

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Theme: *Overcoming Obstacles 1 John 4:4*

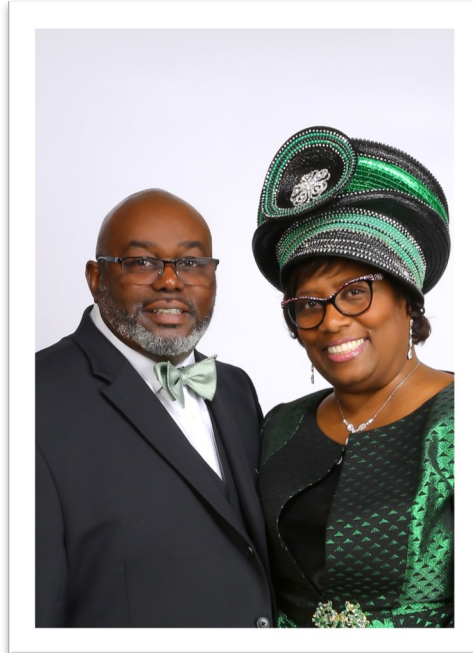
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Worry Free – Dr. Timothy Hawkins, Pastor



Dr. Timothy and First Lady Rachel Hawkins

Growing up, I was always told that there are certain things you must stay away from. Stay away from dark, dangerous, isolated places when walking home at night; don't walk alone in unfamiliar territory; avoid alleys; avoid back streets; and please avoid talking to strangers.

When we think about dangers, most of us think about physical dangers, like geographical places or dangerous people. We concern ourselves most with the things that we can touch, things that we can see: tangible things. While it is true that many dangers are physical, there is an enemy, a danger, a place that must by all means be avoided, and that is the place or thing called "worry." Like high blood pressure, worry is a silent killer. Worry will rob, steal, kill, and destroy.

The Greek word for worry, μερίζω (merizó), means "a divided mind." Many of us know that a divided mind makes us feel unsettled. It causes us to second guess and our thoughts run the gamut of the "what if's." The result? Feelings of doom that are voiced in statements like "I can't," "that's impossible," "it will never change," and "no one cares."

Worry breeds selfish statements like "why me?," "it's unfair!" and so on. Avoid worry – do not walk down that path! Jesus warned the disciples that worry does not add value to your life. We are called to be productive, prosperous, and persistent. And worry is an enemy to our progress.

So then what do you do with worry? You counteract it with faith by praying and reading God's word. Utilize the tools that you have in your life as a believer. Start your day with prayer and scripture. Make it a priority within the day to encourage someone in the Lord. Follow the Bible study and Sunday services on Periscope and our Facebook page and please share with family and friends.

Especially during this COVID-19 pandemic, occupy your time with God by meditating on His promise to provide and protect. Doing so will keep your mind in perfect peace.

I Am Committed to My Husband – First Lady Rachel Hawkins



All praises to God my father, whom I love and adore. My last newsletter article focused on the first step in considering marriage or being married, which is spirituality. The second step of marriage is commitment.

“Commitment” means to bind or involve one’s self, to pledge, and to promise. Before we can be committed to our spouse, we must first be committed to Christ and be willing to give our all to Him and for Him.

My husband and I made a promise that divorce was not an option when we got married. I must admit, over the past 37 years I did think about divorce a couple of times (maybe three). However, when such thoughts came to me, I prayed. I asked God before I made any moves, and God reminded me that I made a vow to HIM first before I made it to my husband.

You see, I prayed to God before I married my husband and I asked God, if my husband was not for me, to remove him from my life. Likewise, if he was to be my husband, I asked God to let me know. And God said it was His will for me to marry him. This is what God brought to me every time I was tempted to get a divorce. Because of my commitment to God first, I was able to stand in the storm on God’s word and I am so glad I did.

You see, I first received Christ as my savior; then I committed myself to God. I pledged and promised God that He would be first in my life and that I would obey Him first. You may say “You did not

obey God in everything,” but I did, because in 1 John 1:9 it is written: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” And I have done just that. I confessed my sins when I messed up in the past, I confess them when I mess up in the present, and I will confess them when I mess up in the future. This is walking in obedience and in the promises of God and the Good News. This is why my Jesus died for me, to cover my past, my present, and my future sins.

