





Greetings!

As 2019 comes to an end (in 30 days!), it is a blessing to think about all of the goodness of God and how the Brookland church is truly a blessing to this community. The growth that Brookland has experienced this year will truly be a blessing in 2020 and years to come.

As we move forward with the completion of our Christian Learning Center, Brookland will come to be the place to be for our young people to hang out. In this issue, please take note of the activities scheduled for the month of December. Pay close attention to the special trip to Isreal, since there are only a few slots available.

Lastly, if you have not already signed up to receive the electronic, full-color version of The Star delivered in your inbox, <u>click here</u> or complete the registration form at brooklandbaptist.org/contactus.

Happy Holidays from your Brookland Star Editorial Team



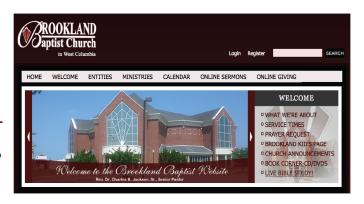
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Old Town Church Words by Micah Washington

Submitted by Dr. Kenneth Campbell
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Intro

I'm gon take my Bible to the old town church I'm gonna praise til I can't no more I'm gon take my Bible to the old town church I'm gonna praise til I can't no more

Verse 1

I got His armor on my back His blessing is attached Fruit of the spirit Living by the 10 Commandments During Children's Church We learn about His works We're the next generation And we're gonna spread His word

Chorus

Devil can't tell me nuthin can't tell me nuthin Devil can't tell me nuthin can't tell me nuthin

Verse 2

Learnin' 'bout the Bible
And about disciples
Memorizing Scriptures
So we can learn God's word
My life is eternal
And I am so joyful
C-H-R-I-S-T
Jesus lives within me

Chorus

Devil can't tell me nuthin Can't tell me nuthin Devil can't tell me nuthin Can't tell me nuthin That was Children's Worship shared their annual Big Church presentation on November 10, a song written by teen volunteer Micah Washington. As we grow closer to moving into the new Christian Learning Center, the devil can't tell us nothing!

That same spirit was in the theme "I am Greater than I was," which was chosen for the annual Youth & Teens Day worship service on August 13, 2019 and related activities planned by and for our youth and teens.

And the spirit can be seen in the beautiful, moving performances of our Praise Dancers.

And in the work and commitment of Troop 74 that has two more Eagle Scouts poised to join the troop's other 32 Eagles by the end of the year.

And in so many more activities of youth and teens in programs like Jericho Road Mentoring and Young Women of Excellence.

These programs will be enhanced as we move into the new Christian Learning Center next year, which will have dedicated space for Children's Worship, Teen Church, and a Nursery/Pre-School and meeting space for other Youth and Teen Ministries.

The youth and teens are getting more excited by the day. For them, it is like the anticipation of Christmas and the opening of presents on that joyous day. It is difficult to contain their excitement, but why would you want to?

Let's join them. Let's listen to them: The devil can't tell us nothing! We are Greater than we were!

Thank you Brookland, from the "next generation of believers"!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, IN THE BANQUET AND CONFERENCE CENTER AT 7 PM. THE JOINT BOARD WILL MEET AT 6 PM.

Brookland Northeast

New Service Times Starting Sunday, January 5, 2020

- Sunday School 8:00 a.m. − 8:45 a.m.
- First Service 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- Second Service 11 a.m. 12 noon
- Children's Church will be held at both services

(EXCEPT FOURTH SUNDAY)

• Teen Church will only be held on **FIFTH SUNDAYS**



Please meet us on the Main Campus in the Main Sanctuary for our End of Year Worship Service.

