
Church Newsletter

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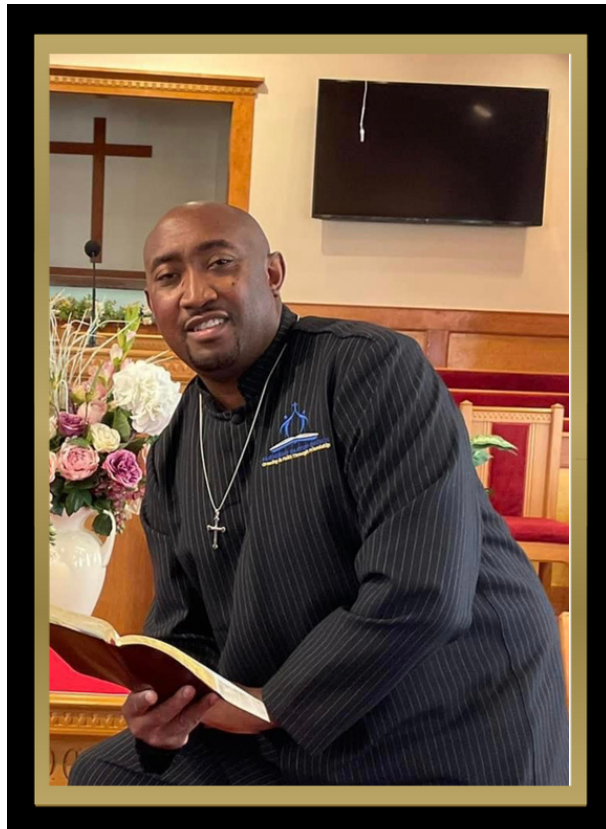
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*Join us for Wednesday night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. on
conference call line (848) 777-1500 access code 227837#.*

Ministry Moment



As we grow older and wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$3,000 or a \$30.00 watch both tell the same time. Whether we drink a \$1,000 or \$10.00 bottle of wine, the hangover is still the same. Whether the house you live in is 300 or 3,000 sq. ft, loneliness is the same. Whether you have a \$8,000 Buick or a \$80,000 Benz, they both serve the same purpose.

The older we get the less things start to excite us because everything in this world has the word **time stamped** on it. **Everything in this world is just temporary**, either we will eventually leave it or it will leave us. This is why the song writer told us to **build our hopes on thing eternal**.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:" But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:" ~ Matthew 6: 19-20

~ Pastor Terrell J. Goggans ~

In The Spotlight

DEACON JAMES OLIVER WILLIAMS



Deacon James Oliver Williams was born on January 24, 1942, to the late Mr. Arthur Williams and Mrs. Mary Jamison Williams. He received his early education at Allen School and Nicholtown Elementary School, and proudly graduated from Sterling High School in June of 1960. He retired from Michelin after 14 years of service in 2001.

He has been blissfully married to Mrs. Mary Kathleen Smith Williams for 64 years. Together, they are the proud parents of five children and the loving grandparents of fifteen grandchildren.

Deacon Williams is a member of the SOS Coral a choir combined with men from various churches.

He faithfully serves as a Deacon, a member of the All-Male Chorus and Mass Choir, a devoted member of the Silver Saints Ministry, and a dedicated Sunday School teacher, and formerly served as Trustee.

Deacon Williams is a dedicated, loyal member of Friendship Baptist Church where he proudly serves.

By Mary Thomas



Deeper Devotion

BOYCOTTING AND THE CHURCH

BY MINISTER ANDREA BELL



The question of whether the church should boycott is complex and subjective, influenced by various factors:

Ethical Considerations: Some argue that boycotting can be a form of protest immoral practices, but it should be approached with caution, as it can lead to negative consequences for the company and may not achieve the desired impact.

Cultural Impact: Boycotting can influence corporate behavior and may signal to the company that their actions are not acceptable. However, the church's role in this process is often seen as more about moral guidance than direct influence.

Practical Examples: Recent boycotts, such as those against companies like Target for their diversity initiatives, highlight the church's involvement in social issues and the importance of aligning with one's values.

Biblical Perspective: Some argue that boycotting is not a biblical practice, as it involves withholding support from a company based on its actions rather than its beliefs.

