

BROOKLAND CAMPUS OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 updates:



Academy: OPEN, limited capacity

BLEC (Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center)

- Ø The BLEC is open and will remain open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and on Friday from 8:00 am to 12 noon.
- Ø Activities for seniors suspended until further notice. The JB Adams Seniors are holding devotion via teleconference each Tuesday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on the following phone line: 1-515-604-9336 Access Code: 151473

Ø STEAM @ BLEC has been cancelled until further notice

Ø All group activities have been suspended, but we are still working on other projects including assessment activities, grants, detail cleaning, inventory and other projects

Conference Center

Ø The Café; OPEN TUESDAY-FRIDAY, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Wellness Center

Ø Closed until further notice

West Campus Worship and Ministry Activity

Sunday School ADULT CLASSES ONLINE, CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

- Ø Worship services join us via streaming only @ 11:00 am and 7:00pm, (please download the app, watch us online VIA the website or FACEBOOK LIVE)
- Ø All Scouting activities are cancelled until further notice
- Ø Administrative office closed
- Ø Book Corner closed

Foundation

- Ø Tutorial Program ((Mondays and Thursdays) is now virtual, call: 803-744-7914
- Ø the Food Bank is open Mondays, closed on major holidays. The clothes bank is closed.

Northeast Campus Worship and Ministry Activity

Ø Worship service at the NE Campus via stream only at 10:00 am and 6:00pm

You can follow all the activities and events taking place at Brookland on Facebook at Brookland Baptist Church, Also via the Brookland App on all Smartphones. You can download the APP for free from your APP store or Google Store. Follow Pastor Jackson on Twitter @ CbjRev





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The Brookland Baptist Church is located at 1030 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169 and 1203 Summit Parkway, Columbia, SC 29229.

The mission of the Brookland Baptist Church is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through Evangelism, Education and Economic Empowerment.

The Brookland Star is published monthly by the Brookland Baptist Church. Submit all articles, announcements, celebrations and photographs to

> TheStar@brookland.cc by December 18th

The January edition of *The Brookland Star* will be published on line January 10th



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One Church. Two locations.



BNE





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with much joy in the Lord that I greet you during this special season of Advent. A few Sundays ago I tried to preach a sermon entitled "Taste And See." I wanted believers to know that in the midst of this unprecedented time in our history where the COVID-19 pandemic has caused much pain and suffering, we stand with courage and faith to declare that God is Good. In a day when the racial climate is filled with hate and hostility in the "divided states of America," which is far removed from "one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all," we yet declare that God is Good. O Taste and See that the Lord is Good.

We sorrow in the passing of many who have been dear to our hearts; however, our sorrow is not as those who have no hope. Our hope is in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. During this season let us rejoice in that hope and celebrate the goodness of the Lord.

Enjoy your Holidays and give praises to God for what the future holds for you. Let us strive to not focus on what we have lost, but rather honor God for what we have left. **The Best Is Yet To Come!**

To God Be The Glory!!!

Pastor Charles B. Jackson, Sr.

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Your Deacon and the Pastoral Staff are concerned and care about every member in our Church "Family." When there is a sickness, surgery or death in your family, Please contact your Deacon and the Pastoral Office (Angela Taylor) at (803)744-7908



Please Join us on Facebook for our End of Year Service Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020

Service Times: TBA

Main Campus Message:
Pastor Jackson
Northeast Campus Message:
Pastor Chris Johnson

YOUNG WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE ORATORICAL CONTEST—

November 14, 2020

THEME: "Having 2020 Vision and Knowing the Past Opens the Door to Our Future"



5th-8th GRADE CONTEST-

1st Place Jayda Brídgett



2nd Place Mckensie Gaymon



3rd Place Lyrica Fludd



9th-12th GRADE CONTEST-

1st Place Tyra Jefferson



3rd Place Jayme Tillman-Bridgett



Program Participants



Chisom Emetu Reflections



Gabrielle Morgan



Micah Washington Dramatic Reading









Congratulations!

Troop 74 is pleased to announce yet another Eagle Scout in our program. Michael DeVonte Wade, son of Michael and Sharon Wade, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Michael has been a member of the scouting program for more than eleven years.