Service Time: 7:00pm

Pastor Jackson will preach from the topic:
"All I Need Is A Name"
1 Samuel 17:44-46

Brookland Baptist Church 2020 Annual Calendar of Events



January:

18th- Brotherhood Annual MLK Day Program

February:

2nd – Souper of Caring 3rd- 6th- Pastor's & Young Minister's Series 14th-15th - Couples Retreat 23rd- Black History Observance

March:

14th- Health Fair

<u>April:</u>

6th-9th- Holy Week 11th – Annual Easter Program

May:

2nd – Brookland Academy May Day 17th- Women's Day

<u>June:</u>

8th-12th- Vacation Bible School 13th – Sisterhood Annual Luncheon 28th- Men's Day

August:

9th- Youth & Teen's Day 12th Back to School Prayer Hour 24th-27th- Annual Revival

September:

20th - College Day

October:

3rd- Mother-Son Annual Event 23rd- Fall Festival 30th-31st – Christian Education Weekend

November:

13th-14th- Intercessory Prayer Conference

December:

4th – 27th Annual Black Tie Affair 5th– Annual Shopping Extravaganza 19th- Sunday School Christmas Program 31st- Watch Night Service

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NEWS RELEASE



MLK DAY 2020 AT BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Let's Keep the Dream Alive! Join the Brookland Baptist Brotherhood and the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) in celebration and remembrance on Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 9:00 AM in the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Our Theme for the occasion, "Remembering Our Past, Defining Our Future", acknowledges the continued struggle for civil and human rights, the need for strategies that move us towards realizing the Dream, and the search for ways to preserve it.

The keynote speaker for the occasion will be none other than that fiery Civil Rights Leader, the Rev. Nelson B. Rivers, III, Pastor of Charity Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston, SC. Rev. Rivers worked at every level of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) including President, North Charleston, SC Branch; Executive Director, South Carolina State Conference; Director, Southeast Region; Chief Operating Officer, twice as Chief of Field Operations, and Vice President of Stakeholder Relations from 2008 until May 2014. His civil rights work led to the election of more than 300 new black elected officials in South Carolina between 1986 and 1994. He was a leading organizer of the largest civil rights demonstration in the history of South Carolina when over 50,000 marched on the state capitol in January 2000 to demand the removal of the Confederate Battle Flag. After fifteen years of



Rev. Nelson B. Rivers. III

persistent protest, Rev. Rivers was present when on July 10, 2015 the Confederate Battle Flag was removed from the front of the South Carolina State Capitol Building. In these days and times, everyone should be "all ears" to hear what this legendary civil rights leader has to say.

We are also delighted that the Very Reverend Bishop Frederick C. James, *retired*, Seventh Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, will be with us to accept the Brookland Baptist Brotherhood's Martin Luther King Drum Major Medallion. Bishop James founded the first government subsidized homeownership housing project in South Carolina, was a member of the White House Advisory Commission on HBCUs under the Clinton Administration and was responsible for securing the accreditation of Allen University located here in Columbia, SC. He was a member of President Clinton's delegation to Nelson Mandela's inauguration as President of South Africa.



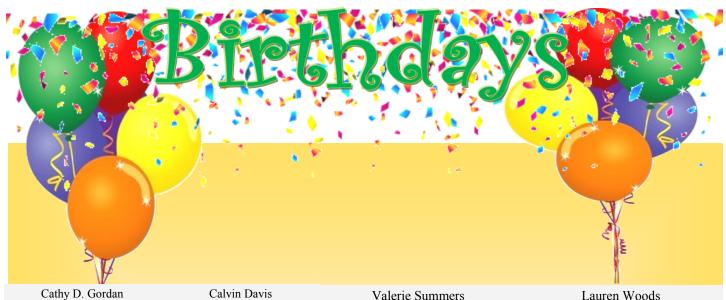
Bishop F.C. James

Come and experience a morning's helping of reflection, history and inspiration. Breakfast will be served and you will be entertained with music especially for the event. Tickets can be purchased after worship service each Sunday morning in the lobby of the Brookland Health and Wellness Center, or by contacting Smalls at 803-776-8072; George Glymph at 803-772-2884 or H.S. Tate at 803 360-3856.

