, the Self-Existent One. He is **the Creator of the ends of the earth**, of the whole earth. The scripture says **God fainteth not**, meaning He does not get tired, fatigued or exhausted. **God neither is weary**, does not get or feel tired, and is not exhausted in strength, endurance, vigor. God does not get tired! We get tired, we feel exhausted at times, but He never gets tired! He has all strength and power! Then He says, **"...there is no searching of His understanding"**; His understanding is limitless. God is saying He is the Eternal God who made this whole world and everything in it. He sees us, He understands exactly how we feel and cares about everything we are going through. He is not too tired or weak to take care of us and everything that concerns us.

Verse 29 says God gives power to those who are faint, who are fatigued and exhausted. God increases strength to those who are weak, who have no strength. He is the infinite source of power. Even the youths, as mentioned in verse 30, who are in the strongest times of their lives, will grow weary in their own strength. Even the young men, who may have strength and endurance, will stumble and fall without God's strength.

### **GOD WILL RENEW OUR STRENGTH (VS. 31)**

***"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..."*** Wait means expect, look for, hope in.

Expect = to believe something will happen and will arrive soon.

Look for = to direct one's gaze toward something or someone in a specified direction; to hope to get something wanted or needed.

Hope in = a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen; a feeling of trust. Confident expectation.

God reminded us that He wants us to expect Him to show up and move on our behalf, to look to and cast our eyes on Him, knowing He is for us, and to hope in Him, to have a feeling of trust and confident expectation in Him. He is for us and is working everything out for our good and for His glory!

The word "renew" in this passage means "to exchange". So, that means we will exchange our weakness for His strength and power!

**"They shall mount up with wings as eagles..."** Like the eagle flies high above the storm and high in the heavens, so will God cause us to rise high above our troubles, situations and circumstances. Eagles are known for their strength, good health and speed; they live to a great age, beyond other birds, and renew their feathers even in old age. God can renew our strength no matter our age! Nothing is too hard for Him!

**"They shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."** We can run this race with God's strength and not get tired. We can walk with the Lord and not get weak. Our Almighty God will renew our strength!

The meeting began with fellowship and intercessory prayer. We ended with prayer requests and prayer. We are excited and looking forward to all God will do this year. **Renew in 2022!**

## FBC Women's Ministry - "Renew in 2022!"



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

*Intercessory prayer begins at 8:30 a.m. - Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.*

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

**Zoom Meeting ID: 827 8986 6699**

**Passcode: 903992**

(You may also connect to the meeting from the Church's website)

### Contact Information

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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.

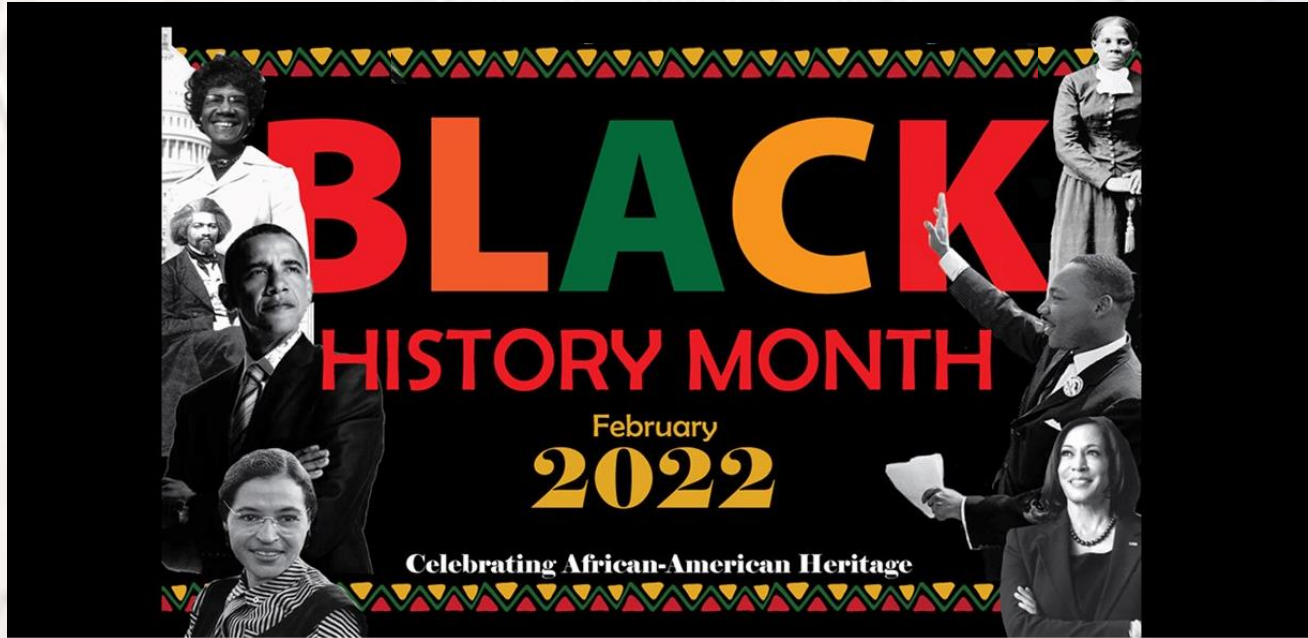
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# BLACK HISTORY

