

### Editor's note



Greetings,

Welcome to your February edition of the Brookland Star. February is annually set aside to celebrate our ~The Brookland Star Editorial Team heritage. Brookland celebrates Black History in a big way. It's also a special month because we will celebrate Pastor Jackson's 49 years as our pastor. It is our understanding that he is the only living Black pastor who has served at his home church without interruption for 49 years! Thank you Pastor Jackson for your service to God's people.

In our Pastors Pen, we are acknowledging the year of Miracles at Brookland. Take a moment and read with your "ears" as you listen to the words penned by Meco Johnson-Walker. As you travel through the pages, you will notice the activities that will be taking place at Brookland throughout the month of February.

Reflect on 2020 and what's to come. Pastor Jackson has declared 2020 as the Year of Overflow! Watch God Change things...

Enjoy this issue...



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### MECO'S MIRACLE TESTIMONY (written in first person)

My name is Amelia "Meco" Johnson-Walker. I love God. I considered myself to be relatively healthy as a veteran and then supervisor at the US Postal Service. On May 31, 2019, I had a SUBARACHNOID HEMORRHAGE OF THE BRAIN AND A STROKE! My Blood Pressure was 250/180. Doctors only gave me a 25% chance of survival! Our great GOD decided that I would live to give Him Glory by telling my story. It happened in 3 phases: 1) What God did ahead of time to prepare us. 2)



What God did during the Miracle Healing Process and 3) What God continues to do in this Miracle Recovery! Some of the things I will share are things that my family shared with me because I was unaware.

**Phase One:** What God Did Ahead of Time to Prepare Us.

I was born into the Brookland Baptist Church family and was a member until I went into the military. My praying grandparents are the late Trustee Lemmie and Deaconess Annie Pearl Johnson. My father and stepmom, Reverends Richard and Maxine Johnson continue to serve at Brookland. In this particular instance, God started preparing my family for this battle in the following ways:

- God had my brother, Reverend Richard E. Johnson to text a daily scripture to the family and expound on it so we were getting the Word daily.
- God had Pastor Jackson to teach 40+ weeks of the Miracles of Jesus in Bible Study that started in September 2018.
- God had the intercessors to choose "Igniting the Fire Through Prayer-Preparing for Combat" as their conference theme for November 2018 with breakout sessions on Fighting the Good Fight and Spiritual Warfare.
- Pastor Jackson was led to call a corporate fast at the beginning of January 2019. It was a first.
  During the fast, Prayer Service (which had stopped meeting some years before) was
  rebooted!
- In March of 2019, after the Miracles of Jesus Bible Study series, Brookland had a series of Spiritual Warfare Bible studies on Fighting the Good Fight.
- Finally, May 27-28, the Brookland Evangelism Ministry held a Tent Revival that richly blessed and encouraged my family! One of them returned to church after years of being away.

God poured all of this into my family to strengthen and prepare them for what was about to happen. He is so providential!

**Phase Two**: What God Did During the Miracle Process.

May 31, 2019 – the day of the Subarachnoid Hemorrhage and Stroke.

**5:00 pm** -Derrell (my husband) decides at the last minute not to go out of town with his job! **This** was out of the ordinary.

We get home and minutes later I'm screaming because of severe pain in my head. My husband gives me a headache powder and some water. I soon throw-up and pass out. My husband calls 9-1-1 and follows their instructions until they arrive and take me to the hospital.

My husband calls my brother and then my parents. My dad and stepmom were already en route to Fayetteville without even knowing what was going on. They were half way there.

9:00 PM – My brother, dad and stepmom converge at the hospital and things are not looking good in the natural. My father prays, My brother holds my hand and prays. My stepmom gets in my ear to declare "YOU HAVE AN EXPECTED END BUT THIS AIN'T IT!"

10:26 pm – Pastor Jackson is alerted. He prays and he immediately declares that I am under a Miracle Watch!

The hospital in Fayetteville is not equipped to handle my case so they had to send me to UNC Chapel Hill Medical Center. Time is of the essence but I cannot be airlifted to Chapel Hill because of the weather. They have to transport me by ambulance. We get to Chapel Hill in the early hours of the morning of June 1st.

I had the first surgery to assess any damage and relieve pressure from my brain which had begun to swell. A portion of my skull had to be removed. Doctors found dried blood on my brain along with an abnormal vessel that may have been there from birth.

Our great God allowed me to respond to simple commands within 24 hours. I was able to give a thumbs up at the doctor's request. Not long after that, I was able to open my eyes at the doctor's request. I had the second surgery on June 3rd for corrective measures and again on June 5th. Within 24 to 48 hours following each of those surgeries God allowed me to again follow simple commands. My family played gospel music in my hearing after each surgery. They played Way Maker, Open Heaven And You Know My Name each day.

