Visions Newsletter

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Pastor Keith L. Reynolds

As time continues to move swiftly, we can not help but remember our most recent events with which, I believe, God was pleased and glorified. Our ultimate goal with our Visions Newsletter is always to look ahead in an effort to inspire and encourage our church family and friends to, hopefully, become

more informed regarding church activities and become more engaged in the life of the church. Needless to say, informed and active members will have a stronger faith and will witness to the blessings of Jesus Christ.

Resurrection Sunday and Women's Day celebration propelled our spirits as we entered the month of May. Mother's Day, Silver Threads Among the Gold and the 28th Church Anniversary all were great events and worship experiences. We continue to be thankful and thoughtful about those women who have played such an impactful role in our lives and, deservedly, should have their day. The Silver Threads Among the Gold is a constant reminder, as well, when we see those individuals who have become octogenarians and nonagenarians and those who have been married for 50, 60 or even 70 years. They are living examples of what a life committed to God can provide. The highlight of May, for sure, was our 28th church anniversary. The anniversary celebration was more than a reflection of our past.

It was a visionary effort that brought new leadership to the forefront.

We are thankful for the McDew family (Edward, Celena, and Deavon) for their acceptance and energy in this endeavor. When they were asked, they readily accepted the task not just for the 28th anniversary, but also for the 29th and 30th. Our aim here is to establish some consistency, especially, as we approach the 30th anniversary and to bring new ideas and thoughts as to how we can expand our celebration. Two new parts that were included this year (and we hope they remain) were a recreational component on Saturday and the special recognition of selected members who have been with us from the beginning to this present day. Rev. Roi T. Johnson, as usual, delivered a beautiful spiritual message about continuing to lift the name of Jesus, as well as to give our best to the Master. I do believe it was a great day from the pulpit to the kitchen and all in between as we celebrated that special day. Our efforts in Vacation Bible School this year trended very Each night, there were nearly 70 positively. participants who focused on the theme, "Safari, Managing What Belongs to God." VBS followed by the recognition of high school and college graduates on the second Sunday in June. Each graduate gave brief words of thanksgiving and shared plans for the future. We pray God's blessings upon each of them. Rev. Dr. Kathi Chavous was the special guest speaker at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon and she gave words of wisdom and strength to our young ladies as they, too, grow into mature Christian

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women. As June ended, we also recognized the youth of our church and their contributions. Rev. Mike Mickens, 2-time College All American and former professional football player, spoke to our youth and shared the importance of listening and knowing God's voice as He reveals His special plan for each of them.

Now as we look ahead for the final quarter of our fiscal church calendar year, we continue to have high hopes for all that God would have us accomplish. Summer Revival is next for us and we have invited three dynamic preachers for this occasion. Beginning Wednesday, July 10, we will have Rev. Trent Frank, Associate Minister at Ebenezer Baptist Church; Thursday, July 11, Rev. Dr. Michael A. Smith, Pastor of Community Church

in Atlanta, and Friday, July 12, Rev. Judge Robert Mack, Pastor of Greater Works Missionary Baptist Church and a Judge in Clayton County. Our Camp Solid Rock will conclude our month of July as we prepare for collecting our Back to School items. We have been instrumental in serving the schools in our area with school supplies for the last ten years and I pray for its continuance. Let us keep up the good work.

We have much more work to do as we move into the months of August and September. We are currently engaged in Capital Improvement projects and look forward to their completion in early July. We pray that our spirits remain strong and committed to the work of our Lord.

2019 Women's Day Activities

On April 27th and 28th, Christian Fellowship Baptist Church celebrated its Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast and its Women's Day Service. Women and young girls were celebrated and spiritually uplifted. The celebrations began on Saturday with a wonderful prayer breakfast that was held at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. Our theme, this year was "Blossoming into Your Season" with supporting scripture from Ecclesiastes 3:11, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

We feasted on a delicious breakfast, participated in group activities, won door prizes, and bided on fabulous gift baskets. Rev. Felecia Pearson Smith was our guest speaker on both days. She reminded us that God has a plan for us; that He has planted us where we need to be, regardless of our situation; that there is a season for everything and that every season brings change; and that during these seasons, we must trust God and know that we can bloom wherever he has planted us. We hope to see you next year!



