

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**9:00am – 4:00 pm; Monday – Thursday**

**9:00am – 3:00 pm; Friday**

**Associate Ministers**

Rev. Ken Blacknell  
Elder Chris Evans  
Rev. Garfield Garner  
Rev. Eugene Graves  
Min. Shurron Green  
Rev. Stanley Jackson  
Rev. Artis Johnson  
Min. Larry Jones  
Rev. Timothy Twyman  
Rev. Stanley Williams  
Rev. Alton Wilson

**Ministers of Evangelism**

Min. Karen Blacknell  
Evang. Geneva Burse  
Evang. Ruthell Morris  
Evang. Kimberly Rogers  
Min. Monique Stroman  
Min. Barbara Williams



*Rev. Ronald L. Bowers, Pastor*

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**WEEKLY**

Bible Study (Adult)	Wednesday (In person & Virtual)	Fbcduluth.org
Deacon's Meeting	Tuesday (1st /3rd)	7:00 pm
Marriage Ministry	Sunday	9:45 am
New Members Class	Sunday	9:45 am
Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 am
Sunday School Teachers	Wednesday	6:30 pm
Sunday Worship	Sunday	11:00 am
Teen Church	Sunday	11:00 am

**MONTHLY**

Gospel Choir Preparation	Tuesday before 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	7:00 pm
Health Ministry	Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	11:00 am
Shepherds Care	Saturday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	9:30 am
Education Ministry	Monday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	7:00 pm
Communication Ministry	Saturday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	11:00 am
Creative Learning	Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	10:00 am
Gatekeepers Ministry	Saturday (4 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 am
Male Chorus Preparation	Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	9:30 am
Men's Ministry	Saturday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	9:00 am
Minister's Meeting	Saturday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	3:00 pm
Mother's Ministry	Saturday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	9:30 am
Outreach Ministry	Saturday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	9:00 am
Praise Team	Tuesday (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	
Senior's Ministry	Saturday (4 <sup>th</sup> )	11:00 am
Usher Ministry	Tuesday (1 <sup>st</sup> )	7:00 pm
Women's Ministry	Saturday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	8:45 am
Youth Choir Preparation	Saturday (4 <sup>th</sup> )	10:00 am

Holy Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	11:00 am
Baptism	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	11:00 am
Baby Dedications	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11:00 am



***Mission Statement***

*Exalt the Savior \* Equip the Saint \* Evangelize the Sinner*

***A Purpose Driven Church***

*Friendly through fellowship • Developed through discipleship  
Enlarged through evangelism • Sharing and caring through servanthood  
▪ Stronger through God's Word and true worship*

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## Order of Worship

December 22, 2024

Theme: The Birth of Christ

•+Welcome & Comments

•+Opening Prayer

•+Call to Worship (*Isaiah 9:6 NASB*)

*For a child is born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

•+Hymn of Praise Hymn #59 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

•+Special Announcements

•+Baby Dedication  
*The Cummings Family*

•+Selection

•+Tithes & Offering (II Corinthians 9:6-8)

Officers

*But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

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

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:*

•+Moment in Prayer

•+Selection

•+Preached Word

Pastor Bowens

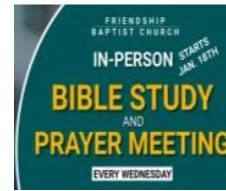
Altar Call and Benediction

Pastor Bowens

• Please Stand

+Worshippers will not be allowed to enter/exit sanctuary

## Church Announcements



- Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
- Bible Study 7:00pm

### Join Us

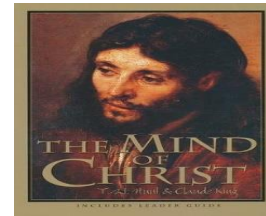
#### Monday Night Bible Study

**“THE MIND OF CHRIST”** at 7 pm via zoom.

Link is available @ [fbcduluth.org](http://fbcduluth.org)

You are cordially invited each Monday night as we gather together to glorify God through fellowship with one another and to study God’s word.

For more information contact – Deacon Bailey at 770-595-4199



Pick up book in the Church Office  
Cost \$10



## Church Announcements

### The MasterLife Series – New class begins Sunday, January 5, 2025.

MasterLife is a developmental, small-group discipleship process, comprised of four books. Each book will be taught over a period of six weeks by a different instructor.

Please register for this class on the church website, [fbcduluth.org](http://fbcduluth.org).



## Church Announcements

### Outreach Ministry -- Mission Statement: "ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE"

**"ONE BODY SAVED TO SERVE"** is the Mission Statement for the Outreach Ministry at Friendship Baptist Church and SERVE is what we do by sharing God's bounty and blessings with our neighbors and the greater Community. The Friendship Market offers a variety of healthy food options including meat and vegetable protein, produce, fruit and more and it is open and available to all who can USE it. Current hours are: Fridays 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Items will be distributed at the Fellowship Hall; just drive through and we'll be there waiting for you!

