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AUGUST 2024

"Exhalt the Savior, Equip the Saint, Evangelize the Sinner."

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AUGUST CALENDAR

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- 10 Fairfield Baptist Church OutreachWorkshop
- 17 New Jerusalem Baptist ChurchPraise and Worship Celebration
- 24 FBC Health Fair

THEME OF THE MONTH







The dictionary explains Worship to be "the feeling or expression of reverence and adoration for a deity." That means showing a lot of love, respect, honor and devotion for someone or something. Religious believers worship idols or man-made gods. People worship each other or material things, but what is true worship?

The basic function of worship is the establishment and maintenance of the relationship between human beings and the Holy God. In this way, worship enriches and renews close relations with the divine God.

In the Bible, worship is the reverential response of creation to the all-encompassing magnificence of God. Isaiah 6:4 shows us, as the presence of God entered the temple all creation bowed and cried out, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Worshipping God is more than lip service. It is the repentance of hearts in tune with God's Word, the feeding on God's Word and promises, the exalting of God for who He is and what He has done for us.

Worship is pure, true communion with God, and the Bible gives us many examples of it. Exodus 15:11 shows us the exaltation of God, and Psalm 147 through 150 are good scriptures of exhortation to help in our worship experience.

True worship of God is directed through Jesus Christ our Savior. John14:6 tells us that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father, but by Him, Christ Jesus. So we have to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

As King Solomon in all his wisdom said in Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of the heart flows the issues of life". If your heart is closely knitted with God's Word, then out of your heart will flow true worship to God through your lips.

Scripture of the Month

23 But a time is coming, and even now has arrived, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

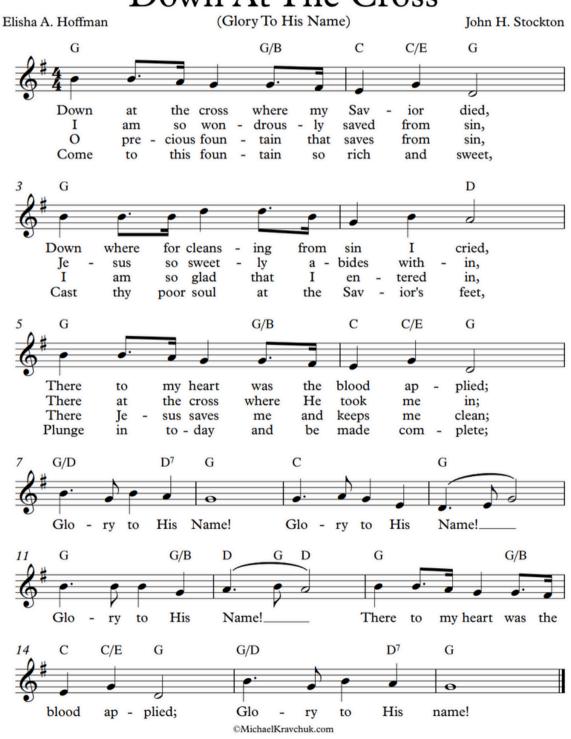
JOHN 4:23 (NASB)

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Glory to His Name

WRITTEN BY ELISHA A. HOFFMAN & JOHN H. STOCKTON





Pray for those on our "Sick and Shut-in" List as well as those grieving the loss of a loved one

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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. Valerie Williams

Sis. Sadie Wilson

Bro. Victor Winston Jr.

Sis. Priscilla Wise

Sis. Dorothy Woods

Sis. Lola Wright



SIGNS OF THE SEASON



WRITTEN BY SIS. CHRISTINE SMITH







"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." – James 1:5

As our children (and adults) return to school this year, let us be reminded that wisdom comes from God and all we need to do is ask for it in prayer. Asking God for wisdom through prayer is an act of humility and faith. As we're preparing for a new school year, setting goals for the year allows us to track and measure our progress. Education is a journey that involves not only learning and building on that knowledge but also developing good study habits. By asking for wisdom through prayer, we seek guidance on how to approach our studies with diligence, discipline, and integrity. Studying helps us identify areas of weakness that require further clarification, practice, and/or tutoring.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God" - 2 Timothy 2:15