Many Christians think they have to stay in their sin when they mess up, but you don’t. All you have to do is cry out to God. He is faithful and just to hear your cry and deliver you from all evil. However, for every mess up, there is a consequence, just like there is a reward for every time I am obedient. The good news is, that God will always see us through whatever we go through as Christians.

I am grateful for the consequences because they have taught me that I do not want to go back to that most miserable place. And I am grateful for the rewards because they propel me to run after God more and more because of who He is and what He has done for me. Hallelujah!

My marital commitment goes beyond my husband. When you love God more than your spouse, your spouse will be pleased. When you are pleasing God, then God will tell you how to please your spouse, and it will be perfect every time. Never put your spouse over God, not even when your spouse doesn’t understand you nor agree with you.

As long as you are doing what the Lord says, your spouse will see the light and God will fix their heart. It’s not our job to fix our loved ones; it is our job to pray for them and to love and respect them where they are at in their life – and to show them JESUS. Are you committed to God? If so, then you will make a great wife or husband.

FIRST LADY RACHEL HAWKINS



In The Spotlight – Sister Tasha Haywood



Sister Tasha Haywood

Sister Tasha Haywood sat down for an interview soon after the publication of her children's book, *Caleb and His Human*. Of course, Caleb was with her, sheltered under her chair. Sister Tasha wears many hats at Bible Fellowship. She is a Sunday school teacher, lead in the finance room, and our church florist. And, as befits an author, she is very creative.

Tasha is sensitive and responsive to the will of God. As she tells it, becoming a florist was a

calling from God. "God, when I first got saved, He told me to leave fashion school and do flowers. He would put stuff in my way, like on BART, a girl was reading a book about floral arrangements. I asked her, 'Are you a florist?'"

Indeed, she was. She invited Tasha to her house and showed her how to make a corsage. "The floral business, I was trying to go gung-ho, but He showed me that it was a gift I was supposed to use to help my church."

As far as being an entrepreneur, "I do hustle. The book; jewelry; dog walker. I'm helping a friend with business on the peninsula. I like nice things. I want to rely on God versus man-made, to attend knee university, not the university."

Tasha's goal is to be self-employed. "I don't like people's jobs. I want to be someone to give someone a job. He reveals stuff, entrepreneurial ideas, all the time. I'd like to help advise others. They have talent."

Tasha was a "latchkey kid. As a child, I spent a lot of time with my granny, always going to people's houses. That was a ministry. I didn't understand. I

was only 8. We were always going to somebody's house, praying. The reason I'm so deep, I was always around her and she was deep. Always praying, always seeking the Lord. 'We're taking a cab to Sister So-and-so.' My mom's the same way. She prayed for me. Always seeking. My father wasn't saved. She was the one seeking wisdom, making prayer requests, and praying intercessory prayers."

Tasha was raised in the church, but she didn't have a personal relationship with God. Then came her valley experience. "I was engaged, about to be married, when my fiancé didn't want a relationship anymore. I had the dress, everything. When he said, 'I can't do it' – I had to change my whole life. It was scary, dark, sad. I didn't want to be here." Tasha realized that her fiancé had taken the place of God. "I said, 'Lord, if you're real, come get me!'"

In the depths of her despair, she ran into Sister Barika at the BART station. "We had seen each other there before, but this day, she came up to me. I was in pain, pouring out my heart to her." Barika had a peace and gentleness about her that encouraged Tasha.

"She invited me to church. And I came. I loved church, loved Bible Study. I had been coming, coming. Sitting in the back row, but I heard the Word from Pastor Hawkins, and oh my God! Now I look back and see how He came for me. In the midst, I didn't see it."

Now she sees, "That was God coming for me. I had prayed for His help, but it was like asking but not knowing what you're praying for. I prayed the sinner's prayer, but didn't let Him into my heart until – I caught it! Me and Pastor, it was like God was talking to me."

"Have you ever been running, searching – and ding-dong! It clicked. I knew it turned on. I watched TV, and I could see Good and Evil. I saw the sin, I saw the good. That's how I knew. He started to reveal it to me. 'What?! Why are they selling alcohol like that?!' He took the scales off. 'I think I'm saved now.'"