Michael is a dedicated member of the Young Adult Ushers' Ministry and he participates weekly in virtual Sunday school. He was a member of the Junior Ushers Ministry, Teens In Praise, Jericho Road Boys To Men, Vibe Teen Church and 2017 Youth and Teens Day Committee. Michael's parents did not allow his disability to hinder his ability to accomplish this amazing goal. Michael is a 2017 graduate of Irmo High School. After graduation, he never considered dropping out of the Boy Scouts, instead, he kept working his way through the ranks to become an Eagle Scout.

Michael loves his Brookland Church Family.





Cathy D. Gordan
Michael L. Boone
Betty Martin
Jerard Hubbard
Mattie Holman-Garvin
Thomas A. Smith
Jamal Williams
Nancy Jeter
Quandre Butler
Edward Hargrave
Ollies Stivender
Quintina Orr
Daisy Stephens
Holly Pitts
Calvin Davis

Destiny Brice
Marcus Adams
Breyon McClerklin
Antoine Williams
Jeyna Roberts
Terri Bell
Samuel Thomas
Danny Robinson
Ross Davis
Albert Singleton
Tonia Wins
Cassandra Pope
Cecil Hannibal
Donna Mae Oliver
Tyrone D. Wallace, Jr.

Marcus Frazier
Nakia Stewart
Robert Busky
Juwan Richards
Ida Barboza
John Sells
Nikesia Brown
Madison Murphy
Denise McCray
Debra Hampton
Kimberly Williams
Sheila Brockington
James Green

Shenelle Bibbins
Curtis Cannon
Betty Reddick
Stella Graham
Terrence Palmer
Rodney Porter
L. Jamal Crawford
William Lewis
Wanda T. Greene
Danny Gibbs
Kandace Blake
Hope Gadsden
Harry Martin

Yonique Sumpter Patricia Brumfield April D. Belton Darlene McKinley Benita Brown Deedra Wright Felecia Hall Eric Geter Celess Squirewell Robyn Minter Brittany Thomas Tameika Isaac Devine Shameka Holloway Malita Cook Jeronamo Cone Jazmine Cain Martin Stringer Nasir Mobley Otisha Mickens O'Neil Gilliam Otisha Daniels Tavaris Sims Victor Davis Natale Nelson Erica Ruth Tavaris Sims

Nina Washington Diane Parrot- Davis Donnie Weston Theresa Weldon **Shirley Bates** Jocelyn Brown Jennifer Chewning Stanley Conner Tyrell Davis Timothy Gaskin, Jr. Aniyah Hutto Robyn Summers Michelle Poindexter Jacqueline Brown Brittany Peacock Glenda Robinson Matthew Bea Valerie Anderson Lauren Woods

Sherry Barton Mari Hunt Gwethalyn Barnes Augustine Heyward Chadajah James Deundray Steele Janne' T. Ramsey Deundhray Steele

Melissa Rodgers
Shannon Woodbury
Renard Jackson
Dontavian Leach
Nayquan Shuller
Akayla Grimes
Erik Cartledge
Donnie Melvin
Tracey Smith
Cheryl Suber
Harvey Furtick
Clarence Portee
Jeri Ver Dier

Tonda Jackson Arlene Posey K. Allen Campbell Alice Bethea Deidre Duncan Johnthea Buskey Donna R. Thomas Donielle Rice





George Cornelius
Cori Langford
Latecia Cobbs
Megan Freeman
Amira Boykin
Debbie Cain
Whitney McWhorter
Morgan Richardson
Sierra Tolson
Rhonda Ingram
Barbara Weston
Deidre Finley

Shu-Yan Dreher Thersita T. Moses Sainey Fatty Emma L. Taylor Sheba Gaffney Crystal Hightower JoAnn Brennan Derrick Alston Eugene Burgess William Jackson Troy Wilson Kristina Williams

Tawana Davis Louis Wisdom LaTasha Ragin Dennis Diamond Duane Murphy Sheila Myers Linda Segars Pascale Jean Shay-Dixon Young Camryn Tucker Dominick Dixon Tia Cooper Michelle Boatwright Timmie Moody George Holmes Elizabeth Mendenhall Kammilyn Moore
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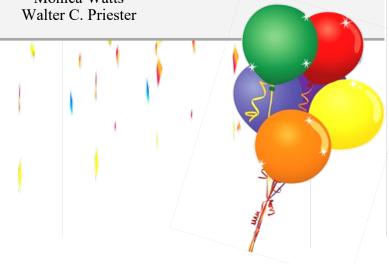
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Danielle Stephens
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Terri Smith
Shana Lewis
Willie Mae Gillespie
Tanya Edwards
Delores Leonard
Talan Staley