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Leroy Tyson
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5 Steps for Holiday Debt Survival for Christians

Do you struggle with spending and using credit during the holidays? The pressure to give your family a happy Christmas can be overwhelming, and the celebration of the birth of Jesus can be covered up or lost altogether. There is a better way to approaching the holidays by spending less, helping you enjoy your family more, and joyfully celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. Many people will add this year's debt to their credit cards and carry the increased balance into the coming year. If you pay the minimum credit card payments due, it will take almost five years to pay off holiday spending for one year. If you continue to pay the minimum balance due and charge for future holidays, your cycle will put you deeper and deeper into debt.

To be clear, borrowing money is not a sin. However, many scriptures in the Bible strongly discourage the borrowing of money. Proverbs 22:26-27 is a good example: "Don't agree to guarantee another person's debt or put up security for someone else. If you can't pay it, even your bed will be snatched from under you." As you go through the following 5 steps to holiday debt survival, here are several examples of various situations you may encounter.

Step 1 – Meet the wise version of you. If you plan to add more debt for this year's holidays, here is a technique to help you get your spending under control. Imagine looking into a mirror, and the person you see is a calm and wise version of you. This wise person tells you to look for the root of your holiday stress. Why do you feel that you must spend so much and pay for this year's holiday season with credit and not pay cash? Write down the reason that comes to your mind. Really, stop this very moment to put into words why the holidays have to be paid for with credit and why you feel so stressed. Whatever reason you have, you must face it. If you do not face why you over-spend and charge so much for the holidays, you may never find a way to get your spending under control.

Step 2 – Encounter the emotional version of you. The next step requires that you be truthful to yourself. What are some of the reasons why you feel you must keep doing what you do? When people look at the reasons why they spend money, the reasons are usually emotionally charged. Do any of these emotional reasons sound like you? You can be honest with yourself. No one will know but you and God. Do you say to yourself that you are right, there is no other way to celebrate the holidays? That spending money is the only way to bring joy to your family? Do you feel like you do not deserve what you have, so you go out and spend more money than you should, so you can make your family happy? Regardless of your reasons, if you put your emotions behind your reasons into words, you will be able to tame your habits instead of letting your habits control you.

<u>Step 3 – Look at the cost of not changing.</u> In this step, you are not looking at the financial price of the holidays – you are looking at the personal cost of going further into debt. What will it be like in January when you get the bill for your Christmas spending? Do you have arguments with your family over money? Do you lose sleep worrying about paying bills? Do you have a secret account or credit card so that you can spend more? Do you avoid giving to your Church to be able to spend money on more gifts, decorating and elaborate meals for the holidays?

Step 4 – Recognize a distorted view. The way that people sometimes defend their habits is by justifying them. This is where taking a closer look at why overspending happens will help. Can you relate with any of these views? All or nothing – If you have trouble overspending, do you feel that you have to spend at a higher level because spending less would not be acceptable? Catastrophizing – If you do not get certain gifts, does it feel like Christmas will not be the same? Should – Using the word "should" can be damaging because there is not a logical reason. Do you find yourself saying that you should buy more items? Emotional reasoning – You feel that you have to spend more on Christmas or it will be a somber holiday. Comparing – You feel that for the neighborhood you live in or the school that your child attends, you must have a big, expensive Christmas. Dwelling on the past – Spending more money on Christmas will make it like holidays used to be. Failing to see the big picture – You forget that Christmas is about the birth of Christ.

Step 5 - Find your wise mind. If you recognize the reasons you spend too much over the holidays, use your wise mind and rationalize out the reason why the distortion is not real. For example, if you are comparing yourself or your family to others and think you must spend more money to have a happy Christmas, you know that is not true. The Bible offers tremendous help with personal distortions. If you search the internet for "what does the Bible say about comparing yourself to others," one of the first listings will be from www.openbible.info. You will find scriptures like Philippians 2:3, "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." There are numerous direct references to the evils of debt within scriptures in the Bible. That said, you will find more answers to your problems by going through the five steps above, and then studying the Bible for help with any distorted views you may have. If you feel self-conscious or awkward, remember that we all have faults and are sinners. You are not alone; many people have problems with debt.

