

# Visions Newsletter

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Pastor Keith L. Reynolds

As we stand now looking forward to our final quarter of the 2016-17 fiscal calendars, I am truly thankful for the commitment and dedication of all the members of CFBC in helping to maintain our church's mission and its ministries. Our main goals and objectives are to advance the cause of Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship and a planned approach to spreading the Gospel to whomever, whenever and wherever we can. I believe God is pleased with our efforts, but we do understand there still is so much more to be done in our personal lives, our church and even in our community. With that in mind, each time our doors swing open, we must always maintain an attitude of service. We are servants of Almighty God and we seek His guidance and assistance through the spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We now have our summer months to continue in pressing forward. Our efforts and energy now turn toward our Back To School Initiative, where we gather school supplies for the schools and children of our community. We are asking that our members help in providing items that are basically standard for every student. There are information sheets at the Greeters Desk that will give each of us a list of items needed.

Revival and Summer Camp will also occur in July. Summer Revival will be held July 19, 20, and 21, with devotion at 6:45p.m. and worship starting at 7:00p.m. Each night our souls will be fed by a minister, who, I believe, God has led me to extend an invitation: Wednesday, Pastor Phillip R. A. Spann of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Atlanta; Thursday, Pastor Richard Wills, Sr. of Friendship Baptist Church in Atlanta; Friday, Pastor E. J. Childs of United Christian Fellowship of Jonesboro. Each of these men is a sound man of God. We are praying now that God continues to bless them in their ministry. Their experience will be new to us and prayerfully inspiring as well.

Summer Camp will be held from July 24 through 28 from 8:30a.m. to 3:30p.m. Children from the ages of 5 to 15 are invited to become camp members. There is no cost, however, all campers must be registered by their parent or guardian by Tuesday, July 25. Camp Solid Rock, as we call it, will have a Christian focus with various recreational and academic activities. We also look forward to the delicious breakfasts and lunches served. Although, at this time, the field trip destination has not been identified, all of our campers will be given a Christian Fellowship T-shirt to be worn on that day. A closing program will highlight our activities for the week.

Back To School Drive will be held during the month of August. Members will donate school supplies that will be delivered to the schools in our community. Last year, we supplied four schools that were thankful for our contributions, and we look forward to doing the same again. The Second Sunday of August will be our Back To School Recognition emphasis, where specifically, we ask God's blessing for our students, teachers, staff, administrators, parents and the entire school system. Without a doubt, we recognize that the school and

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## Pastor's Message (cont.)

the community cannot live apart. We must invest in our most precious treasures, our children, and afford them every opportunity to become who God intended.

WMU Installation Service will be held on September 10. Our Annual Church Conference will be held on September 24. Our church conference will occur immediately after the worship service where Church Council members will be installed and 2017-18 budgets will be adopted. All members are encouraged to be present at church and to stay for that meeting.

We are always asking for all of our members to find a place of service within the church. God reveals Himself in so many different ways. He simply asks us to avail ourselves. It is through that process that we learn so much more about Him, and even ourselves. Our lives become richer and more positive when we are continuously seeking Him. I encourage our members to make an extra effort to become participants in Sunday Morning Bible Study. We have a new and exciting Young Adult class that, I am sure, will uplift your life. Our Tuesday Evening Bible Study, by phone, will resume on September 5. You won't even have to leave your home. Join Rev. Caldwell and just simply see the positive difference in your life. Each Wednesday morning at 6:00a.m., we have prayer by phone. I promise you it makes a difference when you start your day being reminded of God's promise to never leave you or forsake you. Early Morning Prayer is something all of us can use for a new and revived strength for each day's journey. Wednesdays, we still have our standard Prayer Meeting at 6:30p.m. and Bible Study at 7:00p.m. We finalize the week with Thursday Morning Bible Study from 10:30 to Noon. For those interested in singing in one or more choirs, rehearsal is on Wednesday at 6:30p.m. Check the bulletin for specific times of each rehearsal.

Finally, we seek your financial support for the life of our church. Your tithes and offerings are essential to our ministries. Try God and see if He will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive. The key here is *TRY GOD!* We all say we believe in His presence and power. If that is true, I ask you to TRY HIM with your finances as well. You can't beat God giving, no matter how hard you try!