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7

Fear and anxiety are natural (flesh) instincts when facing the unknown; through God we don't have to fear the unknown. I can remember preparing for the first day of school and my knees were knocking in anticipation of what was to come. In no time, I was well on my way making new friendships and mastering my classes. While fear and anxiety are natural responses to the unknown, faith and reliance on God serves as a source of strength in times of uncertainty. We can refocus negative or fearful thoughts on positive and successful outcomes. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." – 2 Timothy 1:7

A healthy and prosperous school year can be achieved by setting goals to be met by the end of the school year; goals are measurable and can serve as a benchmark of our progress. We should prioritize our study as well as develop healthy eating habits¹ and get an adequate amount of rest. Rest allows our bodies to reset and absorb the learned lessons of the day.

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." – Proverbs 22:6

1 The FBC Outreach Ministry generously provides healthy food boxes for those in need on Fridays from 3:00PM – 5:00PM. Drive Through for Free Groceries (Meat, Produce, Dairy and More)

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK HISTORY

African American Winners of Kentucky Derby

WRITTEN BY SIS. DIANE RUSSELL



This year Churchill Downs celebrated the 150th year of the running of the Kentucky Derby horse race. Watching the celebration and race on TV I decided to vacation in Louisville and see Churchill Downs in person. While walking through the museum I discovered that the winning racers of the Kentucky Derby are rooted in African American jockeys, horse trainers, and stable managers.



Isaac Murphy won the Kentucky three times, 1884, 1890, and 1891. Isaac was born January 1st, 1861, to America Murphy, who was a slave on the Pleasant Green Farm in Clark County Kentucky. Isaac's father, Jerry, had escaped slavery and enlisted in the 114th US Colored Troops at Camp Jerry died in prison as a prisoner of war. Isaac began his racing career at the age of 14 and had one of the most prestigious and lucrative Derby careers. Isaac rode in 11 Kentucky Derbys and won three times. He was the most famous African American. In 1884 Isaac won the Kentucky Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, and the Clark Handicap, the only time a jockey has won three races in the same year. Isaac died in February 1896 of hear failure. His funeral was attended by over 500 members of the racing community; however, he was in an unmarked grave until 1967. Over his career Isaac rode in 1412 races and won 628 for a 44%-win record, that has yet to be surpassed.

HIGHLIGHTING BLACK HISTORY

Alonzo Clayton was an African American jockey and won the Kentucky Derby in 1892 at the age of 15, he remains the youngest person to ever win the Kentucky Derby. Lonny was born on January 4th, 1876, in Mississippi. He was born to Robert and Evaline Clayton, who had nine children. The family later moved to North Little Rock, Arkansas, where Lonny went to school until age 12. At age 12 he went out on his own to Chicago, to live with his brother, Albertus, who was a jockey. At 14, Lonny won his first race, the Champagne Steaks. Lonny went on to become one of the leading money makers in the 1890's. Lonny won over 140 races. Lonny died in 1917 at the age of forty from complications of chronic pulmonary tuberculosis. He was working as a hotel bellhop.





James Winkfield rode in the Kentucky Derby four consecutive years in a row and won back-to-back races in 1901 and 1902. Jimmy would be the last African American to win the Kentucky Derby, Jimmy was born April 12, 1882, in Chilesburg Kentucky, now known as Lexington. Jimmy was born to George and Victoria, who had seventeen children. Jimmy lived with his sister and drove coaches. At the age of seven he began training and exercising horses. He ran his first race at the age of 15 in Chicago and was suspended for one year due to crossing the track against four other horses. When Jimmy came back, he won 220 races in 1901, including the Kentucky Derby. In the 1960's, at the height of segregation, owners would only let white jockeys ride in the major races. Many of the African American jockeys moved out of the US to other countries, Russia, France. African American trainers and owners didn't come around until the 1970's.

Christmas in July

WRITTEN BY SIS. CHRISTINE SMITH





The FBC Creative Learning ministry, led by Servant Leader Erichka Shadburn Rogers, hosted their annual Christmas in July event on Saturday, July 13. This festive summer celebration was originally started and founded by the late, former ministry leader, Mrs. Pat (Louie) Malone. Erichka proudly continues the tradition of celebrating Christmas in July in honor of Mrs. Malone.

