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“Exhalt the Savior, Equip the Saint, Evangelize the Sinner.”

Trust

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JUNE CALENDAR

- 3-7 - Vacation Bible School
- 8 - Women’s Ministry Meeting
Creative Learning Ministry Workshop
- 9 - Graduation Announcements
- 16 - Father’s Day
- 19 - Juneteenth
- July**
- 4 - Independence Day

The deadline for July Newsletter articles is Friday, June 21st

THEME OF THE MONTH

Trust

WRITTEN BY HYACINTH CHUNG



“Trust” can be interpreted in many ways, but all interpretations have the same basic principles regarding morals and ethics. “Trust”, in the English language, is a noun which means: the firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of someone or something. The verb or action word of “trust” is the same as having faith in, putting or placing one’s trust in, having confidence in, or believing in someone or something. When it comes to the Law, “trust” is having an arrangement whereby a person called a “trustee” holds property as its nominal owner for the good of one or more beneficiaries. In the olden days, “trust” also involved extending credit to someone and allowing them to make the payment at a later time.

The Biblical definition of “trust” is to believe in the reliability, truth or strength of someone or something - in this case, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Relationships have to be built on trust. When it comes to trusting God, we must believe in His reliability, His Word and His ability and His strength. We can solely trust in God because He does not lie, He keeps His promises, He loves us unconditionally, He protects us, takes care of us, and defends us. To trust in God means more than believing in who He is and what He says. We have to have confidence in Him. Having confidence in someone or something means having an assurance that leads to action.

Is trust considered a choice or a feeling? Being aware of all the qualities that trust entails and giving people the chance to demonstrate them, can provide useful information about whether to trust someone or not. When people decide to take that leap, they do so purposefully and intentionally. In that case we can say “trust” is a considered choice.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.” (KJV)

Jesus symbolizes trust as we see in Mark 5:36 in the synagogue when he told Jairus, “Don’t be afraid, only believe.” (KJV)

God is trustworthy, faithful, reliable and He calls his people to respond to His trustworthiness with trust.

Scripture of the Month

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And do not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NASB)

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Trust and Obey

WRITTEN BY JOHN H. SAMMIS

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Trust and Obey

1. When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word
 2. Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share,
 3. But we nev - er can prove The de - lights of His love
 4. Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet

What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! Let us do His good
 But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a
 Un - til all on the al - tar we lay; For the fa - vor He
 Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will

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 will; He a - bides with us still, And with all who will
 loss, Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we
 shows And the joy He be - stows Are for them who will
 do, Where He sends we will go; Nev - er fear, on - ly

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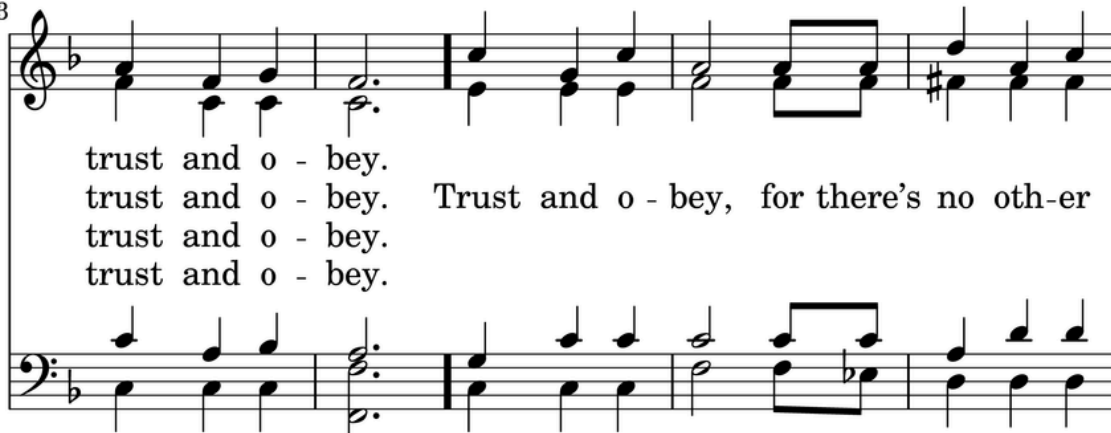
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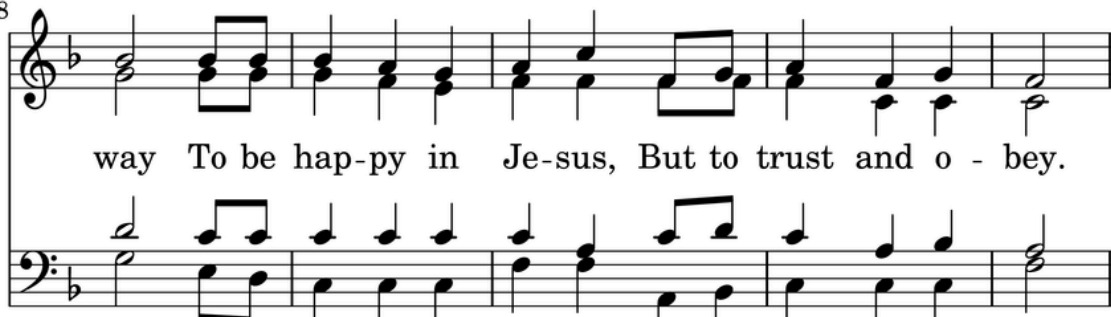
Trust and Obey