Submitted by Sister Dana Young

BOOK STUDY: "THE REMARKABLE WOMEN OF THE BIBLE"



I attended the Remarkable "Women of the Bible" book club sessions at CFBC. What an experience it was. Over the course of about eight months, approximately 23 women met on Tuesday evenings to dialogue about selected women of the bible. We paired the book with a study guide containing questions that we answered for each chapter. We used those answers that we wrote in our study guide

to prompt open discussions at each session. This experience was an enlightening one for me. I had the opportunity to learn about the many remarkable women in the Bible. Some I had heard of previously, while others were new to me. I was able to learn about their different remarkable characteristics and attributes that they displayed as well as the adversities and hard decisions that many of them faced in their Christian walk.

I was able to look at myself and my story and see a little piece of some of the women we studied in me and I can see how far I have grown over time because I have God in my life. The personal stories that were shared, throughout this experience from the women who attended, helped to bring a group of women not only closer to each other, but I truly believe it brought each one of us closer to God in our individual walks. I am excitedly awaiting the announcement of the next session. Each of the ladies who attended can confirm the great time that we had fellowshipping with our Christian sisters and learning more about God's Remarkable Women of the Bible. Ladies, if you have not been a part of any of the previous sessions, make sure you keep an eye out for the next series start date. You will not be disappointed!

Submitted by Sister Larisa Georges

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST PHOTOS



Meet Our Members



Deacon and Sis. Paul and Francine Reed

I remember nearly twenty eight years ago, when Christian Fellowship Baptist Church was being established, I received an early morning phone call one Sunday. It was Sister Francine Reed inquiring about where were we worshipping. Paul and Francine had been a part of our worship experience at Union Baptist Church, but unfortunately, as God led us in a new direction, they did not know our new location. Ashamedly, I dare admit, I did not recognize her voice, but when she shared her name, I became very attentive. I gave her the information she was requesting as to our new worship location. They came and have continued their faithfulness ever since. Deacon Paul and Sister Francine Reed are both from my hometown, Gary, Indiana and even though I was a few

years ahead of them, we both graduated from the same high school. We even attended the same church.

Paul and Francine were high school sweethearts and have now been married a blessed forty-two years. They are the proud parents of April and Paul, Jr. April is married with two children. Paul Jr., we see regularly ushering with one of the biggest smiles in our church family.

Paul and Francine are members who enjoy working mostly behind the scene. They serve enthusiastically as God, most certainly, placed them in ministries. We all see Paul, practically every Sunday singing, in the choir. He has also served as the Assistant Secretary for our Deacon staff. Professionally, he has worked for the United States Steel Corporation and has held numerous positions in the construction field. For the last twelve years, he has been employed by the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) as a Facilities Technician. Francine is retired from the Fulton County School System with over thirty years in the Department of Food Services. If you have been around CFBC any length of time, you probably have experienced something delectable that she has prepared in our kitchen. She says she owes a lot to two women who helped her significantly in the kitchen; Sister Johnnie Allen and Sister Freddie Grimes. Periodically, she still does some private catering. Francine also serves on the Women's Usher Board and Women On Missions #3. She does volunteer work with Lady T's Homeless Ministry's. For relaxation, they both enjoy bowling and attending sporting events.

When asked about their feelings regarding their church home, they both quickly speak of the warm family spirit and the fellowship they experience. Both of them take their faith and family very seriously. They have shown their commitment through their continued service however God decides to use them. We count the Reed family as a blessing. Brothers and Sisters, meet our members Deacon Paul and Sister Francine Reed.

2019 Vacation Bible School "On Safari Managing What Belongs to God"

This summer the theme for Vacation Bible School was "On Safari: Managing What Belongs to God." The children, youth and adults focused on a village in Zohannada Africa, learning how to be Stewards4 God! We experienced the richness of African culture and learning the beauty of stewardship. Our theme verse was "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it (Psalm24:1, NIV). We were blessed to have our very own CFBC teachers to introduce to their individual classes, the five areas of stewardship. On Day one of VBS we began with learning about Stewards of the Earth, understanding that we have been tasked to care for God's earth. Day two we focused on Stewards of our Lives, Offering God the best of ourselves: body, mind, and intentions for service unto God. Day three, Stewards of our Resources, Understanding that their p ossessions belong to God and are meant to be shared with others. Day four, Stewards of Our relationships, being secure in God's love and know how to treat others. We closed out on Day five with Stewards of the Gospel, We should be faithful in sharing the Gospel with others. We also had a variety of skits to showcase our experiences on day five.

CFBC Mother Daughter Luncheon

On June 15th, the Acteens and GA's of CFBC hosted a Mother & Daughter Luncheon. The theme of the luncheon was "Pearls & Purses Full of Blessings. Our speaker was the Rev. Dr. Kathi R. Chavous, CEO & Founder of K. Renee Ministries.