Tigre Ward Curtis Davis DeShawn Brady Reginald Epps Ralph Rice Kenneth Guyton Christian Galliard Alvin Richburg Jamie Minick Mikal Lewis Natalie Richardson Ronald Finley Randolph Hallron Harold Jones Pamela S. McCree Michael K. Tisdale

Carla Tompkins

Rodrecus Palmer
Tiffany Funderburk
Robin D. Grace
NormanVenyah
Stacy Garner
Kimberly Williams
Carl Maurice Moses II
Mary Taylor
Aneisa Williams



Birthday



Sandra Farray Stan Cummings Jeremy McMullen Albertha Burgess Shelby Kennedy Octavia Edwards Oswald Williams Eleja B. McClerklin Jacqueline Rich Lisa Robinson Valerie Watts

Evelyn Hills Loraine Montgomery Richaren Davis Chelsea Davis Inell Y. Richardson

Mellisa Johnson Andrea Solomon Jacoby Seawright Lisette Brown Briana Bryant Helen Everson Teasia Sims Willistine Mosley Aaron Lucas Fatima Washington Margaret Washington Andre Goodwin Lisa McKnight Tiffanney Conrad Kristen Jones **Darius Minus** Denise Bonnett

Mary Glover

Booker Singleton

Doris Jones

Isaac T. Harris

Zendra Ulmer

Ka'la Wilson

Terrell Roach Tyrone Pugh Kimberly Sherrill Lance Blair Sherman Porterfield Sherina Bailey Keandra Smith Thomas M. Ware

Angel Garrett Sarah Small Tynisha Bennon Mi'Kayla Lazenby Tiffany Williamson Brandon Polk Margie Seabrook LeKeisha Caulder Florenia Barton Stacia Davis Pamela Gallion Pamela Stansberry Bernard Johnson Alex Wright Ruthie Gadson Niquelle G. Jett Adrien McMackins

Farrah Manner

Geraldine E. Nelson

Agnes Perez-Davis Ashley Young

Bijan Hunter Chad Riley Eboni Huggins Willie Mae Austin Mary Reed Johnny McDuffie Margaret Mack Willie Cooley Jerome Scott Audriaana Barnes Tracey Belcher Jerome Scott

> Chaneyra Richbow Sammie Garrett Lyla Ford Rastapari Hailstock Gretta Moody

Howard Frazier Vincent McClerklin Sonya Jenkins Sharon Robinson Minnie Mayfield Marie L. Brown Shirley A. King Betty Missouri Vaneisha Dyer Elise Lee Zakiyyah Ali Cynthia Simmons

Charles Graham James E. Goodwin Darrien Davis LaDoris Williams Sarah Jefferson Linda Jenkins Dennis Reid Kaya Wilson McKenzie Rogers Regina Matthews Ken Hooks Tylin Moody Racheal Wardley Domineke Vereen Gale Gibson Ayla Haskell Henry Jones Shimika Burgess Kristopher Jones Raven Barnes

Priscilla Metze Angela Williams Marlon Nelson Iris Haygood Titus Graham Sydney Brown Emery Gary Jilliam Beam **Emery Gary** Marcus Holley Jalyn Patterson

All birthdays listed are generated through the church membership database.

If you find any errors in the listings or if you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the Church Office at the West Campus at (803) 796-7525 or the Northeast Campus at (803) 753-0610.



Birthdays



Tara Thompson Dorian Huutcherson Marcella Herrin Nicholas Gibson-Harper Christy Chinn Noelle Jackson Agatha Hall Yulysees Dreher Timothy Roundtree Wallace McCants Marlene Al-Barwwani Jamal Richardson

Terrance Robinson Kris Finley Jarvae Mims **Ebony Young** Virgil Brown Sharon Williams Monique Henderson Jeffrey Gordon Jerry Garrett Linda Cooper

Samahra Feemster Bre-yuana Townsend Orlando DeMoss Karen McPherson Bessie Rankin **Baron Davis** India Narciso **Detravius Ervin** Tyrone Rouse Donna Moses