OUR VOICES. OUR STORIES.



Sis. Diane Russell, Black History Coordinator  
Communications Ministry



Kamala Harris, Raphael Warnock, Tishaura Jones, Zaila Avant-garde, Tamyra Mensah-Stock, 2021 members of congress



(Black History cont'd)

African Americans are also living longer, and most of them have some form of health insurance coverage. However, African Americans still experience illness and infirmity at extremely high rates and have lower life expectancy than other racial and ethnic groups. They are also one of the most economically disadvantaged demographics in this country.

Disparities still exist across health conditions when comparing African Americans and whites, including maternal mortality, infant mortality, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and other health issues. Social factors, including economic disadvantage, inequities in education, and lack of access to health care, impact a person's ability to lead a healthy and productive life. For people in American society that experience racism and inequality in their daily lives, and throughout the lifespan, the impact of social factors on health are the gravest.



The American health care system is beset with inequalities that have a disproportionate impact on people of color and other marginalized groups. These inequalities contribute to gaps in health insurance coverage, uneven access to services, and poorer health outcomes among certain populations. African Americans bear the brunt of these health care challenges.

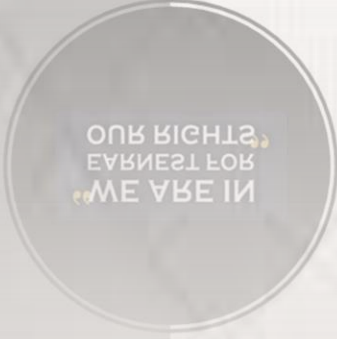
When it comes to income, gains have been made as well, but African Americans are still paid less than white Americans for the same jobs and lag significantly behind when it comes to accumulating wealth. And as for home ownership, just over 40 percent of African Americans own a home—a rate virtually unchanged since 1968.

(Black History cont'd)



“WE ARE IN  
EARNEST FOR  
OUR RIGHTS”


**THE ONLY TIME  
YOU SHOULD EVER  
LOOK BACK,  
IS TO SEE HOW  
FAR YOU'VE COME.**



OUR RIGHTS,  
EARNEST FOR  
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EAR YOU'VE COME'  
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You are young, gifted, and Black. We must begin to tell our young, There's a world waiting for you, Yours is the quest that's just begun.