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trust and o - bey.
 trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth-er
 trust and o - bey.
 trust and o - bey.

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way To be hap-py in Je-sus, But to trust and o - bey.

Pray for those on our "Sick and Shut-in" List

AS WELL AS THOSE GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE



Send them a card, give them a call, visit them. You never know how much it could mean to them.

Mr. William Annan

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Sis. Pat Ashe

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Dea. Willie Blake

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Bro. Victor Winston Jr.

Sis. Priscilla Wise

Sis. Dorothy Woods

Sis. Lola Wright

Prayer changes things.

SIGNS OF THE SEASON

A Father's Love

WRITTEN BY CHRISTINE SMITH



Dad, Father, Papa, Pops are different names we lovingly give to fathers and father figures in our lives. Being a Godly father is an incredible responsibility given by God, as the father is the head of the house just as Christ is the head of the church. *“24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;” Ephesians 5:24-25 (KJV)*

It is the responsibility of a Godly father to not only provide the physical needs of his children but the spiritual needs as well. *“5 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 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.” Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (KJV)*

In the United States, we set aside the third Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. We celebrate Father's Day to recognize the many contributions and sacrifices our dads have made in our lives. Many fathers have answered the call to raise children as a single parent. In fact, Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Sonora's father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children.

After hearing a sermon about Anna Jarvis's Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5th (her father's birthday), the pastors of the Spokane Ministerial Alliance did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June. By the 1960s, President Lyndon B. Johnson started annually proclaiming the third Sunday in June as Father's Day, and in 1972, President Richard M. Nixon made it official. [Source: [Father's Day \(United States\) - Wikipedia](#)]

If circumstances had it so you didn't have a relationship with your physical father, take comfort in knowing that you can always cry out, “Abba!”, to our heavenly Father! *“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” Romans 8:15 (KJV)*

Wishing all fathers and father figures a blessed and Happy Father's Day!

[Fun Activity: Test your knowledge of “Fathers in the Bible” on the next page.]

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

MATCH UP GAME

MATCH THE BIBLICAL FATHERS WITH THE CORRECT CHILD/CHILDREN. EARN ONE POINT FOR A CORRECT ANSWER. THE MOST CORRECT ANSWERS WINS!

1. Father of Isaac _____
2. Father of Jacob _____
3. Father of Solomon _____
4. Father of Samuel _____
5. Father of Joseph & Benjamin _____
6. Father of Moses _____
7. Father of John the Baptist _____
8. Father of Cain & Abel _____
9. Father of James & John _____
10. Father of King Saul _____
11. Father of Rebekah _____
12. Father of Leah & Rachel _____
13. Father of Jonathan _____
14. Father of Peter & Andrew _____
15. Father of Joshua _____
16. Father of Gideon _____
17. Father of David _____
18. Father of Noah _____
19. Father of Samson _____
20. Father of Obed _____

Zebedee
Boaz
Manoah
Saul
Bethuel
Jesse
David
Joash
Kish
Jacob
Lamech
Isaac
Nun
Elkanah
Laban
Zechariah
Jonah
Abraham
Adam
Amram

Total Points: _____

Answers can be found on the next page.

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK HISTORY

National Negro Opera Company

PITTSBURGH, PA

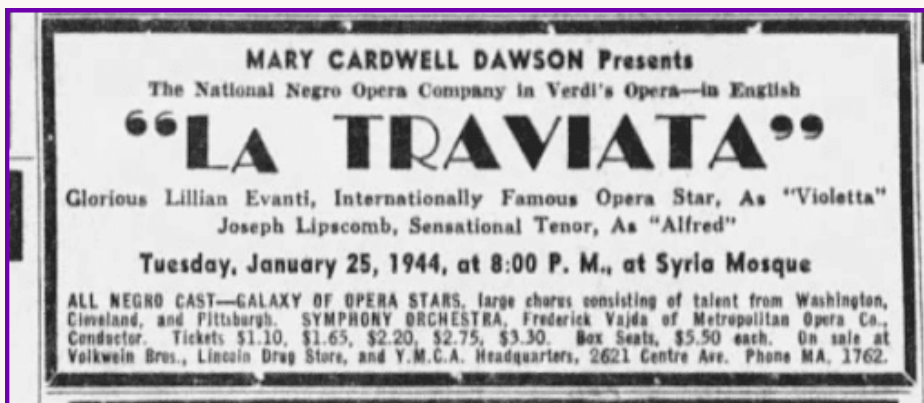
WRITTEN BY DIANE RUSSELL



Music has always been a part of African American life. It has been a key method of expression in both secular and religious spaces. The secular space gave rise to blues, work songs, folk songs, minstrel songs and other forms of popular music. The religious space gave rise to spirituals, hymns, and performance styles ranging from a soloist with single piano accompaniment to large choirs shaking the rafters of small churches.