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Pastor's Aid Ministry Fast & Prayer Service



**Sister Dorothy M. Parker,
Pastor's Aid Ministry President**

On Saturday, April 25, the Pastor's Aid Ministry held its annual Fast & Prayer Service from 7:00 a.m. to noon. This is a time when we as a church come together fasting, to focus our minds on prayer. We pray for the Pastor and First Lady, their family, our church family, and the community, as well as for the leaders of our country. People share testimonies as the Holy Spirit lead them.

Thanks to the Deacon Ministry, Deacons Chester Nicholas and Kenneth Edwards, Sr., for opening the service with devotion and prayer. Our prayer service program coordinators were Sister Cathy Estell and Sister Beverly Arnett, who did a magnificent job.

Sister Chelita Reed handled the background music, and Deacon Murad Williams made sure that our Periscope broadcast carried the full program. Prayer leaders included Sister Peggy Washington, Sister Dorothy Parker, Deacon Joseph Jones, Sister LaJoy Levi, and Deacon Williams. Everybody had a word or a prayer and testimony. Reverend Matthew Hawkins was there, too, sharing a testimony and praying with us.

The PAM Annual Day falls on the Sunday after Fast & Prayer Service, and our hearts were prepared for a beautiful, Holy Ghost day. This year, the "grands" ("Mister," Maree, Moriah, and "Jojo") shared their gift of song with us at both services Sunday.

People practiced social distancing at the service or tuned in from home by way of Periscope. We prayed for Pastor and Sister Hawkins, away at the Atlanta homegoing service of her father, Reverend Cleveland Freeman. As always, the Holy Spirit moved. Everything just fell into place. The witnessing and testimonies encouraged us all. We heard that 147 people tuned in on Periscope and on the prayer line. PAM President Sister Dorothy M. Parker's hope is that the service touched a heart or helped somebody.

In The Spotlight Sister Tasha Haywood Continued

As far as career goes, Tasha says, "I never asked for a career, because I always had a job. God has given me the ability to do things during down time at work. That's where I write songs, rap, and praise music. He's flowing all kinds of music at me at my

desk. He shows me. My Holy Spirit is talking. I even wrote the book at my desk. He blesses me there. He talks the most at my job. He reveals a lot of stuff at my job. I work alone. When I get there, it's always a blessing. Mentored by God!"

Testimony by Sister Gloria Gaines



Sister Gloria Gaines

I was at Bible Study sharing a Testimony with the congregation. I started off by saying I went to visit my cousin that I haven't seen in close to twenty years, we were very close at one time. I will start off by saying I am a recovered addict, we both are. So, since we haven't seen each other in so long, (20 years) I decided that we should see each other, My recovery consisted of God, who is now the head of my life. I no longer do the things we used to do together using: cocaine, smoking marijuana, and drinking alcohol. When I got to her house, sitting at the kitchen table laughing and talking about our past, she sat at the table and smoke

her cigarettes, beer, and her marijuana, she did not offer me any and I didn't ask for any. For some reason, out of our conversation, she came to a conclusion which she shared with me when I got home.

She calls me and told me that I act old, lonely, and don't do anything. I informed my cousin that I have changed. The Pastor reminded me that my cousin is still in the past, because she is still doing the same things that we did in our middle age, and I have moved on. I really do believe that this was a test of faith and by the grace of God, he helped me through it. In the mighty name of Jesus!

Vietnamese Ministry Pastor Loc Le



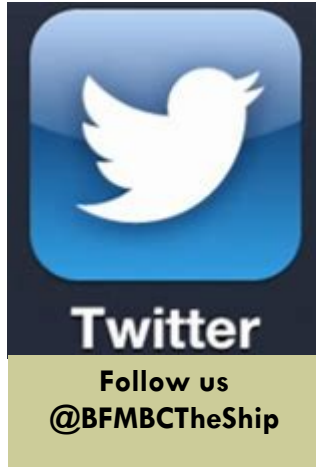
Pastor Le and Dr. Hawkins

The Vietnamese Ministry is led by Pastor Loc Le. Services are held at Bible Fellowship on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. for Sunday School and 3:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Service.