## Project Live Love

Our CFBC Acteens participated in a recent Piedmont Fayette, **5K Walk For Breast Cancer** along with their siblings and parents. Our youth were involved with every aspect of this important community outreach event. Over 200 volunteers came out to show the city of Atlanta what it truly means to put their **"love in action"**. Many people were deeply touched at the event.



## Meet Our Members



Deacon Horace & Lucky McKennie

The congregation of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church is filled with committed and dedicated people who love the Lord and want the absolute best for their families and communities. Right in the middle of those desires is an intense focus on understanding the necessity of the church and how it can assist in our efforts

to be better people in serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Deacon Horace (Ken) and Sister Lue (Lucky) McKennie are individuals who the Lord has woven intricately into the life of CFBC. We are truly blessed, as they give of themselves constantly without reservation. They are here regularly helping the pastor in the routine and daily operations of the church. Ken serves as the Assistant Treasurer. He helps to make sure our financial responsibilities are processed in a timely fashion. He also works on the Audio Visual Committee with assistance for our sound, and occasionally, you will see him as a photographer. Lucky serves as my Administrative Assistant and as Chair of our Public Relations Committee. They are both active and faithful participants in Thursday Morning Bible Study.

Their relationship started over fifty years ago on what you might call a blind date. But as of March 2017, that blind date has turned into fifty years of marital bliss. Ken loves Lucky's extroverted personality and Lucky loves Ken's congenial and genuine personality.

Lucky is the daughter of a North Carolina sharecropper who told his children that he wanted as much for them as they wanted for themselves. Lucky took those words to mean to get a fundamentally sound education and move forward in life.

She attended Barber Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina, where she graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Education. Her first teaching position was as a high school teacher in Louisville, Georgia. A year later, she moved to Boston, Massachusetts and worked for the Pioneer Mutual Insurance Company, now known as Primerica Insurance. It took only one year for Lucky to hear an inner voice say, "Go south, young lady, go south." Then, she moved to Columbus, Georgia to teach as her heart desired. Columbus was

where she met the love of her life, Horace L. McKennie. They were married in 1967 and blessed with their pride and joy, a son. While being an exemplary mother and holding a full-time job, she earned her Master's Degree in Business Education from Georgia State University with additional studies at North Carolina Central University and Atlanta University, now known as Clark Atlanta University. She retired from the Atlanta Public School System with over thirty years of service.

Ken is a native of Atlanta and a Washington High School graduate. After high school graduation, Ken attended Morris Brown College, and eventually enlisted in the United States Army. Stationed at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, Ken acquired a number of skills that would assist him professionally. It was while in Columbus that he met the future Mrs. McKennie. Ken's professional career landed him thirty-eight years as a United States postal worker. He moved up the professional ladder from substitute worker to mail carrier and eventually Quality Control Specialist for the Atlanta Region.

Ken and Lucky are charter members of CFBC. They love the joyful spirit of our church and want us to treat each other as we want to be treated. They understand that we all fall short in our life's experiences, but are continuously seeking to be good and faithful servants. Daily, they are praying for CFBC and all who work to continue the legacy of those who started this journey with us, but are now gone on to their heavenly reward.

Horace and Lucky have one son, Walter (Libra) and one grandson, Brandon. As Pastor, I am proud to work with such individuals as the McKennies. Brothers and Sisters, meet our members, Deacon Horace and Sister Lucky McKennie.

## Project Live Love (con't)

More than 350 homeless men and women were provided medical testing, haircuts, nail and foot care, chiropractic care hygiene kits, and were served a sit-down lunch - all free of charge! You can see by the pictures that the youths of CFBC were instrumental in making this great event a success.





## 2017 Women's Prayer Breakfast/Sunday Worship



The 2017 CFBC Annual Women's Day Prayer Breakfast broke with tradition and was held off site at the Atlanta Airport Marriott.



Approximately 175 women were in attendance and enjoyed the fellowship through Silent Auctions, getting to know the guests at their table, listening to great background spiritual music, played by our own DJ, Deacon Jeffery Joseph, and taking home an awesome book, *"FerVent"*, by Priscilla Shirer, now being read and discussed via book review here at CFBC.