Tariq Byrd

Marva Hickson

Betty Melvin

Marian Oglesby

Stacy Martin

Carolyn Paige

Tracy Huston

Ryacus Dean

Theo Kennedy Arthuree Woodberry Ronald I. Best **Sherry Williams** Teresa T. Smith Zakiya Mickle Sandra Brock Delphia Taylor Samuel Jiles



Georgia McKevie Tessie Smith Leroy Tyson Timothy Taylor Mary K. Simmons John Austin Joseph Watson Amber Graham Arther Roberson Teresa McDuffie Al Hall

Tameisha Higgins Ronnie Sanders Warren Tyler Shauna Rhett AhTyrie Anderson Agnes Merrian Tammy Gillings Patricia J. Hill

Robin Belgrave Sharounda Brown LaTasha Cooper Sarah Doctor-Greenwade Ethel Suber James Burgess Desiree McCray Taylor Ferguson Nakeisha McCoy

Tyra Seawright Doris Brown Vivian Martin **Shavay Betts** Jennifer Lee Rhonda Dolby **Demeatrice Oveton** Louise Kemoh Katresha Warren Kenneth Harrison

Carlina White Morgan Cannon Chelita Wood Kristy Williams Helen Sheard Francis Roberts Sheshonya Matthews Aniya Neal Shamara Evans Cynthia Cooper Kellie Yates Vincent Gatlin Kurtissa Johnson **Bobby Zito** Mae Blackmon Dexter Ashford Kandace Hopkins Shelia Dodd Victoria Randolph Naomi Garnett Harold Brooker

Debra Boston Curtis Doughty Betty Jeffcoat Robert Rineart **Audrey Houston** Patricia Richardson William Tyson Jacqueline Brown Shelia McCray Jeanette Samuels Toshia Addison Jerome Brown Calvin Bright, Jr. Jerome Brown Shaunte' Gaskins Kandace Hopkins **Shianicaus Simmons**

Jeannie Carter Sheryl Smith **Debra Gooding** Tabari Jordan William Harper Ronald Moore Lavoiad Wilson Teresa Garner Carol Cook Nena McKay Georgiaree Godfrey Octavious Pringle Justice Stewart Kimberly Byrd Michael Priester Eric Jordan Franklin A. Moses

Peggy Makins Rosiland M. Rice Alicia Gibson Brandon Gourdine Tarla Green Kimberly Counts Latella Pinckney Amber Curry Joydan S. Foust

Ella Hiller Shawn Blake Renna Brown Christopher Streater Debora Carter Calvin Elam Tyron Seawright Bernice Johnson

Antoinette Wright Chris Kohn Mary Moore Trina Jacobs Lenita Stovall Kimwana Curry Thomas Daniels





Birthdays

Ken Martin Leroy Hunt Ronda L. Fryar Washington Sumter Benjamin Williams, III Marilyn Spells DaNatia Mansel Dwight Jackson

Cory Kohn Martha B. Johnson Merry Fredericks Beatrice Peterson Breanna Casapit Tamike Drew Sandra Grant Kellye Mace Shoka Alston Latisha Grice

Holly Johnson Kedwrick Miles Charlie Garrett Artesha Parker Rosalyn Johnson Charles Jackson Bonita D. Clemons Lisa Miller Rosalyn W. McCrea Horace Grant Sharon Jamison Crystal Tolliver

Devon Whetstone Sierra Evans Shawna Hughes Essence Gidron Weldon Wallace Brandon Graham Jeryl Graham Charles Cherry Teshawna Sutton Diann Williams Kayshawn James Steven Mims Jannet Thompson

Major Kennedy Selena M. Pickens Liz Deas Sanquanetta Coleman Pamela R. Green Maya Leach Virgie Bell

Shannan Bonaparte Aria Robertson Ariana Wilkes Kiersten Gary Mary Meyers Jenkens Ervin Lindsay N. Ewell Mary Meyers

Lisa Coleman Valerie Young John L Elmore **Beatrice Bates** Michael Williams Tiaa Booker Kwane Welcher Shoka Alston Martha Johnson Lisa Coleman

James Goldwire David Moore Danyelle Miller Lula Zeigler Jeremy Long Terrainio Cunningham Dorie White Tia Geiger Joel Nuhu Jamillan Davis

Jasmine Shears Alicia Brooks Micah Dickerson Joyce Riley Sandra-Ellerbe Watson Cindy Jackson -Washington Alfreda Mitichell Perry Fulton Van W Johnson Christian Tyler Kristin Richardson Christian Tyler