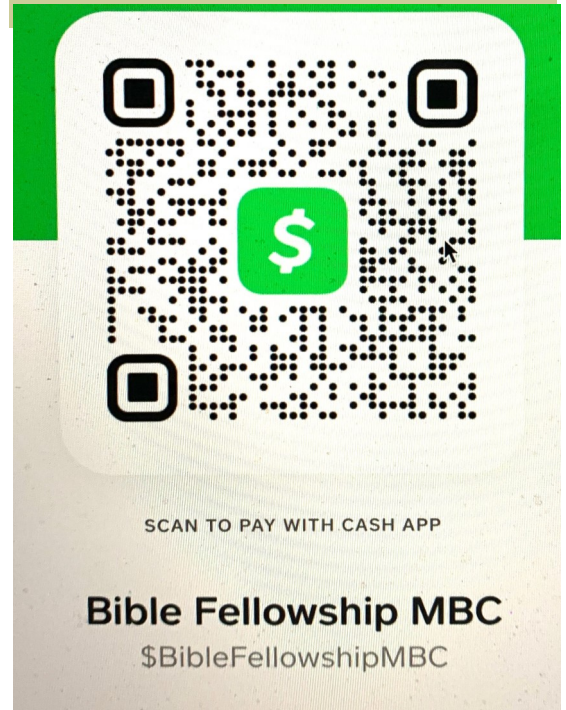
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Happening Around the 'Ship

New website launched with a new web address : www.biblefellowshipmbc.com



You may now use the Cash App to donate to Bible Fellowship. The QR code below may be scanned from your mobile device to connect to the platform



OUR MISSION

Embrace Edify Equip Evangelize
Our call is to welcome everyone in need of Jesus with an embrace. Equipping each one through life on life discipleship. Teaching the whole counsel of God in order to equip people toward Jesus center work; to ultimately share the Gospel with the world by evangelizing!



Visit us on YouTube at Bible Fellowship MBC



For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [17] For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:16

Upcoming Events for July, August & September 2020

Always confirm dates & times in your monthly bulletin

July Event	Day	Date	Time
Men's Annual Day Guest Abyssinian Baptist Church	Sunday	July 19	3:30 p.m.
Vacation Bible School	Wednesday-Friday	July 22-24	6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Nightly
August Event	Day	Date	Time
Church Anniversary	Sunday	August 9	All Day
September Event	Day	Date	Time
Senior Mission Annual Day	Sunday	September 13	11:30 a.m.
Fellowship with Union Baptist Church	Sunday	September 13	3:00 p.m.
Fellowship with 7th Avenue Baptist Church	Sunday	September 20	3:00 p.m.

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall
abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

Psalm 91:1-2

An Overcomer –Testimony by Sister LaJoy Levi

God brought me over and through triumphs and challenges. When I think of the Lord's goodness and His mercy in my life, I want to testify that God is a healer and a deliverer. God delivered me from smoking cigarettes, drugs, and alcohol. He has blessed me to live a life of sobriety now, through many stumbles and trials; God has kept me. In 2004, I foolishly decided that drinking and using drugs would take away the anger and pain that I often felt. I decided to drive after leaving a club with my cousin. By making a bad decision, I got into a near fatal car crash. Not only did I harm myself but I could have killed my cousin. Thank God she only had cuts on her face. As for me, I practically killed myself.

I had to be resuscitated, almost cut off my right leg, broke my neck and broke 3 or 4 of my ribs. I had to have a skin graft for my face and head. I had staples on the back of my head, my face had to be reconstructed and I was in a coma for almost a month.

When I woke up, I knew that Jesus Christ saved me. I had to go through a lot of therapy, but with God, I made it through it all. The hospital told my family that I might not make it through and if I did, I would not be able to remember a lot, or walk straight and my speech would be messed up; but God!

I have been through so much misery from my youth, by being molested at 4 years old, raped as a teenager and adult, abandonment issues with knowing my parents were not there for me, but God! I am so grateful that Jesus didn't give up on me. Despite my brokenness and faults. I am a college graduate with a Bachelor's degree. Hallelujah! I am better now and not bitter. God is doing for me what I could not do for myself. Amen!