The FBC Family Life Center was adorned with festive Christmas decorations such as Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, and other seasonal embellishments. The highlight of the Christmas decorations was the large display of quilts and crafts created by ministry members throughout the years which is always the primary focus of the event.

The event began with a prayer and warm welcome to all guests in attendance and served as an opportunity for attendees to gather ideas for gifts and activities to enjoy with their families during the holiday season.

This year's Christmas in July event centered around the theme of ideas for family activities during the holidays and included displays of desserts that could be served during festive gatherings. Attendees were able to gather inspiration for homemade gifts and learn about fun activities that can be enjoyed during the holiday. Children played games and received back-to-school backpacks donated by the ministry.





The Creative Learning ministry prides itself on the diversity of the members and their creative talents. The event highlights the various skills and creative abilities of the members; offering a wide range of handmade crafts and gift ideas for visitors to explore.

Several small business vendors (see below for the full list of vendors) participated in the event to showcase their products and services. Along with the vendors, REV UP conducted a voter registration drive.

Three "Make and Take" tables were setup where participants engaged in hands-on creative activities. These activities offered opportunities for attendees to learn new skills and create personalized items they took home with them. The activities included "making and taking" friendship bracelets (instructor Trinity Rogers); hand stitching small, felt inspirational hearts (creator Sharon Wilson; instructor Johnson); and wood ornament painting (instructor Carolyn Marinaccio.)





The ministry provided food catered by Publix along with an assortment of delicious desserts and coffee.

Erichka and the ministry members thank everyone for their participation in making this another memorable and festive event!





Vendor List:

Cali Candle Co, DonteTheDJ, Feronica's Fabulous Foods, Helia's Amazing Juice, Her Story Creations, Missy's Mystic Scents, Mollie's Daily Grind, NAACP, OLBALI, Paddlefootz Dolls & Thangs, REV UP, Self Care Essentials by Sassy Snacks, SewGrand Boutique by esharee, Teek Boutique, Trinsetter, USA Mortgage



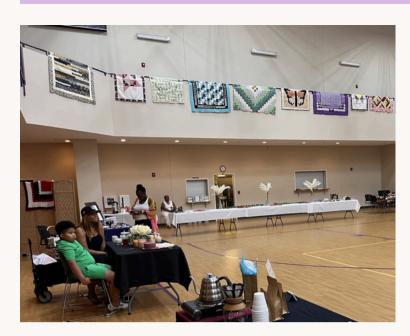




































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May the Lord continue to bless you with long and fruitful life!

Who is Your Friend?

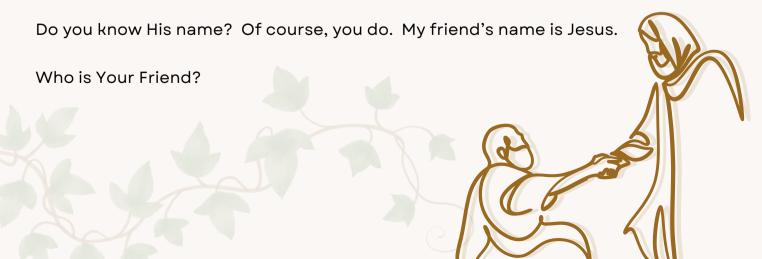
WRITTEN BY SIS. JENNIFER JONES



Do you have that one person that you share your deepest secrets with? What about the person that you laugh and talk with? Sometimes for hours on end? What about the friend that you can sit in a room with and not say a word to each other, but it just feels good to be in the company of that person? And tell me about the friend that you can cry with and that person does not think any less or more of you. Is that person your spouse? Your girlfriend? Your golf partner?

