# Visions Newsletter

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Pastor Keith L. Reynolds

Since last **Visions** our publication, we have celebrated a few milestones that exemplify God's faithfulness and goodness to our church congregation. First, we are thankful for the success initial ofthe theological studies program which began in early March between Mercer University and Christian Fellowship.

Fifteen of our members were students in the *Introduction to Christian Theology* class. We are currently offering our second class of the program, *Introduction to the New Testament*. This religious studies program, I believe, is laying a firm foundation for the continuation of Christian education. Classes are offered in an effort to strengthen our members' knowledge base on Christianity and to solidify each participant's faith as they become leaders in our church body.

Secondly, we were blessed in March with a financial gift that allowed us to relieve the church of its largest financial obligation since I became pastor. The debt on our elevator, our greatest capital improvement project, has been paid in full. Be well assured, though, that there are other important concerns that need our continued financial support. We must remain responsive to the needs of our church missions and facility.

Thirdly, in May, we presented our annual Silver Threads Among the Gold celebration honoring milestone ages and marriages. God has blessed some of our members with eighty and ninety or more years of life. Their spirit and wisdom are vital to the health of our church. We are also tremendously blessed to have members who have reached fifty, sixty and even seventy years of marriage. They are witnesses of the difference that God makes when you allow Him to be the centerpiece of your marriage.

We were also blessed to celebrate our Twenty-seventh Church Anniversary in May. For all of those years, God has led us through a variety of experiences that really are testaments to His hand on our congregation. God really has been good to CFBC. We all are thankful for this church's existence and the Christian fellowship we experience here.

I believe we all want our church to continue fulfilling our spiritual needs and having an intricate role in our Clayton County community or wherever else God may lead us. For this to happen, we need young and old alike, to be seriously committed to Christ and our church's mission. Particularly, I encourage our young adults to find a place in one or more of the over thirty ministries of our church. Each ministry and its leader are identified in this *Visions* publication. Without a doubt, even with our busy schedules, we must give priority to God in order for His work to impact the future generations of our church.

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# Thoughts . . .

I recently witnessed a "Baby Dedication" ceremony at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. I stood in support of the family as this beautiful young child was brought forward and handed to our pastor so that he might pray for God's blessing upon the life of this baby and family. A life now dedicated to the service of Almighty God, a truly holy and spiritual moment. As I returned to my seat, I pondered the infinite possibilities and opportunities that will encompass the life of this baby. I thought to myself, *Just who might this child become? Who knows?* GOD KNOWS!

The prophet Jeremiah says, "Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Yes, God certainly knows! And he uses the family, the community, and the church to mold and shape a child's life in preparation for a life of service to God. We must be faithful and committed to setting the Christian example of love and honor before our children at all times. Remember that they are always watching and listening to everything that adults do and say. Therefore, it is imperative that adult Christians keep in mind that God has a continuous plan for our lives as well. Yes, we must set the proper example before our children at all times, but also, teach our children that God loves them and He wants them to love all people. Scripture says "...train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6. The teaching of love is God's plan for mankind. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you. Amen

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — Isaiah 43:1; Isaiah 49:5

by Deacon Paul Honeywood



# **Books For Keeps**

I love books. So, when I received an e-mail from Atlanta Metro United Way asking for volunteers to serve with *Books for Keeps* at Dunbar Elementary School, I signed-up immediately.

Books for Keeps is an organization that was started in 2009 by founder, Meleney Smith, in Athens, GA. She became concerned upon learning that during the summer months, many elementary school students lose reading skills gained during the academic year. This was due in part to the lack of access to books, a circumstance known by educators as a "summer slide".



Books for Keeps provides twelve books to every elementary child from low income families in Athens, GA. They want to ensure that every child served has the tools necessary to retain literacy skills gained during their third year. This, in turn, also supports the broader educational goal to get every child reading on grade level before middle school.

In 2014, the organization included two elementary schools in Atlanta. In 2018, *Books for Keeps* served twenty elementary schools in Atlanta, GA.