A national Target boycott in honor of Black History Month began Feb. 1st the 40-day boycott during Lent led by Jamal-Harrison Bryant, senior pastor of New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Stonecrest, Georgia, has extended from ending April 17 into a longer boycott, that will be indefinite. The boycott against Target was primarily driven by the company's rollback

of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, which has sparked significant public backlash and protests. The Target boycott in 2025 has significantly impacted the company's sales, foot traffic, and reputation, leading to a decline in customer visits and financial performance. Target CEO Brian Cornell's salary has been cut 45% because of the profit losses.

The focus now is on Dollar General and this boycott is slated to run from Memorial Day to Labor Day this year. This movement is not in person but rather an electronic boycott of Dollar General that will include overwhelming the company's email account and phone lines, in addition to a social media campaign. Dollar General also bowed to pressure from the Trump administration and rolled back their diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Pastor Bryant says Dollar General needs to be held accountable for failing to invest in the very Black and low-income communities that make up the backbone of their customer base. An electronic boycott is being called due to the "food deserts" where fruits and vegetables are scarce, in many of the rural communities that Dollar General serves.

Dollar General, a corporation that reportedly makes over \$40 billion a year, has no visible record of supporting HBCUs, Black-led organizations, or movements for justice. Only 2% of its executive leadership reflects the diversity of the people who shop in and often staff its stores.

Health Corner



WHY ARE VITAMINS IMPORTANT?

BY CHERYL BELL



Taking vitamins daily can help fill nutritional gaps in your diet, potentially improving immune function, promoting healthy vision, and supporting overall well-being. While a balanced diet should ideally provide all necessary vitamins and minerals, supplements can be beneficial for those with specific dietary restrictions or increased needs.

Here's a more detailed look at why you might consider taking vitamins daily:

1. Filling Nutritional Gaps:

- A multivitamin can help ensure you're meeting your daily needs for essential vitamins and minerals, especially if your diet doesn't always provide a wide variety of nutrient-rich foods.
- Certain vitamins and minerals play crucial roles in various bodily functions, such as bone health, immune system support, and cell growth.
- For example, vitamin D is important for bone health and is often difficult to obtain in sufficient quantities through diet alone.

2. Supporting Specific Health Needs:

- **Immune Function:** Vitamins like C, D, and zinc are vital for a healthy immune system and can help the body fight off illness.
- **Vision:** Vitamins A and E, along with other nutrients, play a role in maintaining healthy vision.
- **Bone Health:** Vitamin D and calcium are essential for strong bones and teeth.
- **Cognitive Function:** Some research suggests that multivitamins may help delay cognitive decline in older adults.

3. Addressing Increased Needs:

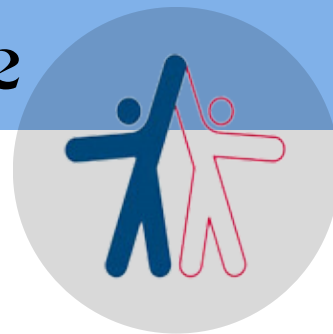
- **Pregnancy:** Folic acid is crucial for

preventing neural tube defects in babies and is recommended for women of reproductive age.

- **Medical Conditions:** Individuals with certain medical conditions, like Crohn's disease or celiac disease, may have difficulty absorbing nutrients and may benefit from supplementation.
- **Older Adults:** Older adults may have increased needs for certain vitamins and minerals due to age related changes in absorption and metabolism.

Important Considerations:

- **Diet is Key:** Vitamins are not a substitute for a healthy, balanced diet. Focus on consuming a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins to obtain most of your nutrients from food.
- **Consult Your Doctor:** Before starting any new supplement regimen, it's essential to talk to your doctor or a registered dietitian to determine if it's appropriate for you and to discuss potential interactions with medications or other health conditions.
- **Don't Overdo It:** Excessive intake of certain vitamins and minerals can be harmful. It's important to follow recommended dosages and be aware of potential side effects.



2025 High School Graduates



Kaitlin Thomas
Hillcrest High School



Chane Posley
Southside High School



BRYSON HARRIS
HIGH SCHOOL

BRANDON WALDROP
POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
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A Second Glance



A Spectacular Egg Hunt Celebration!