Overcoming Obstacles

1 John 4:4 KJV - Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.



Dr. Hawkins with Sister LaJoy receiving a certificate for completing the Bible



Sister LaJoy is a recent graduate of Cal State East Bay with a B.A. in Health Science with a concentration in Community Health and will pursue an advance degree to become a Physician's Assistant

Through the Bible in a Year — Poetry & Prophets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		JULY 1 PROVERBS 8	July 2 PROVERBS 11	July 3 PROVERBS 14	July 4 PROVERBS 17	July 5 PROVERBS 20
July 6 PROVERBS 23	July 7 PROVERBS 26	July 8 PROVERBS 29	July 9 PROVERBS 32	July 10 ECCLESIASTES 1	July 11 ECCLESIASTES 4	July 12 ECCLESIASTES 7
July 13 SONG OF SONGS 1	July 14 SONG OF SONGS 4	July 15 SONG OF SONGS 7	July 16 ISAIAH 2	July 17 ISAIAH 5	July 18 ISAIAH 8	July 19 ISAIAH 11
July 20 ISAIAH 14	July 21 ISAIAH 17	July 22 ISAIAH 20	July 23 ISAIAH 23	July 24 ISAIAH 26	July 25 ISAIAH 29	July 26 ISAIAH 32
July 27 ISAIAH 35	July 28 ISAIAH 38	July 29 ISAIAH 41	July 30 ISAIAH 44	July 31 ISAIAH 47	AUGUST 1 ISAIAH 50	August 2 ISAIAH 53
August 3 ISAIAH 56	August 4 ISAIAH 59	August 5 ISAIAH 62	August 6 ISAIAH 65	August 7 JEREMIAH 2	August 8 JEREMIAH 5	August 9 JEREMIAH 8
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September 14 DANIEL 11	September 15 HOSEA 2	September 16 HOSEA 5	September 17 HOSEA 8	September 18 HOSEA 11	September 19 HOSEA 14	September 20 JOEL 3
September 21 AMOS 3	September 22 AMOS 6	September 23 AMOS 9	September 24 JONAH 2	September 25 MICHAH 1	September 26 MICAH 4	September 27 MICAH 7
September 28 NAHUM 3	September 29 HABBAKUK 3	September 30 ZEPHANIAH 3				

White Bean Soup submitted by Sister Rashedah Muhammed



Ingredients

- 1 pound bag of small white navy beans
- 1/3 cup of olive oil
- 1 large onion chopped
- 2 medium tomatoes diced fine
- 2 sticks of celery chopped
- 2 carrots chopped fine
- 3-4 garlic cloves minced
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black cumin powder
- 2 teaspoons of salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

Instructions:

Sort and wash beans, removing any dirt, rocks and fragmented beans. Soak beans with about a table-spoon of baking soda overnight or 4 about hours. After soaking the beans, bring them to a boil, and skim off white foam formed above water. This is made from the outer coating of the bean combined with protein. Together these chemicals cause gas to build up in the body and should be removed. Cook the beans, covered on medium for approximately 90 minutes. When ready beans will start splitting and can be mashed with a spoon. Add onion, green pepper, tomatoes, celery, carrots, and garlic. Add oil, Italian seasoning, curry powder, black cumin seed powder, salt, and pepper. Stir contents well, and cook on medium for approximately 60 minutes. When complete beans can be easily mashed with a spoon. This dish can either be presented in original form or pureed in a blender and then served:)

*Congratulations are extended to
Bible Fellowship's Ushers, Greeters, & Health Ministry
for celebrating 73 years of dedicated service on
Sunday, March 15, 2020*

Clean Hands

During the COVID-19 pandemic, you should frequently clean your hands:

- After you have been in a public place and touched an item or surface that may be frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, tables, gas pumps, shopping carts, or electronic cashier registers/screens, etc.
- Before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, because that's how germs enter our bodies.

Handwashing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and your family from getting sick. Learn when and how you should wash your hands to stay healthy.

How Germs Spread

Washing hands can keep you healthy and prevent the spread of respiratory and diarrheal infections from one person to the next. Germs can spread from other people or surfaces when you:

- Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Prepare or eat food and drinks with unwashed hands
- Touch a contaminated surface or objects
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into hands and then touch other people's hands or common objects

Key Times to Wash Hands

You can help yourself and your loved ones stay healthy by washing your hands often, especially during these key times when you are likely to get and spread germs:

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone at home who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the toilet
- After changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

CLEAN HANDS ARE SAFER HANDS
FOLLOW THESE 4 STEPS TO MAKE SURE YOUR HANDS ARE SAFE.