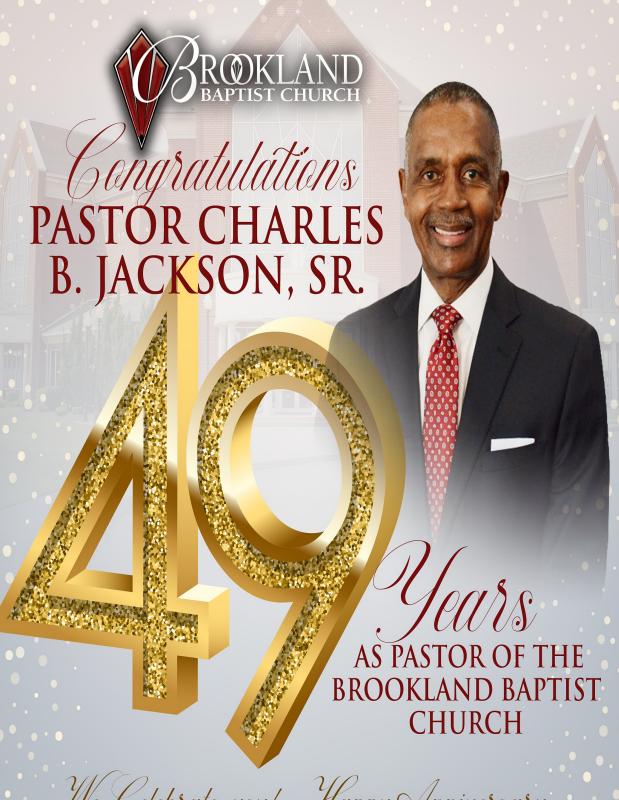
By June 6<sup>th-</sup> June 10<sup>th</sup>, I began to wave my hands and move my legs to the beat of the music. I would move my mouth and try to sing while I was still intubated! They removed the breathing tube and upgraded me to a regular room on June 11<sup>th</sup>. I was eating, swallowing well and talking well by June 12<sup>th</sup>.

My husband and father took turns to make sure that I was never alone. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, I was released from the hospital in Chapel Hill and did not need assistance to walk. My father drove me to the rehab center in Columbia so that I could gain better balance. I was released from rehab on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and walked out unassisted!

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, I had surgery at Chapel Hill to reattach the portion of my skull that had been removed on June 1<sup>st</sup>. I got out of surgery at 3 pm and was laughing and talking with my brother at 7 pm! Glory to God! I was released from hospital on September 11<sup>th</sup> without needing rehab. Since then, I have been thriving at my home in Fayetteville, NC. I returned to Chapel Hill to have the 65 staples removed that were placed there during the skull reattachment.

I am so grateful to God for performing this Miracle in my life! Words cannot fully express my gratitude! I am so grateful for my family who stood by me and stayed on the wall of prayer! Pastor Jackson, thank you for immediately declaring this MIRACLE WATCH! I am thankful for the Intercessors, Wednesday Night Prayer Band and all who prayed for me! It was such a blessing for me to share my testimony and gift of song at the Intercessory Prayer Conference. I continue to be blown away by what God has done for me and how it has positively impacted others! ALL THE GLORY BELONGS TO GOD!!





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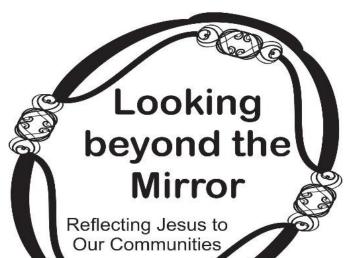
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# Can you see yourself as a YWA?

Join us for a missions focus.

Date: <u>February 11, 2020</u>

Time: <u>6:00 pm</u>

Place: Email bbcywas@gmail.com

for meeting location

### Renewal Time!

Workshops
Morning Prayer Time
Fellowship
Banquet
Horseback Riding
Crafts
Fellowship
Boat Ride

For more information, contact Latanya Wright at 803.960.6314.

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Join the ladies of the Gethsemane YWA's for a weekend in the

Tennessee mountains.



Speaker: Brenda Kirk

April 24-26, 2020

Cost: \$210 (by March 24)







First Steps 4K Providers earn National Director's Credential

On January 9, South Carolina First Steps recognized 13 child care center directors who recently earned the Aim4Excellence National Director's Credential through the McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership. Our very own Brookland Academy Child Development Center Director, Jennifer McConnell, was one of the recipients.

In line with their commitment to improving the quality of child care statewide, South Carolina First Steps offers funding and support for directors of approved First Steps 4K centers who elect to participate in this rigorous, nationally recognized professional learning experience.

Congratulations to Jennifer McConnell.