The black church has always been an important training ground for young African American musicians who would later cross over into other genres. Pop artists Aretha Franklin, Patti LaBelle, Luther Vandross, and Whitney Houston all sang in church as children, as did classical singers Leontyne Price and Marian Anderson. The first black opera company in the United States also had its roots in the black church.

Learning to sing in her family's church in Pittsburgh, Mary Cardwell Dawson left home to enter the New England Conservatory of Music, one of the nation's most prestigious musical colleges. After graduating she returned to Pittsburgh and soon realized that opportunities for black performers in the rarefied world of white opera production were few. So, Dawson began to direct a number of black choirs that sang classical pieces. She directed a huge ensemble of 500 singers, who won national awards in 1935 and 1937, and then went on to perform at the 1939 New York World's Fair. In 1938, Dawson was elected president of the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM), the most prominent organization of African American musicians. Public acclaim for her production of Verdi's "Aida", at the 1941 annual meeting of the NANM, convinced Dawson that African American singers needed a company that would provide them the opportunities deprived them by segregation.

**Fathers in the Bible Match Answers**

1. Abraham
2. Issac
3. David
4. Elkanah
5. Jacob
6. Amram
7. Zechariah
8. Adam
9. Zebedee
10. Kish
11. Bethuel
12. Laban
13. Saul
14. Jonah
15. Nun
16. Joash
17. Jesse
18. Lamech
19. Manoah
20. Boaz

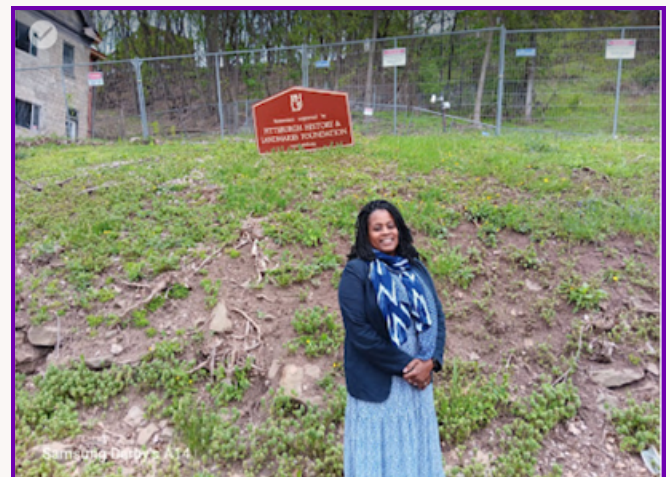
HIGHLIGHTING BLACK HISTORY

Returning home, she founded the National Negro Opera Company (NNOC), the first black opera company in the nation. Featuring several prominent soloists and choir members from many of Pittsburgh's black churches, the company won critical rave reviews. "We have rarely heard," wrote the music critic for the Pittsburgh Sun-Telegram, "so impressive a chorus in all our opera experience."

Dawson worked tirelessly to promote African American participation and appreciation of the opera. Among the original works she produced by black composers were R. Nathaniel Dett's "The Ordering of Moses" and Clarence Cameron White's "Ouanga, Ouanga."

In 1941 the company moved to Washington, DC and the location was used as a meeting house and boarding house known as the Mystery Manor.

In 2000, Pittsburgh natives Jonnet Solomon and Miriam White purchased the building. They are in the process of having the building restored and plans to transform the historic building into a museum. Restoration began in 2022 to be completed this year.



Be Still... and LOOK!

WRITTEN BY WHITNEY BROWN



When I moved from California to Georgia last year, the first thing that I noticed was Georgia's care and appreciation for its greenery. From the thick forestry full of tall, aged trees to gorgeous green lakes that extend as far as the eye can see, the great state of Georgia is full of God's creativity!

June is National Great Outdoors Month, so let us reflect on the beautiful creation around us - of which we often take for granted. Psalms 95:4-5 (NKJV) tells us: *"In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land."*

Isn't that amazing to know!? The God who molded the hills by hand and breathed waves into the oceans is the same God that created us and loves us! The very creation of Earth and the nature around us was an act of His unfailing love.
(Ref. Psalms 33:5 NIV).