I really enjoyed helping the children select twelve books from a variety of titles to read during the summer. I have already signed up to serve again in 2019 at Dunbar Elementary school. Please consider joining me. Your contribution could make a difference in the life of a child.

by Sister Esther Grissom

## **Meet Our Members**



This edition of the *Meet Our Members* article has a special significance to me. Each of the members here at Christian Fellowship is extremely dear to me. Many of you, I have known primarily from the times that we have experienced here in this church setting. The couple we focus on in this edition is Wes and Cynthia Swanson. Our relationship did not originate in our church setting, but rather on the job. Marilyn met Cynthia at McLendon Elementary School in the DeKalb School District in 1995, and the rest is history. Since that time, our families seriously enjoy each other's company whenever and wherever possible. Cynthia and I became principals at the same time. Cynthia is a retired educator who began her career in South Carolina, and eventually retired from the

education profession with over thirty years of service. She attended Western Carolina, Morris Brown, and Georgia State. She received an undergraduate degree from Morris Brown College and a Master's degree from Atlanta University, now known as Clark Atlanta University. From a classroom teacher in Special Education, to a Counselor, to an Assistant Principal and eventually Principal, Cynthia has given her absolute best to the boys and girls with whom she has come in contact. Words cannot describe the depths that Cynthia would go to help children have all that God intended for them in fulfilling their destiny. Currently, even in retirement, Cynthia occasionally serves as a mentor for new principals who are trying to navigate quality education opportunities.

Wes is a native of Atlanta and a Washington High School graduate. After high school, Wes served his country in the United States Army as an Army Specialist. Upon his return to Atlanta, he met Cynthia and they were married in 1980. After military service, Wes worked for General Motors. Eventually, he found his niche in the entertainment industry. He managed several establishments for professional entertainers in the African American community of Atlanta. For certain, if you saw any pictures of Wes in his much younger days, his attire would let you know how meticulous he was, and still is, regarding his wardrobe and appearance. He has always been sharp and clean and could attract the most noted stars of the day.

Both Cynthia and Wes are the kind of people who enjoy life to the fullest. They are thankful for the blessings that God has bestowed upon them. They have been members of Christian Fellowship since 2008. Cynthia works in the nursery and is a member of Women's on Mission #4. She has worked in our Camp Solid Rock as well as on the steering committee for the Women's Prayer Breakfast. Wes has served as a chaperone for our annual Summer Camp field trips. Wes never meets a stranger and has formed lasting relationships with many members of CFBC. As Pastor, it is truly a delight to have former co-workers as dedicated members of CFBC. Brothers and Sisters meet our members, Wes and Cynthia Swanson.

by Pastor Keith L. Reynolds



# Wednesday, July 11th

Rev. Gerry T. Anderson ~ New Macedonia Baptist Church

# Thursday, July 12th

Rev. Teresa Pugh ~ Trinity Community Church

# Friday, July 13th

Rev. E.J. Childs ~ United Christian Fellowship

Devotion Nightly 6:45 PM ~ Worship Service 7:00 PM

# CFBC CELEBRATES ITS 27th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, May 27, 2018, Christian Fellowship Baptist Church celebrated its Twenty-seventh Church Anniversary, another blessing from God. The theme, *Planting and Harvesting According to God's Word*, implies the continuation of kingdom building and planting kingdom seeds that will harvest according to God's time and according to His word and His will. The supporting scripture was taken from the book of Galatians, 6:9 (NIV). Paul, speaking in Galatia, said: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up*. This scripture is quite relevant and sound advice for all of God's children today just as it was in the days of Paul.

Rev. Dr. William T. Perkins, pastor of Greater Fortress Baptist Church, was the guest speaker. He spoke on the topic, *Methuselah - 969 Years and Christian Fellowship Baptist Church - "27 Years"*. He stressed the importance of being productive in kingdom building, noting that Methuselah lived a long life of 969 years and then he died. There is no record of what he did. In contrast, he highlighted many ministries, projects, programs, and activities undertaken at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church in twenty-seven years, all directed toward doing God's will.