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Dean Webb Sandra Johnson LsRoydia Sanders Cheryl Benjamin

Sherry Jackson Darron Delancy Jasmine Jones Isaiah Drake Tara Bines Damarcus Mack Marion Rush Shanee' Richardson Niema Phillips Talisa Montgomery LaTasha Johnson Marcus Miller

Sylvia Brown Katie Riley Jamila Washington David Tillman Dana Barnes **Kevin Washington** LaKarsha Mack Brandi Washington Melvin Henry Karen Johnson Michella Troy

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Kimberly Shuford Antonio Peterson Jacqueline Manigault-Rice Maurice Moultrie Chris Truesdale Necole Stinson Deloris M. Brown Rose Parson Willie Washington Matthew Busby Breana Marshall Karnell Gleaton Raekwon Sims J. Rudolpph-Ravenell

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Kaelyn Hartwell LaWanda Jenkins Keshawn Beaty

> Latisha Washington Jeff Lackey Isaac Harris Brenton G. Brown Owen C. Belton Terrence Leggette Tywanna Dawkins Drusilla Harris Jackie Abnev Laurin Shaw Natarcia Bloomfield

Priscilla Smith Jacqueline Bratcher Jasmine Gantt Vinez Lyde Roosevelt Robinson Preston Blackman Calia Priester Martina Davenport Dennis Dudley

Brittany Anderson Dwayne Martin Gregory Kinard Sonya Farrow Phyllis Copeland Javier Harper Ebony McCoy Kerry Strong Larry Jacobs, Jr.

Vera Burkett Kala Canzater James Flowers Barry Leveretter Unique McCutchen Latonya Cox Darion Hutcherson Arenda Thomas Maleah Patterson Whitney Denton Melissa A. Felder Gregory Barner



New Members

Congratulations to our November 2020 One **New Members Orientation Graduates:** C West Campus h Abbie Cook **Darrel Davis** U Veronne Davis R C **Northeast Campus** Alicia Jones h Khaeleb Jones Paulette Jones Juanita Gathers Warren Gathers Jessica Mallett

Two



Marcus Robinson







Important Notice

Dear Valued Member-Owner,

With recent developments related to Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are modifying and limiting face to face contact. Rest assured, Brookland Federal Credit Union will provide you with uninterrupted access to your accounts.

Effective April 2, 2020, we will enact the following procedures:

- Our drive-through window will be available: Monday—Thursday 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The lobby will remained closed until further notice.
- We are accepting loan applications via our website.

Please call (803) 794-9201 for assistance with the following:

- Logins /password resets for online banking.
- Direct deposit for paychecks and recurring deposits.
- Automatic payments for your loans and recurring transactions.
- Checking account and debit cards to access.
- Sign up for online access and e-statements.

Please use our night deposit box for deposits and payments.

Our website is available 24/7, to check account and loan balances, transaction inquires, transfer funds etc.

Thank you for your membership and for the opportunity to serve you.















Ways To Give



Online:
BrooklandBaptist.org



Text2Give: (803) 223-7519





ShelbyNext Giving App
Download the app from your app store



Dropoff at Brookland Credit Union: located across the street from the church



Mail: PO Box 2093 Columbia, SC 29202





THE BROOKLAND-LAKEVIEW EMPOWERMENT CENTER AND THE GREATER LAKEVIEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT

the Dedication Ceremony of the Historic Marker for the Lakeview School

FRIDAY, THE ELEVENTH OF DECEMBER
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING
AT THE
BROOKLAND-LAKEVIEW EMPOWERMENT CENTER
1218 BATCHELOR STREET
WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. 29169

We request that all guests wear a mask and social distancing will be maintained in compliance with COVID-19 guidance.









MONDAYS & THURSDAYS 6:00PM-7:30PM

To register, complete Student Access Form at brooklandfoundation.org
For more information, please contact
Cassandra Conyers-Rush at 803.318.3479 or by email at
foundation@brookland.cc



"Moving Mountains for Community"



"Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience and Impact"

WHAT IS WORLD AIDS DAY?

World AIDS Day takes place on 1 December each year. It's an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, to show support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died from an AIDS-related illness. Founded in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day.

WHY IS WORLD AIDS DAY IMPORTANT?

Over 103,800 people are living with HIV in the UK. Globally, there are an estimated 38 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.