The reasons for pressure to conform to the world may have changed, however Paul the Apostle wrote to the Roman Christians and said, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think" (Romans 12:2, NLT). These five steps to controlling your debt will help you handle money and save for the future. They will also help you keep the emphasis of Christmas where it should be—on the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Article accessible at: https://www.christianexaminer.com/article/5-steps-to-holiday-debt-survival-for-christians/52265.htm







Aging Brain Cohort Study (ABC)

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The purpose of the study is to examine how aging affects the brain and behavior

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7-NIGHT / 9-DAY TOUR



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OCTOBER 11-19, 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

"And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed;" Mark 10:32

Since going to Israel in October of 2018, I have tried to share many pictures, memories and sermons with our congregation. As a result of seeing and hearing about the area in which our Saviour lived, many of you raised the query: "When can we go?" Well, we are going in October of 2020. You, like me, and so many others of the faith, will actually walk and worship where Jesus and his disciples walked and worshiped. Our trip will begin with a crossing of the Sea of Galilee, a tour of the Mountain of the Beatitudes and visits to the cities of Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum and of course Jerusalem.

We recommend that you desire to be baptized in the Jordan River like our Saviour. It is indeed the spiritual highlight of our trip. Even if the heavens do not open and a dove doesn't descend upon you:) you will never be the same. We will enjoy communion together in the Garden Tomb and pray in the Mount of Olives just like Jesus. We will spend two days in Jerusalem experiencing the old city and watch the scriptures come alive.

As you all know, my first vocation was in the academy as a history professor before entering the ministry. It gives me great Jesus Joy to invite you to actually live, breath, sleep, and worship in antiquity.

The information in this brochure will assist you in your planning. In the meantime, should you have questions please do not he sitate to contact me or Frenchie at the church office.

I am looking forward to worshipping and fellowshipping with you in the Holy Land.

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College Day 2019 @ The Land





For the past 8 years, the 3rd Sunday in September has been designated as *College Day* at Brookland Baptist Church. College Day was the brainchild of past director and creator Mr. Demond Coleman. College Day @ The Land is an opportunity for all college students to come together to worship and celebrate the goodness of God and to remind college students to continue in their faith walk. College Day is also an opportunity to celebrate the institution of higher learning and highlights the talents of local college students.

Minister John Lakin, III is the current Director of the College Ministry. He is also the author of "Millennial Worship Matters "a declaration which recognizes the value of Millennial Worshippers. "Millennials are the church of today", Ministry Lakin shared. "They are very bright and very talented. "

College Day @ The Land services were led by worship leader Christina Myers, a doctoral student at The University of South Carolina. Other College Day participants included Mr. Justin Blunt, a sophomore and The University of South Carolina, Takeisha Darby, a junior at Allen University, Mr. Sterling Harris a sophomore at The University of South Carolina and Mr. Dachaun Williams, a junior at Allen University. Lead by Minister Lakin, a 250-piece College Day Mass Choir college lifted the glory of Jesus Christ through praise and song. "Our pastor, Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr's vision of Building the Next Generation of Believers here at Brookland is a promise and mission ", Chrystal Finney, a member of The College Ministry shared." We live in ever changing times, but God's word remains the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow. It's the responsibility of all of us, to help build the kingdom of believers.

Attorney Katherine R. Myers was the honored guest of the College Day Committee. Attorney Myers has just opened her very own law firm, which specializes in criminal law. Other guest included Head Coach Revonda Whitley and the Claflin University Women Basketball Team.

The College Ministry wants to gratefully thank Mr. K. Allen Campbell and the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center Staff for their gracious and professional services on College Day. You are all simply *THE BEST!*

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