Rev. Dr. Khalia J. Williams, First Lady of Providence Missionary Baptist Church as keynote speaker, delivered a powerful, soul-stirring message on spiritual positioning, "From Spiritual Drought to Spiritual Overflow." Rev. Dr. Williams, also, served as speaker for the Women's Day Sunday Morning Worship Service, where she spoke on the topic, "There is Water." She emphasized the transforming and purifying power of water to the physical body just as God's Word is to the spiritual body.



The planning committee was co-chaired by Sis. Keisha Jenkins, Sis Shawntel Joseph, and Sis Chyla Morgan and thirty-two volunteering members. First Lady, Marilyn Reynolds, was the visionary and coordinator for this event.



## Saluting Our Graduates

At this time of the year we celebrate and reflect on the achievements and accomplishment of individuals who are preparing for life's next chapter. Graduation is a time to celebrate past triumphs and to look forward to great things in the future.

In Rev. Reynolds' sermon entitled "What's Needed for the Journey", we were provided words of wisdom to allow us to move to the next steps. We need to pack for the journey and there are some serious truths to consider:



- We have a specific purpose to fulfill
- God has a unique plan for our lives
- We need to conform to God's way and
- Plan moving forward requires structure and discipline



As we celebrate our graduates, let's continue to be reminded of God's Word and apply it to our daily living.

His Word has provision for us – promises, encouragement, comfort, light to our path.

Congratulations to our graduates and remember God has a special purpose and plan for your lives.

*Submitted by Gloria Fountain*



Roland Agingbakou



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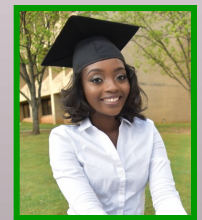
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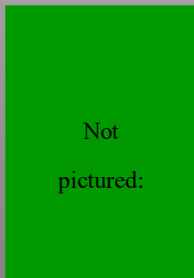
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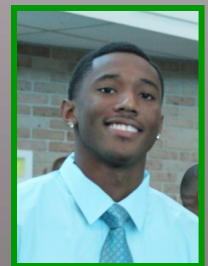
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Justice Michael



Dominic Thurston, II



Anthony King





## New Members



**Tamika R. Butler**



**Stephanie Williams**



**Casey Moore**



**Nathaniel C. Lane**

## 2017 CFBC Summer Revivalist



### Revivalist, Wednesday , July 19th

Reverend Phillip R. A. Spann, a native New Yorker, was called to pastor Shiloh Missionary Baptist in 2015. He is a profound preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is evidenced in his pastoral care. The genuine, compassionate and loving way in which he leads the congregation is indicative of God's calling on his life. Through his uncompromised teaching of the scriptures, he empowers and equips all of God's children in a way that encourages, edifies and enables them to positively impact God's kingdom here on earth.



### Revivalist, Thursday , July 20th

Reverend Richard Wayne Wills, Sr., Pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, has been professionally active as an architect, educator and minister. His passions for the Church and academy are balanced by his continued commitment to community development and a life-long advocacy for justice and equality.



### Revivalist, Friday, July 21st

Reverend E. J. Childs, Sr., Pastor, United Christian Fellowship of Jonesboro, Georgia, is a charismatic, expository speaker, who is moved by the spirit of God and focused on Christian Education at the local level. He is a graduate of Metro Atlanta Presbytery Seminary and has been in the ministry for over 30 years. He has a down-to-earth way of explaining biblical truths, in which even the youngest listener can understand. He is a 22 year military veteran, Vice President of the Clayton County Ministers Conference, Worship Leader and Recording Artist.

## The Esther Fund

The Esther Fund serves as the lifeline for Georgia WMU and WEM Ministries. The ministries are able to take place because the gifts to the Esther Fund transform lives. For example, women are given a second chance through the Christian Women Job Corps and gifts go to children who attend Faith in Christ at Camp Pinnacle. Other ministries supported by the Esther Fund include Sisters Who Care, mission trips, scholarships, mission education, language leadership development and Christmas gifts for children.



A Queen Esther Fashion Show, based on Esther 4:14, was held on Friday, April 28, 2017, a fund raiser for WMU Stone Mountain spring event. The Fashion Show was a private showing for all attendees. The dress worn by each model represented one of the ministries of the Esther Fund. I modeled a *tea dress* to represent Sisters Who Care. If I choose to wear this lovely dress to a future Sisters Who Care Mission Summit, I could stop at any time and have a refreshing cup of tea. The dress is adorned with tea bags of lemon, mint, orange and several other flavors.