In Job 37:14 (NKJV), Job was instructed to be still and consider God's wondrous works. I encourage you today to follow the same instructions. Whether you simply take a walk in the park with a loved one, or sit and rest at the lakefront, take a moment this month to be still and enjoy the beautiful creation that God has placed all around us!

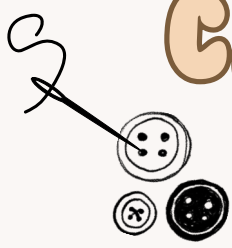


Senior's Ministry Meeting

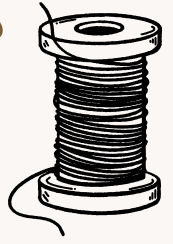


On Saturday, April 27th the Senior's Ministry, chaired by Mother Brenda Graves and Reverend Eugene Graves, gathered to fellowship and celebrate Mother Graves' birthday. Activities included Bible Trivia, eating cake, and planning the next ministry outing which is tentatively decided to be to the Dekalb Farmers Market on Saturday June 22nd. If you are interested in attending the next outing, be on the lookout for more details throughout the month of June!





CREATIVE LEARNING WORKSHOP



On Saturday, May 11th the Creative Learning Ministry gathered for a class instructed by Sis. Sharon Wilson on how to create a DIY (do it yourself) pie/casserole carrier. These charismatic totes are perfect for a family gathering, the church potluck, and any other celebration or get together.





Mother's Day at FBC

MAY 12, 2024



It is a divine blessing and responsibility to be a Godly mother. May you continue to find new strength as you trust in the Lord and never get tired of doing good. Thank you, mothers, for all that you do.



28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: 29 Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." Proverbs 31:28-29 (NKJV)



Let us keep the hopeful future mothers lifted in prayer as the Lord continues to prepare them for motherhood.

And thank you to the Men's Ministry for the beautiful Mother's Day flowers!





**GOD'S ROCK-SOLID TRUTH IN A
WORLD OF SHIFTING SANDS**
ROMANS 12:2

FBC VBS 2024

God's Truth Never Changes!!

Theme Verse: "Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:2 CSB

Get ready for a week of adventure at Breaker Rock Beach where students will learn that God's truth never changes! As they fly kites in the misty seaside air, explore tide pools, and spot orcas and sea lions, students will be challenged to recognize the difference between the lies (or half-truths) of culture and God's unchanging truth.

FBC VBS 2024

Breaker Rock Beach

June 3rd-7th
6-9pm

Day 1: Truth Comes From God
Bible Story: (Genesis 2-3)
Satan Tricked Adam and Eve
Bonus Verse: Psalm 119:160
Spirit Night: Blue

Day 2: God's Plan is Best
Bible Story: (Daniel 1)
Daniel Chose God's Way
Bonus Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6
Spirit Night: Yellow

Day 3: Everyone Needs Jesus
Bible Story: (Mark 10:17-27)
The Rich Young Ruler
Bonus Verse: Romans 3:23-24
Spirit Night: Green

Day 4: Jesus Is The Only Way
Bible Story: (John 14:1-6; 18-20; Acts 1:9-12)
John Wrote About Jesus
Bonus Verse: Acts 4:12
Spirit Night: Orange

Day 5: Speak The Truth In Love
Bible Story: (Acts 9:1-6; 19:1-10, 21-31; 20:1; Ephesians 3:14- 4:16)
Paul Encouraged the Ephesians
Spirit Night: Red
Beach Party!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

for teachers, registration, decoration, kitchen crew, crafts, games, security, and more!

Contact Kindell May at (770) 715-3726 or fbcduluthvbs@gmail.com

FBC Creative Learning

NEXT CRAFT DATE:

6/8/2024
10 AM - 2 PM

Project: DIY Apron



JOIN NOW



Craft and Create

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER

Text your name and email to 404.819.6901



Announcing the Graduation
of the
Class of 2024

Friendship Baptist Church

Celebrate with us
June 9, 2024
11:00 AM



Save the Date

Christmas In July

JULY

13TH

10 AM - 2PM

Now accepting vendor applications

What is Christmas in July?

Hosted by FBC Creative Learning

A day filled with festive activities, shopping, hand crafted gift ideas, door prizes, quilt show/display, make and take crafts, music, food, fellowship and fun! You'll have a chance to see all the talented work from our Saturday workshops

Contact Erichka Rogers for more information

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Gospel Word Search

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

Reconciliation

Resurrection

Holy Spirit

Sins

Disciples

Baptism

Teacher

Lord

Christ

Prayer

Good News

Son

Heaven

Savior

Salvation

Father

Gospel

Cross

Sermon

Jesus

Answer key

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

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Thanks for reading

Friendship's Voice

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