The infographic consists of four circular icons in a row, each with a corresponding step name and description below it. The icons are: 1. A water drop inside a circle. 2. A hand being scrubbed with soap suds, with a clock icon and '20 SEC' text. 3. Hands being rinsed under a stream of water. 4. A hand being dried by a towel or air.

WET
Use warm or cold running water.

LATHER & SCRUB
Get the backs of your hands, between fingers and under nails. (Scrub long enough to hum "Happy Birthday" twice)

RINSE
Use clean water, warm or cold.

DRY
Use a clean towel or air dry.

*Information taken from the CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

She Said “Yes” !



Deacon Murad Williams and Sister Djimma Bordley

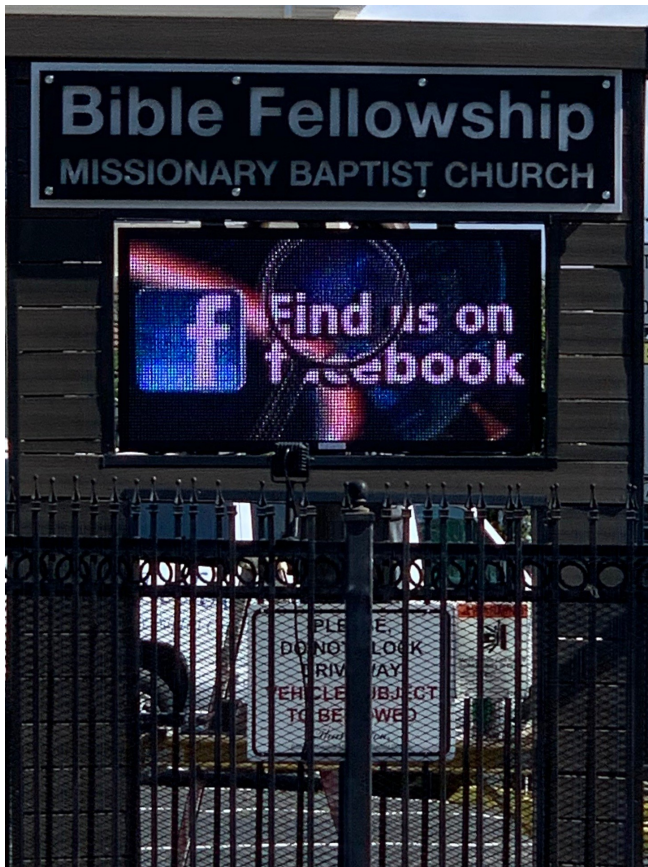
Deacon Murad Williams proposed to Sister

Djimma Bordley during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 3, 2020. And, she said “Yes” ! The happy couple are positive role models that actively worship and serve at the church.

Deacon Williams is a Junior Deacon, assists with the Periscope productions and diligently serves all around the church. Sister Bordley is the leader for the Tape Ministry and is always willing to help in other areas.

Congratulations and God Blessings!

A “Sign” for the Times



Bible Fellowship now has dynamic digital signage. It provides a highly visible, modern way to communicate our message to the community. We are now able to display information to the public regarding our worship services, ministry schedules, programs, events, and announcements. This is definitely a sign for the times!



TRANSFORMERS

#MoreThanMeetsTheEye



VBS 2020



Romans 12:2



Wed. July 22, - Fri. July 24, 2020

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Refreshments: 6:00 pm / Service: 7:00 pm Nightly

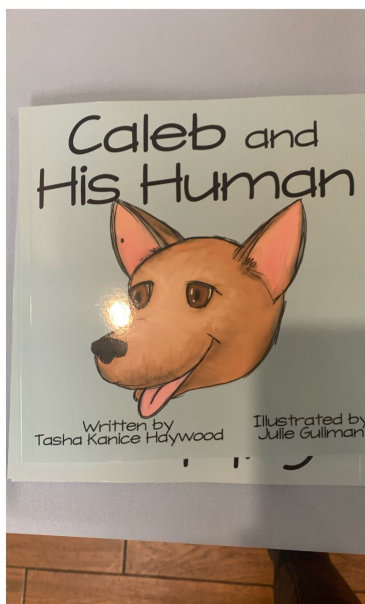
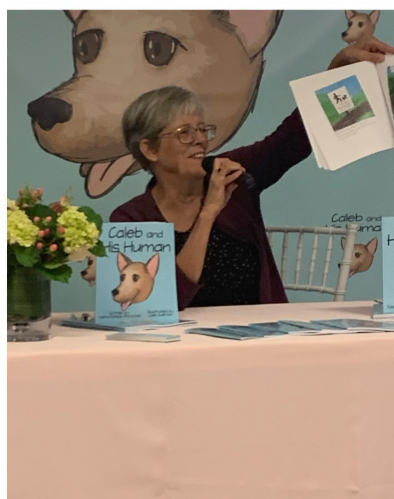
Women's Day