From the annuals of church history, it was noted that twenty-seven years ago, a few of God's prayerful, faithful, humble servant leaders realized that the time was right and the soil was ready for planting a new church and, thereafter, Christian Fellowship was established. These founding leaders and believers who were inspired to lay the foundation for this great church were remembered and honored on this day of celebration. The church was charged with the following guiding principles for the anniversary celebration:

- 1) Do not become weary in doing what is good.
- 2) Continue to plant seeds of love, hope, peace, justice, and good will.
- 3) Continue to believe that, at the right time set by our Lord and Savior, there will be a great spiritual harvesting in His kingdom.

The day of celebration ended with a complimentary fellowship dinner humbly served to all in attendance. All honor, praise, and glory are given to God and only to God.

by Dr. Linda Thompson



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

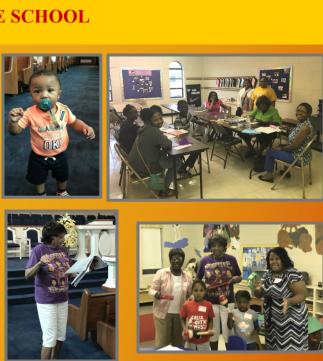
This year, our Vacation Bible School experience at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church was awesome! We invited children, youth, and adults from the community to be a part of the "God Squad: Special Agents in Action." We had volunteers from our church family who offered their time and talents to serve in several different roles. For that, I thank them for sparking more intentional actions as we proclaimed God's praises both in word and in deed.

During the week of June 4 through June 8, 2018, we had a fun-filled experience with each other, the curriculum, the biblical text, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. We were engaged in taking ownership of our identity as a chosen generation and God's own special people. We investigated five biblical characters who were God's special agents in action. Our contemporary stories centered on a Bible study group, affectionately called the God Squad, which we used to guide us on how to apply God's Word in our lives in such a way that moved us to action. Through our skits, videos, stories, and bible verses, we introduced five modern-day special agents who used their gifts, pain, training, and passions to proclaim God as the answer to today's social concerns.

Throughout the week we used 1 Peter 2:9 as a guide to speak to our hearts. The VBS Team started with prayer and hope, as we trusted God to equip us with providing a great biblical experience. Our entire team from our Pre-K leaders to our food providers had fun enjoying the Word of God as we worshipped in multiple ways. Next year, we invite others to become special agents of the God Squad so that "You may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." *1Peter 2:9 (NKJV)* 

by Dr. Debra B. Lee















#### ACTEENS AND GIRLS-IN-ACTION MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BRUNCH

The bond between a mother and her daughter is so special and undeniably unique. The mother-daughter relationship is the most powerful bond in the world. For better or for worse, it sets the stage for all other relationships. The connection between a daughter and her mother is powerful. It affects everything from her health and self-esteem to her behavior towards others. It is believed that no other childhood experience is as compelling as a young girl's relationship with her mother or mother figure.

Once a daughter reaches adulthood, how she views herself, how she is in her adult associations with others, and how she nurtures her own children are profoundly influenced by her relationship with her mother or the significant woman in her life.

Once a daughter reaches adolescence, there may be times when it seems there is friction between the bonds. While most six-year-old girls love their mothers with an unshakeable conviction, it is often a different story by the time they reach adolescence. The once-adored woman who rarely wore a strand of hair out of place, is suddenly always doing and saying embarrassing things that are much annoying to her teenage daughter. But, any daughter who has cringed at a mother's criticism will be surprised to know that mothers continue to mother and daughters still seek mom's approval later in life. In the end, there is no one else more caring and understanding than your mother.

The leaders of Acteens and GAs believed it was especially important to make sure that our Annual Mother Daughter Day exemplified the significance of the mother and daughter bond. One goal for the event was to provide a setting where they could spend time together and create special memories. We sponsored a Mother and Daughter Brunch filled with laughter and roses to celebrate these special bonds at The Studio Café in Fayetteville. It was a special day for CFBC mothers and daughters.