Foday, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite this, each year in the UK over 4,450 people are diagnosed with HIV, people do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others, and stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education,

The Brookland Foundation is committed to inform and educate the community about HIV/AIDS while encouraging risk education /preventive behaviors. (CARES: C-Compassion, A-Awareness, R-Respect, E-Education, S-Support). We continue to recruit volunteers! 803-744-7914







Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center "Empowerment is the Key"







Mission Statement: To engage and serve people of all ages and backgrounds while promoting advancements in education, health, and economics and improving the quality of life for citizens of Lexington and Richland Counties and the Midlands of South Carolina.

Your donation helps to increase access to healthy foods, virtual learning assistance, after-school, senior citizen programs and services, job training and COVID-19 emergency relief services for families.

Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center

1218 Batchelor Street West Columbia, S.C. 29169 Phone: (803) 744-7943 Email: crichburgcotton@brookland.cc www.brooklandlakeview.org

Contact: Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton, Executive Director





Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center: Serving Communities in the Midlands and Beyond

WEST COLUMBIA, S.C. - A nationwide pandemic that caused lockdowns, job slowdowns and threw families and communities in an economic tailspin has made 2020 a challenging year for us all. However, for the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) it was an opportunity for the West Columbia-based non-profit to step up to provide critical services to individuals and communities in need.

"How we respond during a crisis affirms and validates our mission to provide programs and services that improve the lives of residents in counties throughout the Midlands," said Dr. Cindye Richburg-Cotton, BLEC executive director. The BLEC has received funding from grants, local and regional businesses and corporations, and individual donors. We also generate revenue from renting office space to local businesses. All funds raised by the BLEC are critical to helping us fulfill our mission. We appreciate all of the support we have received, but there is so much more that needs to be done."

The BLEC's fundraising priorities include securing support to increase the number of meals it provides for youth and families in West Columbia and neighboring communities. Richburg said they also want to expand meals and other services provided by the Brookland Community Food Bank. The gymnasium has been renamed the Harold White Memorial Human Development Center and a fundraising campaign was launched last year to renovate the multipurpose facility. The late Harold White was a former coach at Lakeview High School and the first black to serve as a coach and administrator with the University of South Carolina Athletic Department.

The BLEC's latest funding, updates and partnerships include:

- Funds from the Stewart Standouts Foundation, Inc. that donated meals for senior citizens attending the BLEC's daily senior programs. Seniors were able to get the meals by driving up to the Center or they were delivered to those who are homebound. Additional meals were also distributed at nearby Brookland Baptist Church's Northeast Campus and to the homeless. Darian Stewart, a professional football player and principal of the Stewart Standouts Foundation, developed a bond with Brookland Baptist Church, the parent of the BLEC, while he was a student athlete at the University of South Carolina.
- A \$25,000 grant from the Tides Foundation that was used to help repair and renovate the Harold White Memorial Human Development Center. The renovations are being done in honor of Harold "Coach" White a former coach and administrator at the University of South Carolina and the last coach at the Lakeview School. The Tides Foundation, with a mission of equity, human rights and economic empowerment, sustainable environment, healthy individuals and communities and quality education, seeks to help individuals and entities "hit the ground running and drive change faster than they can on their own."
- A grant from the United States Department of Agriculture and South Carolina Department of Education for the summer feeding program. This program, in partnership with Columbia Housing, fed over 700 children at nine locations. The BLEC provided breakfast and lunch for seven days a week and hired over 21 employees, many of them youth and teens from the area, to staff the program in Lexington and Richland counties.

• A \$10,000 grant from TD Bank for a financial literacy program for youth and teens, \$5,000 from the Parrish Family Foundation; \$20,000 from First Baptist Church for the BLEC's renovations project, a \$15,000 grant from Boeing to support the STEAM afterschool program and a pledge up to \$300,000 from Donald H. Burkett from Burkett Financial Services. Burkett supports plans to make improvements to the athletic grounds where many athletic programs take place.



- These new sponsors join Dominion Energy, formerly SCE&G, and Lowes who have remained long-term supporters, particularly with efforts to upgrade and outfit the Center's kitchen and cafeteria.
- The approval of a historic state marker for the Lakeview School. The marker, which will be formally dedicated on Friday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m., will be the first such marker recognizing a former all-African American school in Lexington County. The marker approved by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, reads in part, "This was the last site of a segregated school for Black residents of Brookland-Cayce School District with roots to at least the 1900s." The effort was a collaboration between the BLEC and the Greater Lakeview Alumni Association, which recognizes and honors the legacy of the Lakeview School.