Women's Day



Book Signing with Sister Tasha Haywood



Sister Tasha Haywood is an author! *Caleb and His Human* is a delightful story about Sister Tasha's adventures with her dog, Caleb. The book is available through Amazon or you may contact Sister Tasha to receive a copy.

Ministry In Action—Disaster Relief

The Disaster Relief Ministry prepared meals and food boxes for Seniors during the Shelter in Place orders for COVID-19. The ministry was a blessing to many of the elderly members of our congregation by providing much needed outreach and follow up telephone calls. Sister Peggy Washington Disaster Relief leader.

Featured are some pictures of the ministry members that provide prayers, helping hands, love, and laughter.



Photo Caption
(Left to Right):
Sister Peggy Washington;
Sisters Jean Patton, Ruby Jones, and Joyce Rogers;
Sister Crystal Blunt;
Sister Ruby Jones



Editor's Corner—God Will Provide Everything



Recently while sheltered in place due to COVID-19, I walked around my neighborhood and saw a chalk writing on the sidewalk that said “God Will Provide Everything!”. It immediately made me reflect on the goodness of the LORD that has been demonstrated in my life. There have been many times, too many to number, that I worried and cried about how things would work out. But the LORD always made a way for me. And, for that I am humbled and grateful. David stated it well in Psalm 27: 1-5: ***The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up***

my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

During COVID-19, the LORD has blessed my non-profit organization with an abundance of resources ; it has been an overflow. The worry that I had for this area of my life has become an area of praises to God!

Don't believe me? Ask Deacon and Deaconess Jones about their faith walk and their new home (picture featured below).

Be encouraged: God Will Provide Everything! Continue to read God's Word, Seek God, and Pray for Wisdom.

Jacqueline Hunt-Willis, Newsletter Editor

NEWSLETTER TEAM

Sister Jacqueline Willis
 Sister Charla Edwards
 Sister Djimma Bordley
 Sister Sherrol Gray
 Sister Sylvia McDaniel



Dr. Hawkins with Deacon Joseph & Deaconess JoAnn Jones receiving a home dedication certificate

Thank You!



Dr. Timothy Hawkins, Pas-

Thank You Bible Fellowship Church family. We should ponder the privileges of the Christian life. Some of those privileges are: that we are saved by the blood of Jesus, we are sealed by the Holy Spirit, we cannot lose our salvation, and we are promised the hope of glory. However, we must not forget that these privileges mean corresponding responsibilities.

These responsibilities are in step with our mission statement. We must correspond by building each gm up through church fellowship, and by witnessing with our lives; making our requests known unto God in everything in prayer while embracing the inerrant word of God.

To come to Christ, and to receive from Christ, are our privileges;
 To abide in Christ, and to follow after Him, are our responsibilities;
 To follow Christ means at least three things; sacrifice, suffering, and splendor.

Recently in our Sunday worship service, I opened up the sermon "A Fit Follower" with the statement, "With Privileges come Responsibilities".

As we progressed through our worship services, during the shelter in place order; Bible Fellowship congregation remained committed in sustaining the worship and work that God assigned us. Thank you Bible Fellowship, as Rev. A.Q West, the former pastor said, "this is a great church." I certainly agree, we are a great church. During this pandemic I have seen a demonstration of sacrifice and suffering while things are getting better and the best is yet to come. This is our splendor!

Your Pastor,
 Reverend Dr. Timothy Hawkins

Isaiah 41:10: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

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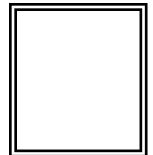
Our Motto:

I am a part of a great family
I am a part of God's family
I am a part of the Bible Fellowship family

Our Mission:

To *embrace* the inerrant Word of God
To *edify* through exercising our Spiritual Gifts
To *equip* through teaching God's Word
To *evangelize* the Lost for the Kingdom of God

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