— James Weldon Johnson —

**Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing**

Lyrics by  
JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

Music by  
J. ROSAMOND JOHNSON

*Maestoso ben sostenuto*

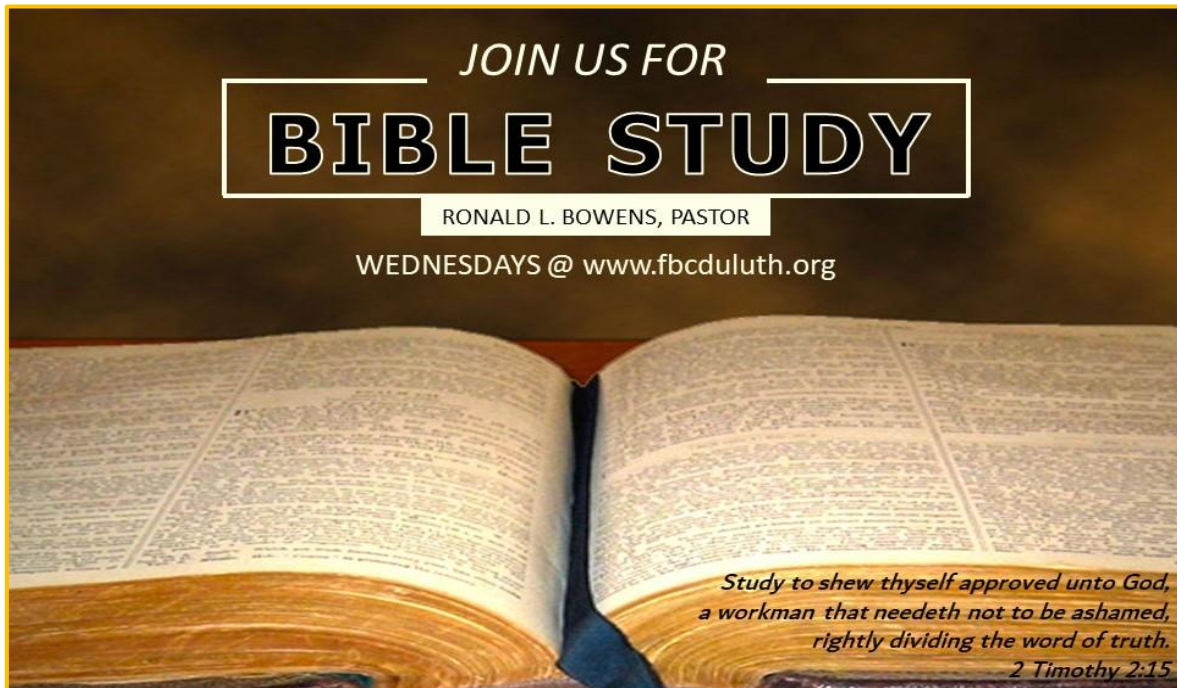


## National Black Anthem

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.



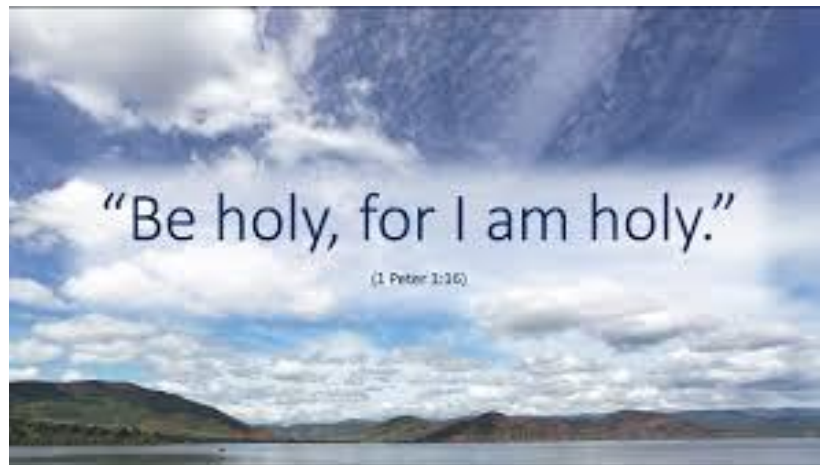
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# BIBLE STUDY

RONALD L. BOWENS, PASTOR

WEDNESDAYS @ [www.fbcduluth.org](http://www.fbcduluth.org)

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



The Holy Spirit does not just bring about life at the beginning of someone's walk with Christ. Rather, the Holy Spirit will bring about newness of life and times of refreshing throughout the Christian's journey. He will give you strength when your strength is failing and bring about a sense of love and a desire for God when these seem to be waning. Trust in the Holy Spirit and pray that He will work in your heart. Yes, God has given commands to the believer for him to follow. Yes, man is held responsible for not following God's commands. Nevertheless, there is a work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer that brings about greater levels of obedience. The Holy Spirit will bring about sanctification in the true life of a true believer in Christ. While the believer is to work out his salvation and strive to be holy. The Bible says that it is God who works within him. Be ye holy as I am holy.