We should never underestimate how important it is for mothers and daughters to do things together from infancy to adulthood. Shared experiences lay a foundation that helps daughters navigate adolescence and adulthood and help make the bond with mothers and mother figures unbreakable.

by Sister Cassandra Stafford



# LEAD AND OTHERS WILL FOLLOW - Keys To A Successful 2018-2019 School Year



"Summertime and the living is easy." Sleeping late, camp fun, talking on the phone, vacations; but all good things must come to an end. Yes, the 2018-19 school year is upon us. You may not understand it now, but you are truly blessed to have the opportunity to attend school.

I know you are probably saying, "I don't understand how difficult it is to be a student these days". Social issues such as bullying, school violence, and sexual abuse make it difficult for you to focus on the rewards of a good education.

However, these issues of school problems are not new. Technology has simply made us more aware of each other's difficulties. Now, you could just "grin and bear it," or you could take your rightful place as a "beakon of light" in a very dark place. You see, if you are reading this, that means, you have been given the greatest opportunity of all. You have an opportunity to be a Leader in God's kingdom.

**Please**, don't pull the "I'm Just A Kid Card" needless to say; the list of youthful leaders in the Bible are too numerous to name. So, how can you be an effective Leader in your school environment? What are the characteristics of an effective Leader?

Well, there are Leaders... then there are Christian LEADERS. As a Christian, you are immediately elevated to the role of a Leader. Christians are expected to demonstrate Christ-like behaviors, wherever we go, behaviors that a lost and dying world can aspire to.

Do keep in mind that all Leaders first and foremost are human beings, subject to faults and far from being perfect. Therefore, they must demonstrate humility and always be aware that a **Leader is a Servant.** 

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, rather in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interest of others." Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Jesus was a shining example of a servant in those few years of his ministry. He put the well being of others before His own needs. His leadership was not filled with rhetoric, but action. I challenge each of you to be a servant in your school. Ask your parents and teachers how you might serve your school, classroom or community. Encourage fellow classmates who may not comprehend as well as yourself. Volunteer your time to assist students in lower grades. Make yourself available to assist teachers with class organization.

A good Leader is a Visionary. He believes in the importance of his mission and in achieving its outcome.

**Joseph** was open to the possibilities that God had given him, and diligently worked toward them. He allowed nothing or no one to take away that vision.

Let your fellow classmates see in you an unwavering mission to obtain a diploma. Treat *every* school day as a prerequisite to your graduation. Don't let others steal your dreams. Most importantly, *Don't Give your Dreams away!* 

A good Leader has Self-Control. "When you lose your temper... you lose." You and only you make the decision to lose your temper.

A good Leader demonstrates spiritual, emotional, and mental balance.

**Leaders** have the courage to bravely and firmly articulate their ideas and concerns. **Leaders** make eye contact, indicating they can be trusted. They are genuinely concerned and stand on conviction rather than puffed up for a performance for the crowd.

A good **Leader** values his time and how and who he spends it with. Surely, we all need down time, but spending hour upon hour playing video games or texting useless messages is a waste of your most valuable asset. **TIME**. Choose activities and people that are on the same path to success as you.

I hope I have given you some keys for a successful 2018-19 school year. If in your daily walk, you demonstrate good Christian leadership, **Lead and they will follow you on** the path to a better learning environment for all, but most importantly, a path to Christ Jesus.

"This little light of mine, I'm gonna' let it shine!"

by Sister Elaine P. Davis

#### NEW MEMBERS



Sis. Ashley Rogers



Bro. Joshua Rogers

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP**

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

Tuesday Evening 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 -8:00 p.m.

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

Weekly Sermon Summaries - cfbcnow.org

# SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Please remember our sick and shut-in members through prayer, cards and calls.

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Sister Bobbie Irvins 6885 Creekford Lane Rex, GA 30273

Sister Lucky McKennie 3627 Garrison Drive, SW Atlanta, GA 30331



God will give you strength for every battle, wisdom for every decision, peace that surpasses understanding.