Let me tell you about my friend. We have been friends for years. He never sleeps. I can talk to Him anytime, day or night, holidays and weekends. He doesn't judge my conversation nor the things that we talk about. I have shared some of my deepest secrets with Him. He even has jokes. I can laugh with Him and I have cried with Him. He has been with me through my good times and through my low times. When I graduated high school, He was there. When I graduated college, He was there. When I married, He was there. When my children were born, He was there. When my parents died, He was there. When my grandbaby and siblings died, He was there. As a matter of fact, He is always there. I only need to call Him. He has never left a message saying, "Can I call you later" or 'I can't talk right now'.

He has been my healer, my comforter, my deliverer, my teacher, my counselor, my provider, my confidante, my protector, from things seen and unseen. He's been my bridge over troubled waters. He has been my all in all.





Written by Mother Gerald Baker



Some of us who have "retired' from our professions or our occupations often said "When I retire, I'm going to shop, travel, or do just what I want to, when I want to do it, and as long as I want to do so." That time comes and you bask in the opportunity of being able to sleep late or relax and just do nothing! But there comes a time when all the above gets old! You are bored, restless, and made to feel as though you have nothing left in life to do.

As older, more mature women, especially if we are believers, we have so much to do! GOD's harvest fields are brimming over with works that need to be done and women, men, girls, and boys that need to spread GOD's Gospel and Good News! We have been blessed with so many positive experiences along our lives' journeys. Retirement from secular areas does not mean that we can retire from our spiritual responsibilities!

There are so many people that need to know that JESUS loves them, He is available to shower them and instill His love and richness on and in them. JESUS, Himself, reminds us 'that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.' Matthew 9:37. Some of us are even blessed to train and equip others for the work of service. (*Ephesians 4:12*)

We also need to share GOD's love with children. Even if you are not grandmothers, GOD's love can be shown. There are little children, as well as older ones that you have come to know, who are so desperately in need of God's love! Remember, it was a mother, grandmother, or other similar figure, who may have led you to Christ!

God's retirement plan is not of this world, but in His eternal glory. What if GOD retired from us? There is no other person who can care for and love us like Abba Father! Reassess your retirement plans--you will not regret it, for sure!



FLOURISHING IN OLD AGE

Respectfully submitted by Rev. Eugene B. Graves FBC Seniors' Ministry Chairperson



"They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the Lord is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him."

(Psalm 92:13-15)

The reality is, when we're young, we grow older and stronger, but, at a certain point, that changes, at least from a physical standpoint. Which is to say...at a certain point, we discover we're growing older and physically weaker. We can't run as fast and jump as high as we once did, and our reflection in the mirror can cause us to ask ourselves, "How in the world did that happen?" Or, "How can such a handsome guy be stuck in such a strange-looking body?"

Thankfully, the good news of the Scriptures, conveyed in the verses above, is this: even when we're old, we can still bear spiritual fruit. We can still bear fruit in old age, declaring, "the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him." We can testify to the goodness o God and serve as an encouragement and a blessing to others, no matter how old we might become.

As Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." We may be growing weaker physically – wasting away on the outside—but, praise God, we are being renewed on the inside. This is the idea conveyed in the verses above where we are told that even in old age God's people "are ever full of sap and green" – ever full of the spiritual life provided by the presence of the God of life who dwells within us.

Today, if you are growing older and physically weaker, may the verses above be an encouragement to you. May they encourage you with the good news that you can still bear spiritual fruit no matter how old you might become. If you are not yet growing older and physically weaker – if you are still growing older and physically stronger – may the verses above be an encouragement to you as well – an encouragement to live confidently, knowing you can declare the goodness of God both in your youth and for as many years as the Lord might give you.



Written by Sis. Whitney Brown



"World peace." "Rest in peace." "Peace be with you." "Peace out!"

Chances are high that we all hear or say the word "peace" at least once daily. Whether used to impart a blessing or to make a political point, "peace" is culturally used in more ways than we can count. However, how much do we really know about peace? As August is International Peace Month, let us broaden our knowledge and bless our spirits with what God's Word tells us about peace!

What is peace?