**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



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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 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 January 30<sup>th</sup> lesson “Justice and the Marginalized” from Deuteronomy 24:10-21. *“But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore, I command thee to do this thing.”* (Deuteronomy 24:18, KJV)

**Liberating Lesson:** The Urban Institute’s Well-Being and Basic Needs Survey found that nearly 40 percent of non-elderly adults report difficulty meeting basic needs such as food, healthcare, housing, and utilities. We are one of the wealthiest nations in the world, so why is this statistic still true? God blesses us so that we can be blessings to our neighbors. It is not a matter of the privileged and the underprivileged in the sight of God. It is never about lauding privilege, but being generous enough to share it knowing that we should love our neighbors as ourselves.

**Application for Activation:** Daily, we have seen people on streets or near freeways holding signs that in essence say, “I need help.” Often we ignore their concern or don’t think we have enough to help them in their time of need. Yet our help, regardless of the increment, could be the assistance they need. Many of us have the privilege of going to a home, changing clothes, and having a meal. It may not be exactly what we want, but we have something. Maybe enough to share. Let’s do something! Look for ways to assist the underprivileged, whether providing for their needs, or advocating for their rights.



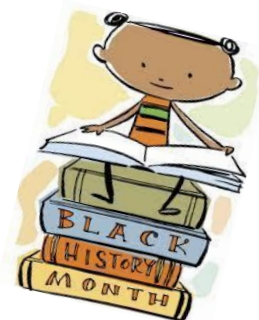
Friendship Baptist Church

**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*



**YOUTH**  
and  
**TEEN**  
Worship Service  
@ fbcduluth.org

**BLACK**  
HISTORY MONTH



# TEEN MINISTRY

*Rev. Stan & Min. Barbara Williams, Ministry Leaders*



## Church News & Other Important Information

### **FBC is Open!**

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

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

### **Education Ministry**

Although things and times are a little different right now, we at Friendship Baptist Church still believe recognizing our youth is important. The young people of today are our future leaders of tomorrow. We would like all High School Seniors who are members of Friendship and graduating in 2022 to send your name and contact information to [sharon4282.sn@gmail.com](mailto:sharon4282.sn@gmail.com) and copy [fbcduluth@att.net](mailto:fbcduluth@att.net) no later than **Monday, February 28, 2022.**

College Graduating Class of 2022 (July 1, 2021 to May 30, 2022) who are members of Friendship Baptist Church, please contact Sharon Norman at [sharon4282.sn@gmail.com](mailto:sharon4282.sn@gmail.com). Thank you.

**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 the following: [scholarships@gwinnettdst.org](mailto:scholarships@gwinnettdst.org) or 404-428-8493. **Deadline is Friday, February 11, 2022.** <https://form.jotform.com/GCAC/2022-gcac-scholarship-application>.

### **Job Opportunity**

Join Pateco Services Team - 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](mailto:fnaayone@patecoservices.com) or fax to 770-884-2693. Any questions, please contact our office at 770-545-8735.

### **Communications Ministry**

The Communications Ministry is seeking gifted and talented people in the field of technology as we grow and support the needs of the church as God leads us. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Louie Malone at [tag49llm@aol.com](mailto:tag49llm@aol.com).



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





# PETE BOWENS FELLOWSHIP

**BOWLING LEAGUE**

**SUNDAYS @ 5PM**

*Bowlero (formerly Brunswick Lanes)*

3835 Lawrenceville Highway | Lawrenceville, Georgia 30044

Contacts: Deacon Michael Jerrals, Rosena Heyward, Ethel Emery



## AROUND GWINNETT

### 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](http://CleanAirForce.com). Once your vehicle has been tested, renew online at [GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Renew](http://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](http://GwinnettTaxCommissioner.com/Apply) now through April 1. For assistance, email [Tax@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Tax@GwinnettCounty.com) or call 770.822.8800.