Please give to the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center at https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/broopo109 or by Mail to: BLEC, Post Office Box 3292 West Columbia, S.C. 29171

"These donors and awards have helped us keep our programs going and provided funding so we can plan and develop new programs," Richburg-Cotton said. "We are delighted that we are doing the kind of work that attracts supporters that can help us enhance our programs and service to the communities in our region."

In addition to the funding, four businesses are now located in the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center. They include Arts-in-Action Music Studio, Chuckie Cheezz Steaks and Hoagiez food truck, Dress for Success Columbia, and Allen Recycling e-Waste Services.

The BLEC is working to expand the small-business incubator and workforce development training center to help small businesses by providing affordable and below-market rate rental space and making available the knowledge and skills needed to launch and continue their operations. BLEC also offers conference rooms, co-working space and workforce training facilities that can be used by businesses or those seeking to open new businesses. The BLEC's long-term goal for the small business center includes further renovations to expand the commercial kitchen and to house a food incubator. There are also plans to bring a health center to the BLEC which will provide affordable healthcare services to those in need.

"The BLEC has a small staff with most of its programs supported by dedicated volunteers whose time and energies are invaluable," Richburg-Cotton said.

"The volunteers are our lifeline. On average, they each give about 20 hours a week. They are invested in the community and so are we."

In addition to the on-going renovations of the Harold White Memorial Human Development Center and Bogan Hall, the BLEC continues, following all safety protocols, to offer most of its usual programming including athletic programs for boys and girls, afterschool, tutoring, mentoring and feeding programs for families.

"It's been an unusual year for everybody, but it's also been a time when BLEC has been there to help and support the community and we're glad we've played such a critical role," RichburgCotton said. "But this is only the beginning. With our existing and new partners and our volunteers, we have plans for so much more."



"Holiday Dinner...and you don't have time to cook! Let us cater it for you."



The Brookland Banquet and Conference Center 1046 Sunset Boulevard West Columbia, SC 29169 803-744-7953 803-744-7956



"It's already done!"

Order Form

Name	Email Address:		
	2nd Phone Number:		
Place quantity on the line beside	the item being	g ordered.	
Baked or Fried Turkey (Includes 12 - 16 lb. Turkey, 4 qt.	Dinner pan Cornbread D	\$65.00 (Serves 12-15) pressing, 1 qt. Giblet Gravy, 1 lb. Cra	Persons) nberry Sauce)
Brown Sugar Pit Ham (Includes 8 lb. Ham and 4 qt. Pan			Persons)
Beef Pot Roast (Avg. 13 lb.)		\$95.00 (Serves 18 -24	Persons)
# Brookland's Famous	Fried or Bal	ked Chicken \$1.75 piece (Min 24 pieces)
Check side items (4 qt. pan/15 se	rvings) to add:		
Fresh Green Beans Buttered Corn Collard Greens Macaroni & Cheese Candied Yams Cornbread Dressing White/Yellow Rice Mashed Potatoes Giblet Gravy	\$35.00 \$32.00	Pumpkin Pie Apple Pie Pecan Pie Sweet Potato Pie Peach Cobbler Select Sheetcakes Deluxe Cheesecake Tossed/Potato Salad Cornbread /Rolls	\$22.00 \$22.00 \$25.00 \$25.00 \$35.00 \$45.00 \$65.00 \$25.00 \$8.00/dz.
Other side items also available.			
Pick-up date: Sub-Total:	2% Hospitalit	Pick-up Time: Grand T	otal:
Thanksgiving Orders are due by			

Christmas Orders are due by December 22nd with pick-up on December 24th by 12 noon.





- Brookland Ministry Christmas Holiday Luncheon Event
- Tuesday Friday, 11am 2pm
- The Café Daily Lunch Buffet \$13.99 per person includes Lunch Buffet, Beverage, Holiday Cookies, Eggnog, Hot Apple Cider, Holiday Music and a Holiday Movie playing while eating.
- Limit to 50 person or less for Social Distancing.
- Must wear mask except when eating.
- Christmas Tree in Room.
- RSVP Required.



TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION CALL:

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