In the Holy Bible, the Hebrew word that translates to "peace" is the word "shalom." It is a derivative of the Hebrew word "shalem" which means "stillness, perfect wholeness, or completeness." Shalom is used frequently throughout the Old Testament- nearly 400 times! One of my favorite mentions is found in Psalm 29 (NKJV). In verses 3 through 5 of this psalm, David declares God powerful over any storm- literal and proverbial. He refers to God as "the Lord over many waters" and "the Lord that breaks the cedars!" Most importantly, David finishes the psalm by declaring, "The Lord will give strength to His people; The Lord will bless His people with peace." (Psalm 29:11 NKJV) David is openly declaring that we serve a God who- as the Creator- triumphs over any storm, and provides His people with peace. This peace is not simply the absence of the storm; it is a perfect wholeness and completeness found only in Him. Praise be to God!

Who is peace?

Did you know that peace is not just a "what," it is also a "whom?" One of the many names of Jesus Christ listed in the Bible is "Jehovah Shalom." It can be found in Judges 6:24 (NKJV) when Gideon built an altar to God and named it Jehovah Shalom, which translates in English to say "The Lord is Peace." In Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV), Isaiah prophesied Christ's arrival as a decedent through King David's lineage. He declared, "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The Hebrew translation of this prophecy is even more striking, as it says that Jesus is the "Prince Shalom." We serve a triune God that does not only give us peace; He IS peace!

How do we receive peace?

In the midst of this world's chaos and calamity, God's children can rest in the knowledge that He has left us with His perfect peace until Christ's return! In John 14:27, Jesus tells us, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid (NKJV)." We also rejoice in Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV) which reads, "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."

Keeping our hearts and minds aligned with the Saviour is the only way to find true peace. For it is only by the Saviour that we have been justified and reconciled with God, thus able to receive His peace (Romans 5:1 NKJV). As Christ has gone to prepare a place for us in Heaven, He has left us with a guiding peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7 NKJV).

"Your faith has made you well. Go, in peace." (Mark 5:34 NKJV)





Tuesday, August 6th-7:30 pm

@ Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

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Neighboring Church News

Fairfield Baptist Church
Missions Ministry
Outreach Workshop
Saturday, August 10th
10 am-1 pm
Wimberly Center for
Community Development
163 MLK Jr. Dr.,
Winder, GA 30680

New Jerusalem Baptist Church Evening of Praise & Worship Celebrating Pastor Elijah Collins 22 years of Service, Saturday, August 17th 5 pm 422 Crogan st, Lawrenceville, GA



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Free Tuition for Seniors

SENIOR'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

What Georgia colleges have free tuition for senior citizens?

Georgia's state university system has public colleges and universities that have free tuition for senior citizens. You have to be 62 years of age or older, a resident of Georgia, and meet all of the regular admission requirements of the college or university. The following is a list of 27 schools that offer free tuition for seniors. They are as follows:

- Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, Tifton, Georgia
- 2 Albany State University, Albany, Georgia
- 3 Atlanta Metropolitan State College, Atlanta, Georgia
- 4 Augusta Technical College, Augusta, Georgia
- 5 College of Coastal Georgia, Brunswick, Georgia
- 6 Clayton State University, Morrow, Georgia
- 7 Columbus State University, Columbus, Georgia
- 8 Dalton State College, Dalton, Georgia
- 9 East Georgia State College, Swainsboro, Georgia
- 10 Georgia Highlands College, Rome, Georgia
- 11 Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Georgia
- **12** Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, Georgia
- 13 Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
- **14** Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia

- **15** Georgia Southwestern State University, Americus, Georgia
- 16 Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia
- 17 Gordon State College, Barnesville, Georgia
- **18** Gwinnett Technical College, Lawrenceville, Georgia
- **19** Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia
- 20 Middle Georgia State University, Macon, Georgia
- 21 Savannah State University, Savannah, Georgia
- 22 Savannah Technical College, Savannah, Georgia
- 23 South Georgia State College, Douglas, Georgia
- 24 University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
- 25 Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia
- 26 University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia
- 27 West Georgia Technical College, Waco, Georgia

For more informatio visit:

https://bestaccreditedcolleges.org/articles/careers-and-education/what-georgiacolleges-have-free-tuition-for-senior-citizens.html 2/2

Exodus Word Search

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"True worship of God is directed through Jesus Christ our Savior."

Thanks for reading

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Stay tuned for next month's Newsletter!

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