On April 19, 2025, laughter and excitement filled the air as kids joined in the festivities. They posed for adorable photos with the bunny, played lively games, bounced to their hearts' content in the bouncy house, and eagerly searched for hidden treasures during the egg hunt. The ultimate prize—the coveted golden egg—earned one lucky winner a grand basket overflowing with goodies and a special gift card. A day to remember!



Honoring Mothers with a Joyful Paint & Sip Spring Tea!

On May 10, 2025, the Deaconess hosted a beautiful celebration in honor of Mothers. The day was brimming with creativity, as attendees enjoyed a relaxing painting session, sipped on delicious tea, and indulged in a delightful brunch. Surrounded by warmth and heartfelt fellowship, each Mother was presented with a special gift as a token of appreciation. A truly memorable occasion!



By Mary Thomas

A Second Glance

Friendship Baptist Church Celebrates 145 Years of Service!

On Sunday, May 18, 2025, Friendship Baptist Church marked an incredible milestone 145 years of faith and fellowship. The church started in a humble brush harbor on Alice Avenue, has grown into a beacon of spiritual guidance. Reverend Willie J. Choice delivered a powerful message as the guest preacher for the occasion. A celebratory lunch was shared in the fellowship hall following the morning service. Friendship Baptist Church continues its journey under the leadership of Reverend Terrell J. Goggans, who faithfully serves as the church's ninth pastor.



145 Years of Faith and Fellowship

By Mary Thomas

A Second Glance

A Joyous Vacation Bible School Celebration!

From June 2-5, 2025, the fellowship hall came alive with excitement as participants of all ages from toddlers to adults gathered for Vacation Bible School. Engaging lessons and activities filled classes from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., learning of God's word. On Thursday, students proudly presented their class projects and were recognized with certificates and gifts. The celebration concluded with a lively cookout at the church's pavilion, bringing everyone together in faith, fellowship, and fun!

Circle of Friends Provides Meals for Local Youth!

From June 2-5, 2025, the President and CEO of Circle of Friends extended a generous act of kindness, ensuring that no child went hungry. Hot lunches were served daily at 12:00 noon in the fellowship hall, welcoming youth up to age 18 at absolutely no cost. With a simple and warm approach, young members of the community were invited to come in, grab a meal, sit down, and enjoy.

A heartfelt thank you for this thoughtful gesture and the helping hand offered to our youth.

By Mary Thomas

Financial Insight



DEBT FREE BY FALL LIVING IN FREEDOM THE WAY GOD INTENDED

BY SONYA HUNT



As we enjoy the fruitfulness of Summer and prepare for the upcoming fall season, what better time to focus on financial freedom? Imagine entering this new season unburdened by debt, ready to walk in the fullness of God's provision. God desires for His children to live free—not only spiritually, but financially. Romans 13:8 tells us, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another..." This verse reminds us that freedom from debt is a biblical principle and a path to greater peace, purpose, and generosity.

Whether you're drowning in credit cards, student loans, or payday traps, becoming debt-free is possible. Here are practical and impactful tips to help you and your family experience breakthrough by fall:

1. Know the Root Before You Cut the Branch

Instead of only tracking spending, take time to prayerfully reflect on why you're in debt. Is it due to impulse, lack of planning, or emotional spending? Identifying the root causes helps you change the behavior that leads to debt in the first place.

To get started, keep a "Spending Journal" for 7 days—not just what you spent, but how you felt when you spent it. You'll be surprised how emotions drive financial decisions.

2. Use the "Snowball Method"

List your debts from smallest to largest. Pay the minimum on all except the smallest, which you attack with everything extra. When that's paid, roll that amount into the next smallest debt, and repeat.

* This method creates quick wins that build momentum and motivation.

3. Fast From Spending

Take a 30-Day Spending Fast (a No-Spend Month). Buy only essentials—no eating out, online shopping, or impulse buys. Use that time to pray, plan, and reflect.

Use any money saved during your fast to create an "Emergency Fund" (at least \$500-\$1,500) or use it to pay towards debt if you already have Emergency Savings. This prevents future setbacks from becoming debt again.

4. Involve the Family – Build Unity, Not Secrecy

Talk openly with your spouse or children about financial goals. Let them help with meal planning, grocery lists, or cutting subscription services. Unity in vision brings strength in discipline.