The Fashion Show was such a success that it will be repeated again in October at the Heatherwood Baptist Church in Newnan, Ga. All WMU members are invited to attend.

*By Sister Ester Grissom*

***“Planting Kingdom Seeds for  
Future Generations:  
Remembering, Rejoicing and Rededicating”***

## PURE WATER, PURE LOVE

Pure Water, Pure Love is a ministry of **National WMU**. It provides missionaries and people they serve with water filters grant dollars for projects to dig wells around the world.

For many people in the world, walking miles while carrying heavy jugs of water, in order to make sure they have clean water, is a daily task. Many missionaries constantly run the risk of contracting a disease or parasites from the water in the countries they serve.

For example, Larry and Sally are missionaries serving in Africa. Larry is a physician and knows how important safe drinking water is. He says “Every day, I see and treat children and adults who are suffering from bad water. Some end up dying.”

A sad reality is that it can be prevented. In 2016, filters for missionaries and grants for wells were given to assist with clean projects in Indonesia and Haiti.



### How can you get involved?

Pray that God will allow those water receiving clean water to also know Jesus, the Living Water.

Pray that our Missionaries serving overseas will stay healthy as they share the love of Christ.

For more information,  
contact Esther Grissom at 404-691-2031.

Reference: *The National WMU 2016 Annual Report*

## My Silver Threads Among The Gold

This is the first church that I have ever heard of to celebrate longevity. It is so special to me because it is a blessing to see people celebrating 50, 60 and even 70 years of life and marriage. It is amazing to see the number of individuals in their 80's to late 90's. Witnessing ones who are still physically and mentally capable to recognize Christ as their personal Savior is rewarding. They too, are recognized for the contributions that they have made to the church.

The SAM group was quite proactive in helping this day become a success. We made and displayed memory boards depicting Christ-like messages to share with the sick and shut-in, we displayed through an album of photos the activities of the SAM group during the year, we decorated the West Wing for a reception on that day for the honorees of the year, we issued certificates, congratulatory letters from governmental officials, plaques and presented bouquets of roses to all the 2017 honorees.

Thank you, CFBC, for helping me see growth in you and your Christian walk, as well as in my own walk. As I continue to strive to be more pleasing to Christ, one of my goals is to become a Silver Thread among God's Gold.

*Submitted by Sister Janie Pope*

## Instruction on Worship

<sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. *(II Timothy 2:15)*

### Come and join one of our weekly Bible Studies

Sunday Morning 9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Call 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Call 6:00 a.m.

(641) 715-0700 and use access code 185351

Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Weekly Sermon Summary Reviews  
may be viewed on our website - [cfbcnow.org](http://cfbcnow.org)

## Christian Fellowship Baptist Church Summer Camp

**Date: July 24th—28th**

**Time: 8:30am—3:30pm**

**Ages: 5-16**

**Cost: Free**



**Camp Solid Rock**

**Building on a firm foundation**

Scripture Reference:

*Matthew 7:24-25*

Scripture Principles:

*Truth, Protection, Strength, Endurance, Deliverance, Salvation, and Faith*





## Ministry Highlight - CFBC Medical Committee



The purpose of the Medical Assistance Committee at CFBC is to assist individuals with acute medical needs during church activities and events. This committee consists of persons who have a medical background with some degree of medical training. Many of our members are physicians, nurses and

EMTs who work as first responders. While we are not a stand-alone clinic, we are equipped to handle issues that range from basic medical emergencies to simple personal needs. For major medical issues, we stabilize patients as much as possible and call 911. Each person in need is evaluated and treated on a case-by-case basis. In addition to addressing acute medical issues, we offer free blood pressure screenings during our annual church festival and have trained our nursing staff in basic CPR.

We are hoping to provide a training course that will be open to the entire congregation. We also foresee future plans to provide seminars on health education topics that are of greatest concern to our congregation. The health of our congregation is our top priority. We invite anyone with a medical background and a willing heart to serve, to come join our committee. Please let us know if we can be of service in any way.