She shared that like the pearl that has a hard shell of protection around it, a mother's and grandmother's love is like that of the shell. She is in constant prayer for her daughter and her teachings will not leave her like the fainting beauties of the world. Here are some of the quotes that were shared on behalf of the daughters.

"I've always wanted to tell my mom that's she's my superhero. Words can't describe how much I love her. A simple "thank you" isn't enough. She exemplifies strength and beauty. She makes me proud to be a Black woman". -Jada Brooks

"I would tell my mother and grandmother that they are very strong and sacrificial for all of their children/grandchildren and we are extremely grateful". - Nashida Asadullah



Submitted by Sister Liz Bridges

WALK OF FAITH



In 2018, the WMU Foundation established the WMU Walk of Faith Honor/Memorial Garden for the WMU Mission Community. Through the Walk of Faith, each brick creates a lasting tribute to those who have devoted their lives to fulfilling the Great Commission by praying for missions, giving to missions, doing missions, and discipling to others.

The Walk of Faith is a place to honor those who inspire us to love and do missions. A person who inspired me and many others to love missions was the late Sister Mary Kate O'Neal. After a

discussion with Pastor Reynolds, it was decided that Christian Fellowship Baptist Church would purchase a brick in memory of Sister O'Neal for the WMU Walk of Faith.

Sister O'Neal was a charter member of Christian Fellowship Baptist church. She was the first WMU Director and served from 1991-2000. She was a faithful servant, Sunday Morning Bible Study Teacher, Usher, Finance Committee member and Director Senior Adult Ministry (SAM). She was a loving, caring and compassionate Christian woman and a prayer warrior who always placed others before herself. Sister O'Neal passed on January 19, 2018.

Every brick has a story to be told of a special tribute and a Mission Legacy. The Walk of Faith is located at the National WMU building on New Hope Mountain in Birmingham, Alabama.

References: WMU Foundation and Mary Kate O'Neal obituary .



THE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

The 2018-2019 season of the Senior Adult Ministry ended on May 28, 2019 with a celebration luncheon at FRIDAY'S Restaurant in Camp Creek Pavilion. We celebrated a season of successful a ccomplishments beginning on September 18, 2018, with our very own Deacon Emerson Carey, Attorney-at-Law, with information concerning the legal documents we need for peace of mind as we get older. In October, Karla Taylor, Ph.D., also one of our own, informed us about the current Medicare coverage and the most up-to-date changes and how we may be affected. Other guest speakers included Brenay Grimball, who discussed Genetic testing and what it means, and an in-depth discussion from Terrance Dortch, owner of CEO of Dortch-Williamson Funeral and Cremation Services. Both Ms. Grimball and Mr. Dortch are also connected to the CFBC family. The Senior Adult Ministry would like to thank each speaker and let them know, we appreciated their willingness to take time out of their busy schedules to come and share information that we need.

We are always looking for guest speakers who are willing to share information on a variety of subjects such as elder safety, scams and how to recognize them, nutrition, all types of medical conditions and instructions on using electronic devices, etc. If you have the expertise or know of an expert in any of these areas and have willingness to share your time and information with the senior adults, please contact Eva Birmingham at 770-473-9717 or Janie Pope at 770-851-3191.

Annually, SAM host three special programs open to the public, where we prayerfully give God the glory. In November, we praise God for His goodness with our "Prayer and Praise Brunch", in February we celebrated Black History with "The Taste of Our Heritage" program and finally, in May, we celebrated Older Americans Month with our "Silver Threads Among the Gold program, honoring CFBC members who are age 80 or more and/or couples who have been married for 50 or more years. You are invited to join us at any or all of these programs.

Praise to God and my heartfelt thanks to each and every SAM member. If you are 50 years of age, we would really be delighted to have you join us for 2019-2020 season. You do not have to be a member of Christian Fellowship, but be a Christ-follower or interested in learning how to become a Christ-follower. Their creativity, and all of their contributions help make The Senior Adult Ministry a very vital part of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church.

SAM will return Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 10:00 a.m. in the McCall (West Wing) Center. Congratulations to, not only, our CFBC 2019 graduates and to all the graduates everywhere. We wish you all the happiness and all the success your heart desires. Remember to keep God First. *Submitted by Sister Eva Birmingham*

2019 Vacation Bible School

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Through it all we learned that together, our commitment to being stewards for God taught us how we can make this world a better place in which to live.