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Deacon Charles Willoughby 26 Scenic Hill Drive Newnan, GA 30265

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

(Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

#### **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT - FAMILY ENRICHMENT**

The mission of the CFBC Family Enrichment Ministry is to promote spiritual growth and maturity in families, reflecting the authority of God's Word and the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The objective of the Family Enrichment Ministry is to support families in their relationship with God so that through spiritual friendship, mentoring, modeling, and teaching one another, we might experience the freedom to become all that God intends us to be. Our purpose is to equip families for life, by providing opportunities for personal growth, believing that every individual is valued as a role model of Biblical truth to their family, their work, their church, and their community.

Family Enrichment Ministry members may be seen passing out flowers and small tokens of appreciation during Mother's Day and Father's Day each year. They have distributed small gifts to commemorate other holidays and special occasions that celebrate family such as bookmarks with scripture. In the past, the ministry has hosted a family movie night and has also coordinated outings to baseball games. We are looking forward to fellowshipping with our church families at exciting future events and are making plans for an outing to an Atlanta Braves Baseball game this summer.

by Sister Simone Motley

# **CFBC SUMMER CAMP 2018**

Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

# GAMPSOLD ROCK

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

For students in grades K-10

Sign up at the Greeter's Desk to volunteer with this youth outreach program

# THE CFBC CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council - Pastor Keith Reynolds Academic Affairs - Sandra Clay Audio Visuals - Jackie Reese Bereavement - Emerson Carey Boy Scouts - Henry Stephens Brotherhood - Jeffrey Chism Building & Grounds - Malcolm Motley Church Clerk - Nancy Woodson Church History - Beverly Hall Courtesy/Greeters - Ethel Taylor Deacons - Paul Honeywood Decorations - Tamecia Jordan Facility Monitors - Bennie Bridges Family Enrichment - Simone Motley Finance - William Thomas Treasurer - Edward Dean Assistant Treasurer - Horace McKennie Food Service - Frances Cook Literacy / Tutorial - Valerie Carey Media Center - Barbara Morgan Medical Assistance - Dr. Kim Fountain Music - Johnny Johnson New Member Counselors - Elouise Jackson New Member Orientation - Henry Thurston Nominating Committee - Juanita Brooks Ordinances/Baptism - Gloria Thomas Ordinances/Lord's Table - Rita Keys Parking - Bernard Keys Personal Help Program - Rose Hall Personnel - Jeffery Joseph Public Relations - Lucky McKennie Recreation - Cecil Rivers Senior Adult Ministry - Eva Birmingham Sunday Morning Bible Study - John Harris Technical Resources - Joseph Mahone Thursday Bible Study - Pastor Keith Reynolds Transportation - Russell Brooks Trustees - Emerson Carey, Donald Roberson and Karen Swilley Male Ushers - David Henderson Female Ushers - Martha Honeywood Weddings - Alma Kirk Wednesday Bible Study - William Wright Woman's Missionary Union - Esther Grissom Youth Ministry - Cynthia Davis

# ANNUAL CFBC MEDIA COMMITTEE TOUR

Each spring, the CFBC Media Committee sponsors a tour of regional sites with significance to the African American community. This year, the committee members and friends of CFBC enjoyed visiting historic sites central to the Civil Rights Movement in Montgomery and the Tuskegee University, an HBCU in Tuskegee, Alabama.

On June 9, 2018, our group visited the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery. It featured a multi-dimensional, interactive display that made us feel we were actually on her historic bus ride. We also toured Booker T. Washington's grand home, built by Tuskegee students, as well as the George Washington Carver Museum on Tuskegee's campus.