*Submitted by Sister Kimberly T. Fountain, M.D., M.S.*

***Trust GOD in 2017***

***Faith ~ Hope ~ Love***

## THE CFBC CHURCH COUNCIL

**The Church is organized by units, programs, ministries and committees. The chairs of these entities make up the church council.**

Church Council - Pastor Keith Reynolds, Chair  
Academic Affairs - Gloria Fountain, Chair  
Audio Visuals, Jackie Reese, Chair  
Bereavement - Emerson Carey, Chair  
Boy Scouts - Henry Stephens, Chair  
Brotherhood - Anthony Jackson, Chair  
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Church Clerk - Nancy Woodson  
Church History - Beverly Hall, Chair  
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Deacons - Moses Norman, Chair  
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Family Enrichment, Simone Motley, Chair  
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Medical Assistance - Dr. Kim Fountain, Chair  
Music - Johnny Johnson, Chair  
New Member Counselors - Elouise Jackson, Chair  
New Member Orientation - Henry Thurston, Chair  
Nominating Committee - Juanita Brooks, Chair  
Ordinances/Baptism - Gloria Thomas, Chair  
Ordinances/Lord's Table - Rita Keys, Chair.  
Parking - Bernard Keys, Chair  
Personal Help Program - Rose Hall, Chair  
Personnel - Jeffery Joseph, Chair  
Public Relations - Lucky McKennie, Chair  
Recreation - Cecil Rivers, Chair  
Senior Adult Ministry - Eva Birmingham, Chair  
Sunday Morning Bible Study - John Harris, Chair  
Technical Resources - Joseph Mahone, Chair  
Thursday Morning Bible Study - Pastor Reynolds, Chair  
Transportation - Russell Brooks, Chair  
Trustees - Emerson Carey,  
Donald Roberson and Karen Swilley  
Male Ushers - David Henderson, Chair  
Female Ushers - Martha Honeywood, Chair  
Wedding - Alma Kirk, Chair  
Wednesday Night Bible Study - William Wright, Chair  
Woman's Missionary Union - Esther Grissom, Chair  
Youth Ministry - Cynthia Davis, Chair

# CFBC Photo Gallery



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## CFBC Photo Gallery



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# Description of Pictures

1 2017 Women's Day

2 Presentation Dea. Whatley

3 Fallen Soldiers 2017

4 2017 Women's Prayer Breakfast

5 Acteen Mission Project

6 Saluting Our Graduates



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## On Whom Do You Depend?

We all need a friend sometimes on  
whom we can depend  
To point us in the right direction  
where we cannot comprehend.  
Many trials bring us close together as the  
relationship begins to start;  
Soon Satan steps in hurriedly and  
tears our souls apart;  
Let this be our reminder to go to God in prayer,  
For He will not disappoint us or leave us in de-  
spair.  
Shortcomings of our brother make it hard  
for our souls to mend;  
God knows the virtuous purpose  
and intentions of our friend.  
No matter what the charge may be  
there is no way ever to compare  
To the pain that Jesus suffered and  
died so we could become His heirs.

*Children's Church - 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Royal Ambassadors - 2nd & 4th Sundays  
Children's Choir Practice - 1st & 3rd Sundays  
Mission Friends - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays  
GA's - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays  
Acteens- 3rd Sundays after 11:00 Worship  
Hand Bell Practice - 1st & 2nd Wednesdays*

### CFBC Nursery Schedule

*1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
During the 11:00 a.m. service*

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## Christian Fellowship Baptist Church 2017 Calendar Highlights

### July

- 1 Deacons' Meeting
- 9 Fellowship Meal-Family Ministry Focus
- 19-21 Summer Revival
- 24-28 Summer Camp

### August

- Kitchen Closed For The Month
- 5 Deacons' Meeting
- Back to School Bowling Outing
- 7 Special Church Council Meeting
- 12 Mission Conclave
- 13 Back to School Recognition
- Yearly Budget Submission from Committee Chairs
- 20 Girls in Action and Acteens after 11am Service
- 26 SMBS Meeting

### September

- 2 Deacons' Meeting
- 9 Mission Conclave
- 10 WMU Installation
- Fellowship Meal
- 11 Church Council
- 23 SMBS Preparation Meeting
- 24 Annual Church Conference