I would like to send a very special thank you to the teachers who served faithfully during the week of Vacation Bible School. Rev. Grady Bridges, Rev. Hotto, Dr. & Mrs. Jay Morgan, Mildred Ellis, Barbara Walker, Lena Jones, Amaryllis Grogan, Candace Moore, Loretta Phelps, Jennifer Robinson, Felicia Osby, Dr. Lexcine Walls, Virginia Parks, Jackie Young, Karen DeGannes and Deacon Basil Lee. We encourage and invite everyone next year to participate in our annual VBS, which will be held June 1st-5th 2020. Submitted by Dr. Debra Lee

NEW MEMBERS



Bro. Antaneal Cantrell



Sis. Alice West



Sis. Ki'Ana Thomas



Bro. Quantarius Passmor

CFBC 2019 SUMMER CAMP

CAMP SOLD ROCK

Monday, July 29th - Friday, August 2nd 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

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.

Sister Merrell Bloedoorn 3140 Spreading Oak Drive, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30311

> Sister Ethel Hatney 6724 Delaware Bend Fairburn, GA 30213

Sister Mary Potter 5494 Park Place South College Park, GA 30349 God will give you strength for every battle, wisdom for every decision, peace that surpasses understanding.

Sister Doris Steverson 536 Pelham Place McDonough, GA 30253

Deacon Willie Fanning 2643 Santa Barbara Drive Atlanta, GA 30318

> Brother Robert Reese 6508 Woodrow Road Lithonia, GA 30038

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.
(Psalm 31:24 (NIV)

28th Church Anniversary Celebration

CFBC celebrated its 28th Church Anniversary on May 25-26. The weekend was a fun-filled, family event, with church history sprinkled in. The theme was "Holding High the Cross of Christ through All Generations." The supporting scripture was "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV). We are staying true to the church's vision to bridge the gap with a forward look at the future of CFBC.

The weekend events included co-ed basketball contests on Saturday: a three-point contest, free throw contest, and an all-out basketball game! Our Sunday service included a message from Rev. Roi Johnson, one of CFBC's own, and a special presentation recognizing ten selected charter members. We wrapped up the day with a complimentary fellowship meal!

The committee is already working hard on ideas to make the next anniversary even more exciting!