### Interested in a Career with Gwinnett?

Start your career with Gwinnett County Government at the Career From Here hiring event on February 25 from 9:00am to 5:00pm in Duluth. View available careers and submit an application on [GCCA.us/HiringEvents](http://GCCA.us/HiringEvents) by February 11 to be considered for an onsite interview. During the event, you can network with current employees, learn about opportunities with the County, have your resume reviewed, and more.

The event will take place at the Gas South Convention Center, located at 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway in Duluth. Gwinnett County offers competitive benefits, paid training, educational incentives for certain positions, tuition reimbursement, career advancement, and much more.

### Household Hazardous Waste event set for February 12

Do you have hard-to-dispose-of items like paints, pesticides, and batteries stacking up around your home? Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful is partnering with the Gwinnett Water Resources to host the seventh annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, February 12.

The event is from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds, located at 2405 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville. The event is at no cost to residents. For a complete list of acceptable items and guidelines or to volunteer, visit [GwinnettCB.org/Event/HHW](http://GwinnettCB.org/Event/HHW). For more information or questions, visit [Gwinnett20.com](http://Gwinnett20.com) or [GwinnettCB.org/Events](http://GwinnettCB.org/Events).

### Take Charge of Your Health at the Community Health Fair

Live Healthy Gwinnett is sponsoring free health screenings and offering community wellness activities for all ages on Saturday, February 12 from 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Lenora Park Gym. Participants can also enjoy fitness classes, watch cooking demonstrations, and win giveaways and prizes.

The Lenora Park Gym is located at 4515 Lenora Church Road in Snellville. For more information and to learn how to become an exhibitor, contact [Carion.Marcelin@GwinnettCounty.com](mailto:Carion.Marcelin@GwinnettCounty.com).

## Bible Word Search: LOVE

All the words listed below are in the puzzle (left, right, up, down or diagonally). Print this page and circle each word you find. After you have found all the words, write down the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

E	C	A	E	P	Y	F	H	U	N	G	E	R	D	G
S	K	N	A	H	T	R	E	T	A	E	R	G	I	I
J	E	S	U	S	I	C	K	N	E	S	S	O	N	F
S	R	P	I	D	R	C	D	A	E	R	B	O	N	T
E	F	I	L	N	A	O	G	T	A	M	U	D	E	H
R	C	R	M	E	H	N	B	I	S	E	I	D	R	Y
V	O	I	E	I	C	D	S	H	E	A	V	E	N	S
I	M	T	R	R	R	E	V	I	G	V	E	E	S	E
C	F	G	C	F	D	M	F	R	U	I	T	F	U	L
E	O	L	I	V	I	N	G	W	A	T	E	R	T	F
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N	O	O	L	A	O	I	W	E	V	I	E	C	E	R
V	S	R	H	O	N	P	E	O	P	L	E	S	H	C
Y	O	J	F	K	R	O	O	P	Y	L	I	A	D	Y

ABIDE	ENEMIES	GOD	KINDNESS	POOR
BREAD	ENVY	GOOD	LABOR	RAISED
CHARITY	FEAST	GREATER	LIFE	RECEIVE
COMFORT	FOOD	HATE	LIVING WATER	SERVICE
CONDEMNED	FREELY	HEART	MERCIFUL	SICKNESS
DAILY	FRIENDS	HEAVEN	MERCY	SPIRIT
DINNER	FRUITFUL	HUNGER	NEIGHBORS	THANKS
DRINK	GIFT	JESUS	PEACE	THYSELF
ENDURETH	GIVER	JOY	PEOPLE	WANT

Mystery Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

(Answer bottom next page)



# OPPORTUNITIES TO **SERVE** AT FRIENDSHIP

## WEEKLY

Bible Study (Adult)	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Sanctuary
Intercessory Prayer	Wednesday	6:30 pm	Sanctuary
Mid-Week Service	Wednesday	12:00 noon	Lower Level Main Building
New Members' Class	Sunday	9:45 am	Room 202 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 & 11:00 am	Sanctuary



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Friendly through Fellowship  
 Developed through Discipleship  
 Enlarged through Evangelism  
 Sharing and Caring through Servanthood  
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