5. Practice Kingdom Principles

Debt freedom isn't just about numbers—it's about obedience and trust in God. When you honor God with your money, He honors your steps.

Proverbs 3:9-10 – *"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty..."*

Debt is not your destiny. It's a detour. But through prayer, planning, and persistence, you can be debt free by fall. Seek God, stay disciplined, and surround yourself with accountability. Let this be the season where you break financial chains and walk into the freedom God has already prepared for you.

**You are not just getting out of debt—
you are stepping into your destiny.**

Upcoming Events

AUGUST

08/02/25 Back to School Bash

12 pm - 3 pm

8/24/25 Homecoming

During morning service

Dr. Amos O. Harlings will be the guest preacher

8/25/25 - 8/26/25 Revival

7 pm nightly

Dr. Amos O. Harlings will be the guest preacher.

All members are asked to give a \$75 assessment

SEPTEMBER

09/14/25 Jersey Sunday

During morning service.

Please wear your favorite team jersey or tshirt.

09/17/25 Bible Study Resumes

6:30 pm on Conference Line

09/21/25 Women's Day

During morning service



Back to School Bash
Saturday, 08/02/25
12 pm - 3 pm



Dr. Amos O. Harlings
Guest preacher for Homecoming and
Revival on 8/24/25-8/26/25

"IN MEMORY OF BRIANNA LEAH JOHNSON" ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

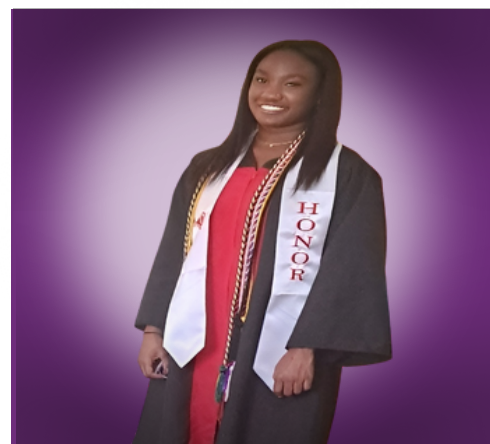
BY MARY THOMAS



Recipient "Jada Sullivan"



Recipient "Shaniah Hill"



Recipient "Kaitlin Thomas"

On January 2, 2025, Mrs. Lisa Johnson, Founder of the *In Memory of Brianna Leah Johnson Scholarship*, had the honor of presenting the annual Academic Scholarship Awards. This scholarship was established in loving memory of Brianna Leah Johnson, a devoted student and proud alumna of J.L. Mann High School, whose passion for education continues to inspire others.

The 2025 scholarship recipients are as follows:

- Miss Shaniah Hill
- Miss Jada Sullivan
- Miss Kaitlin Thomas

Congratulations to each of you on this well-deserved recognition. May your dedication and perseverance continue to guide you towards the achievement of your goals.

We believe that Brianna is watching from heaven with immense pride and joy.

With sincere regards,

Mrs. Lisa Johnson Founder, *In Memory of BLJ Annual Scholarship Fund*

Bible Trivia

Over the last couple of months, we have been studying the book of Matthew in Sunday School. Listed below are 5 multiple choice questions giving you the opportunity to challenge your knowledge and understanding of this Book of Matthew Chapters 1-5.

Question 1: In Matthew 1:17, how many generations are there from Abraham to David?

- A.13 B.14 C.15 D.16

Question 2: Fill in the blank from Matthew 3:17- "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved _____, in whom I am well pleased."

- A. Son B. Servant C. Prophet D. King

Question 3: In Matthew 4:5, where does the devil take Jesus to tempt him second?

- A. High mountain
B. Holy city
C. Wilderness of Judea
D. Pinnacle of the temple

Question 4: According to Matthew 5:14, what are the followers of Jesus referred to as?

- A. The salt of the earth
B. The light of the world
C. Fishers of men
D. Children of God

Question 5: In Matthew 7:24, those who hear and do Jesus' sayings are likened unto a man that built his house upon what?

- A. The Sand B. The rock C. The water D. The hill

Bible Reading Plan

This 3-month Bible reading plan walks through the powerful story of Esther—one of courage, faith, and God's providence. Each day offers a short passage (4–5 verses) to help you reflect deeply without feeling rushed. As you journey through Esther, you'll also meditate on supporting scriptures from Psalms and Romans to strengthen your understanding of God's protection, purpose, and timing. May this plan encourage you to trust God's hand at work in every season of life.