Submitted by Sister Celena McDew







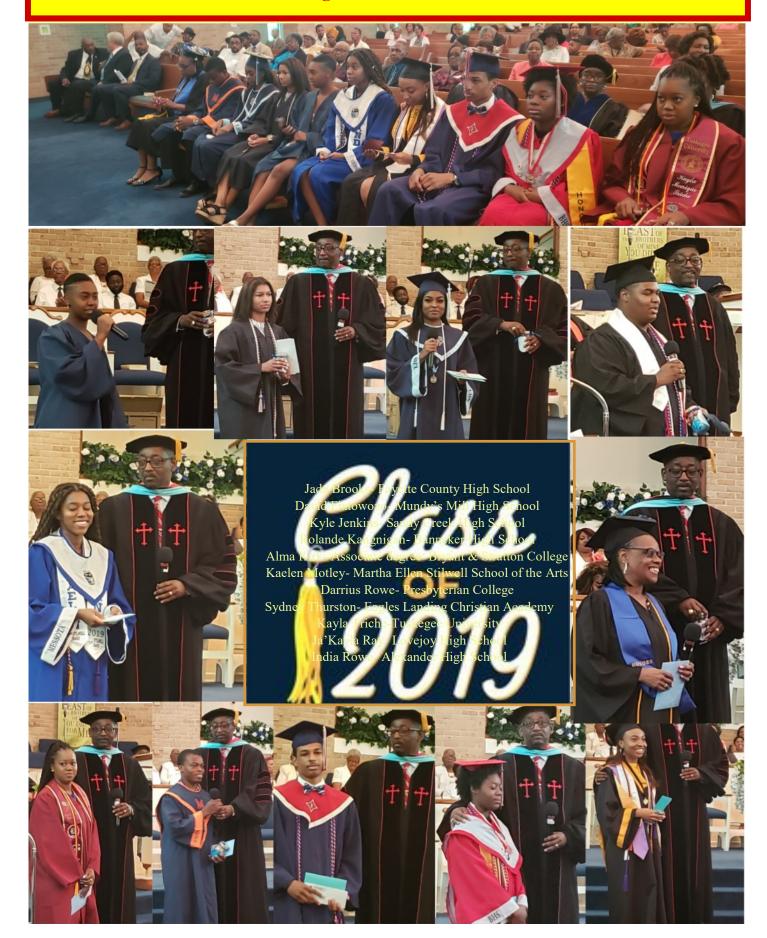








Celebrating CFBC'S 2019 Graduates



We are grateful to have a church that prioritizes our knowing and learning what the Lord promises and requires of us. We have Sunday morning opportunities to hear His word through structured monologued oral presentations, or sermons, from our pastor, an assigned minister from our congregation, or an invited minister from the community. These sermons can fuel us through the upcoming days. However, many of us are favored the possibilities several times a week to engage in discussions that, not only allow our knowledge to be strengthened, but experience new discoveries, have chances to share our understanding of scripture, verify what we think was God's intent through scripture, the circumstances from which God required certain actions from us, and much more.

CFBC currently has four days out of seven for its members to participate in bible study: Sunday mornings (age appropriate classes) from 9:30-10:30; Tuesday evenings via conference call (adult ages) from 6:45-7:45, allowing participants to call in even when they are out of town; Wednesday evenings (adult ages) from 7:00-8:00 following Prayer Service at 6:30; and Thursday mornings from 10:30 -12noon. We also have monthly classes from 10:00-12noon for our Sunday Moring Bible Study (SMBS) facilitators to learn from each other before presenting a lesson during the upcoming month. Everyone is welcome to attend, whether you are interested in becoming a facilitator or just to get more exposure of God's word.

This diverse schedule allows many of us to attend a class that fits into our weekly schedule and allows us to expand our opportunities to reach and build up others and bring them closer the Christ.

Hopefully, you can find a time frame to connect to one or more of the above listed Bible studying fellowships.

Submitted by Sister Marjorie (Babe) Bennett



Church Council - Pastor Keith Reynolds Academic Affairs - Debra Lee Audio Visuals - Jeff Joseph 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 - Effelena Jones 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 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 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

CFBC SUMMER REVIVAL

WORD SEARCH - "R" YOU READY FOR REVIVAL?

Find and circle the words below that begin with the letter "R" to prepare your mind and spirit to receive the many benefits of a religious revival.

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SEUSTEUVERCEEB
HRDUNESVENEGRO
REOSRESSURECTI
ILRCOECAYNSWNS
GATIBULRELAUEN
HUNTEETRARLTNI
TNIARRAEPPAAER
ECETUTITSNIERE
OHREESTABLISHR
UETAVONEROTSER
SIDUCSEIAESIRV

RALLY REESTABLISH REGENERATE RESSURECT REAAPPEAR RELAUNCH REVITALIZE RIGHTEOUS RENEW REINTRODUCE RESTORE REIUVUNATE RESUSCITATE RELAUNCH REBORN REVIVE RESCUE RENASCENCE RENOVATE REINSTITUTE

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church 2019 Summer



Wednesday, July 10th

Rev. Trent Frank

Executive Director of the human rights, non-profit organization, Southern Truth And Reconciliation (STAR), based in Atlanta, Georgia

Thursday, July 11th

Rev. Michael Smith
Pastor of Community Church in Atlanta

Friday, July 13th

Rev. Robert Mack

Pastor of Greater Works Missionary Baptist Church and a Judge in Clayton County

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

Choose Joy

At the crossroads of Life's journey
When my heart had lost its song
When darkness overwhelmed me,
When I felt anything but strong,
I heard my faint heart whisper,
You will have joy again.
God will mend your broken heart
He's your healer and your friend.
And his joy will be your strength,
But your heart must make the choice
And when you do, you will find,
Heaven's reasons to rejoice.

Submitted by Doris Chennault

CFBC Nursery Schedule

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. service

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Christian Fellowship Baptist Church Third Quarter Calendar Highlights JULY 04 Independence Day 06 Deacons' Meeting Summer Revival 10-13 21 Youth / Young Adult Observance 23 **CFBC** Braves Baseball Outing 27 **SMBS** Review 29-31 CFBC Camp Solid Rock 31 Deacons' Council **AUGUST** 01-02 CFBC Camp Solid Rock 03 Deacons' Meeting Summer Reading Challenge Ends 04 11 Back to school Recognition Youth / Young Adult Observance 18 24 SMBS Review 31 Deacons' Meeting **SEPTEMPER** 01 Baptism / Communion 02 Labor Day 08 Fellowship Meal **Mission Conclave** 14 15 WMU Installation **Annual Church Conference** Youth/Young Adult Observance **SMBS** Review 21 29 BIG Sunday (Blessing-In-Giving)

Book Club Selection Announcement