The group traveled by church bus, driven by Dea. Russell Brooks. We enjoyed a beautiful day of fun and fellowship.

by Sister Valerie Carey

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# **GRADUATE RECOGNITION PHOTOS**



2018 Graduates: Aaron Grogan, Sylvia Bridges, Brittney Jones, Brandi Lee and members of the Academic Affairs Committee



# PRAYER BREAKFAST PHOTOS



Rev. Wesley E. Green, Sr. and Rev. Dr. Rose Marie Green, Co-pastors of Amazing World Outreach Church and Sister Larissa Georges



### CFBC WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST 2018

As Sister Juanita Brooks and I accepted God's guidance on being the 2018 CFBC Women's Prayer Breakfast co-chairs, we had NO idea what it was that God would have us to do. The planning process was no cake walk, and it was truly all about God's work! We, along with the CFBC planning thirty-seven gifted and talented committee of women, started at the end of October 2017, visioning our theme "A Spring Cleaning of the Heart and **Soul**". We felt this theme would provide a way for our women to be strengthened and to free our hearts from all fruitless cares and troubles. We wanted to find ways to seek heavenly wisdom so that we could learn how to seek God above all things. The scripture selected for our WPB was Psalm 51:10 (NIV), "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

As I look back, during the entire process, we worked hard to accomplish this goal. It may seem meaningless to some, but it was definitely worthwhile to Sister Brooks and me as co-chairs. It was very clear that God had us in mind and was modeling us for the task at hand. This is proof that God continues to meet all of us where we are in life.

On April 21, 2018, we hosted 203 women at the Airport Marriott Hotel and the brunch was fantastic!

The room was full of energy as the women, and some men, came dressed in their all-white attire. We participated in prayer, games and a fantastic Silent Auction. The proceeds from the Silent Auction went to the Media Center at CFBC for purchasing books, as well as to support some of our WMU missions.

Dr. Rose Marie Greene was our guest speaker for the occasion and she *cleaned us from inside out*. She not only cleansed us on Saturday, she really took our Prayer Breakfast over the top, and left us wanting for more as we entered worship services the next day.

On Sunday morning, she then began to *fill us*. Adorned in our yellow, which we chose in consideration that the halos of angels typically appear in yellow or gold hues. Spiritually speaking, yellow represents the element of fire, our sense of vision, authority, energy, harmony and personal identity.

Sister Brooks and I were honored to be given the opportunity to serve as co-chairs for the CFBC 2018 Women's Prayer Breakfast. I am sure there were some things we could have done differently or even better, but all in all, it was a success. We are looking forward to what God has in store for CFBC women next year. So, save the date for our next Women's Prayer Breakfast to be held Saturday, April 20, 2019.

by Sister Cynthia Davis



# Love Language

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13 (NIV)

As Americans, we "love" lots of things. Of course, we love our families, our friends, and our faith. We also love pizza, football and soul food. In a land of plenty, the word love is so over used, that the definition has become trivalized and it's meaning almost hollow.

There is a love language that has transcended the ages. It is defined in 1 Corinthians 13, but in action we find it in Christ. God didn't just tell us he loved us, he proved it again and again. He was a servant and He served the people despite rejection and ridicule. He offered himself for the betterment of those who did not deserve it. Through His prayers and teachings, Jesus spoke words of love to many. When His words were silenced, His life shouted the message louder than ever.

As His followers, we are called to do no less than our leader. The greatest joy comes from giving, laying down our lives for our friends.

by Sister Doris Chennault

# CFBC Nursery Schedule $I^{st}$ , $2^{nd}$ , $3^{rd}$ and $4^{th}$ Sundays

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>na</sup>, 3<sup>ra</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service

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# **Christian Fellowship Baptist Church**

Third Quarter Calendar Highlights

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JULI					
04	Independence Day				
08	Fellowship Meal-Family Ministry Focus				
11-13	Summer Revival				
15	Youth / Young Adult Observance				
23-27	Summer Camp				
22	SMBS Review				

## **AUGUST**

BIG Sunday (Blessing-In-Giving)

29

04

· .	Dealer French
04	Back To School Bowling Outing
05	Summer Reading Challenge Ends
06	Special Church Council Meeting
11	Mission Conclave
12	Back to School Recognition
	Girls In Action Event

Deacons' Retreat

#### SEPTEMPER

1	Deacons' Meeting
2	Baptism / Communion
8	Mission Conclave
9	Fellowship Meal
	WMU Installation
10	Church Council
16	Youth/Young Adult Observance
22	SMBS Review
23	Annual Church Conference
30	BIG Sunday (Blessing-In-Giving)