July 2025

Date	Scripture
July 7	Esther 1:1-4
July 8	Esther 1:5-8
July 9	Esther 1:9-12
July 10	Esther 1:13-15
July 11	Esther 1:16-18
July 12	Esther 1:19-22
July 13	Esther 2:1-4
July 14	Esther 2:5-7
July 15	Esther 2:8-11
July 16	Esther 2:12-14
July 17	Esther 2:15-18
July 18	Esther 2:19-20
July 19	Esther 2:21-23
July 20	Esther 3:1-2
July 21	Esther 3:3-6
July 22	Esther 3:7-9
July 23	Esther 3:10-11
July 24	Esther 3:12-15
July 25	Esther 4:1-3
July 26	Esther 4:4-6
July 27	Esther 4:7-9
July 28	Esther 4:10-12
July 29	Esther 4:13-14
July 30	Esther 4:15-17
July 31	Esther 5:1-2

August 2025

Date	Scripture
August 1	Esther 5:3-5
August 2	Esther 5:6-8
August 3	Esther 5:9-13
August 4	Esther 5:14
August 5	Esther 6:1-3
August 6	Esther 6:4-6
August 7	Esther 6:7-9
August 8	Esther 6:10-11
August 9	Esther 6:12-13
August 10	Esther 6:14
August 11	Esther 7:1-2
August 12	Esther 7:3-4
August 13	Esther 7:5-6
August 14	Esther 7:7-8
August 15	Esther 7:9-10
August 16	Esther 8:1-2
August 17	Esther 8:3-6
August 18	Esther 8:7-8
August 19	Esther 8:9-10
August 20	Esther 8:11-12
August 21	Esther 8:13-14
August 22	Esther 8:15-17
August 23	Esther 9:1-4
August 24	Esther 9:5-10
August 25	Esther 9:11-14
August 26	Esther 9:15-17
August 27	Esther 9:18-19
August 28	Esther 9:20-22
August 29	Esther 9:23-25
August 30	Esther 9:26-28
August 31	Esther 9:29-32

Bible Reading Plan

Let's finish the quarter out strong with the last month of the 3rd quarter reading plan. As we reflect on the courage and calling seen in Esther's story, this final stretch invites us to go deeper in our faith. In September, we'll draw strength from Psalms that remind us of God's constant help and unshakable presence, and we'll anchor our hope in *Romans 8:28*—that *all things work together for good for those who love Him*. Stay committed, stay encouraged, and let God's Word renew your mind and heart as you complete the quarterly reading!

September 2025

Date	Scripture
September 1	Esther 10:1-2
September 2	Esther 10:3
September 3	Psalms 121:1-2
September 4	Psalms 121:3-4
September 5	Psalms 121:5-6
September 6	Psalms 121:7-8
September 7	Psalms 46:1-3
September 8	Psalms 46:4-5
September 9	Psalms 46:6-7
September 10	Psalms 46:8-9
September 11	Psalms 46:10-11
September 12	Romans 8:28
September 13	Re-read Esther 4:13-14
September 14	Re-read Psalm 121
September 15	Re-read Psalm 46
September 16	Re-read Romans 8:28
September 17	Re-read Esther 7: 1-10
September 18	Re-read Esther 8:15-17
September 19	Re-read Esther 9:26-28
September 20	Proverbs 19:21
September 21	2 Timothy 1:7
September 22	Psalms 34:17
September 23	Romans 12:1-2
September 24	Psalms 91:1-2
September 25	Psalms 91:3-4
September 26	Psalms 91:5-6
September 27	Psalms 91:7-8
September 28	Psalms 91:9-11
September 29	Psalms 91:12-13
September 30	Psalms 91:14-16

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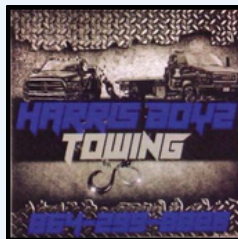
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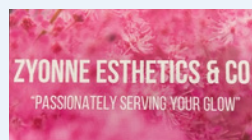


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