**The Market will be closed on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.**

The FBC Outreach Ministry celebrated Fall with the grand reopening of the Friendship Clothing Boutique. We will accept clean, gently used cold weather clothing for both adults and children. If you would like to donate to the Friendship Clothing Boutique you may do so during regular Boutique hours which will be Saturdays from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. We look forward to your participation. Please email [friendshipduluth@att.net](mailto:friendshipduluth@att.net) for more information. **The Outreach Boutique will be closed on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> & December 28<sup>th</sup>. We will reopen on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.**



Join us as we usher in the New Year with faith, hope, and gratitude! **FBC invites you to our Watch Night Service on Tuesday, December 31st at 10 pm.** Come expectant for an evening of powerful testimonies, uplifting praise and worship, and a life-changing Word. This is a night to reflect, give thanks, and prepare our hearts for all that God has in store in the coming year. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate and pray together as a community. We look forward to see you there!

### **Thank You**

The world's a whole lot better place because of people like you. Who bring so much happiness with the nice things they do. And with your recent thoughtfulness still very much in mind, this is meant to bring a thank you of the very warmest kind.  
*Ed & Annie Johnson*

## Church Announcements

No eating or drinking in the sanctuary at any time. Please silence all cell phones.  
**Nursery** (Age 3 mths - 3 yrs or potty trained) opens @ 9:45 am located in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Youth Church** - Ages Pre-K:3 (potty trained) - 6 years and Elementary 7-12 years in the Family Life Center.  
**Teen Church** (Middle/High school) OPEN- Services held in Heritage sanctuary

### **Prayer List – remember with prayer, calls & visitations.**

Mr. William Annan	Nick Caldwell	Miss. Kaitlyn Miles	Mr. Claudius Stafford
Sis. Charre Armstrong	Sis. Chastity Collier	Sis. Alice Murphy	Bro. Xavier Stephens
Sis. Pat Ashe	Sis. Sarah Collins	Sis. Terry Nagbe	Sis. Johnnie Stewart
Bro. Charles Bailey	Sis. Andrea Green	Tressa Norwood	Sis. Mabel Thomas
Bro. Willie Benton	Sis. Ruth Griggs	Ms. Patricia Ochogu	Mr. Cecil Upshaw
Min. Karen Blacknell	Sis. Barbara Hall	The Poe Family	The Wells Family
Sis. Sheila Blackwell	Bro. Emanuel Hazell	Sis. Carrie Rawls	Rev. Dwight Wilkerson
Dea. Willie Blake	Sis. Dorothy Hines	Sis. Letitia Robinson	Sis. Shelby Wilkerson
Bro. Don Bowens	Bro. Willie Irvin	Sis. Linda Rogers	Sis. Valerie Williams
Sis. Liz Bowens	Bro. Patrick Jones	Sis. Cindy Rollins	Sis. Joan Wilson
Barbara Williams Brown	Sis. Valerie McClendon	Sis. Carrie Royals	Sis. Sadie Wilson
Sis. Alice Burnes	Sis. Virginia McLemore	Bro. Rennie Samuels	Bro. Victor Winston Jr.
Bro. Dwayne Bynum	Sis. Josephine May	Sis. Jacqueline Scott	Sis. Priscilla Wise
Sherita Caldwell	Bro. Will May	Sis. Tonya Sellers	Sis. Dorothy Woods
Breann Caldwell	Sis. Diane Meeks	Mr. Cyril Shields	Sis. Lola Wright

The church office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> for the New Year. Enjoy this special time with your loved ones, and remember, Jesus is the reason for the season.

**Condolences to:** The Family of Bro. James Brownsmith II. Mr. James joined FBC in July 2008. He was a faithful member of the Male Chorus. Services were held Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at FBC.

**Welcome New Members** – Augustus Vereen, Shirley Vereen, Tiffany Wyche

### **FBC Sunday School on ZOOM!**

Theme: Godly Partnership Brings Victory | Lesson 17 “Salvation” | Focal Verses: Isaiah 49:1-11

## Church Announcements

### **Health Ministry – Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month**

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that’s related to changes in seasons. Risk also increases in those with depression or bipolar disorder, as well as those with a family history of depression, bipolar disorder, or schizophrenia. As days become shorter, the lower levels of sunlight may affect your body chemistry, by altering your levels of melatonin (which increases sleepiness), and serotonin (which regulates mood). Seasonal Affective Disorder impacts 10,000,000 Americans every year.

Your health is a life long journey 1) Take care of body and mind; 2) Get and stay active; 3) Manage a healthy weight; 4) Practice good sleep habits

### **Job Opportunity**

UPS is hiring Seasonal Workers in Roswell and Buford. Those interested can go to jobs-ups.com and register online for the virtual information sessions. The jobs include package handler positions starting at \$21 per hour, driver helpers starting at \$21 per hour and seasonal support drivers starting at \$23 per hour. The company said most applicants get a job offer in less than 10 minutes.



## **PETE BOWENS BOWLING LEAGUE**

Who: Individuals and/or 2-member teams  
When: January 5, 2025 @ 5:00 pm  
Where: Stars & Strikes  
1601 Horizon Pkwy  
Buford, GA 30518

Contacts: Rosena Heyward, Ethel Emery or Deacon Jerrards @ 770-815-0604

### **DEACON OF THE MONTH**

Tennyson Smith

### **NEW MEMBERS GREETER**

Sakeena Corbett