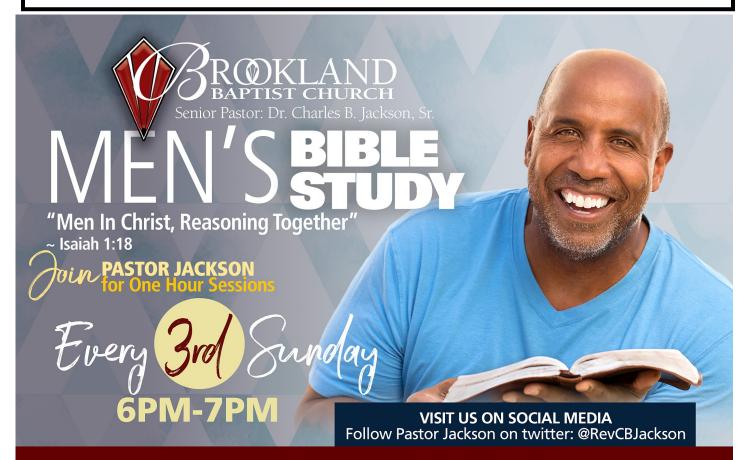




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10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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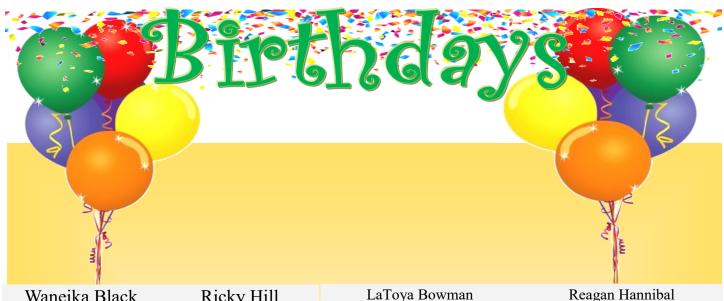
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ywecollege3@gmail.com

by February 17, 2020

(ALL Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend)

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### **2020 Community Health Fair**



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#### BREAKING NEWS FROM THE BROOKLAND MUSIC DEPARTMENT:



Mark you calendars! The Brookland Music and Arts Ministry is pleased to announce that for the first time in it's History, The Gospel Heritage Foundation Leap Summit will be in SOUTH CAROLINA AT BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH. February 26-29, 2020.

NEED MORE INFORMATION, please contact: K. Allen Campbell at 803-744-7906 or kcampbell@brookland.cc

Gospel Heritage provides you the opportunity to connect with church and ministry workers and leaders! It's an experience like no other! The International Worship And Artists Summit is acknowledged by many as the premiere gathering for both education and inspiration.

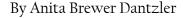
### It is attended by

pastors, worship and arts teams (directors, singers and musicians), Gospel recording artists, Record Industry professionals and Gospel Music fans. The Summit will feature both daytime classes and evening services along with other special presentations that should not be missed.

### DON'T MISS THE #1 WORSHIP SUMMIT!



### Why We Need Black History Month?





Black History Month is a necessary reminder of our ancestry. It is also a reminder that the citizens of these United States of America, from their origin down to today, have *not* lived up to the professed vision of "liberty and justice for all." And, as believers in Jesus Christ, it is a chance to celebrate the incomparable brilliance of God who "made from one man every nation of mankind" (Acts 17:26).

While racial tensions nationwide may be at all-time generational high, we must not keep silent. We must tell our children about the truths of ethnicity in view of Jesus Christ. If we do not cast a positive vision for our children about the glories of God-designed ethnic diversity, we leave their inherent ethnocentrism to swell and take root. As Christians, we should study the many reasons why we love ethnic diversity. Overt examples of individual racism still exist, and data reveals that hate crimes are on the rise. But we must all attune ourselves to more modern indicators of racial marginalization, i.e., African-American males are six times more likely to be incarcerated than white males and 2.5 times more likely than Hispanic males. If current trends continue, one of every three black American males born today can expect to go to prison in his lifetime, as can one of every six Latino males—compared to one of every seventeen white males.

What happens when Christians relegate racism mainly to the past? Black people and other people of color continue to suffer. Whether it is insensitivity, ignorance and obliviousness demonstrated by fellow church members or the dire prospects many black people face in terms of basic professional, educational and health-related outcomes, a failure to acknowledge racism in its current forms perpetuates inequality. Black History Month isn't simply about ethnic diversity in general, but remembering the horrors of our shared history and celebrating the progress that has been made, and specifically the many successes of African Americans despite such a history.

Many people like to believe that if they were alive during the 1960s, they would have participated in the civil rights movement. But, if we refuse to register to vote then vote in local and national elections, and if we refuse to acknowledge racism and fight against it today, then it is clear where they would have stood half a century ago, too. If you're white — or Hispanic or Asian or Native American or all of the above — thank God for his brilliance and breadth in creating diverse peoples. One month a year is not too long for reminding ourselves of it and celebrating it.

As a member of the Black History Committee, I implore you to join us for the annual Brookland Baptist Church Black History Month program on February 23, 2020 at 6:00p.m., featuring the University of South Carolina's eminent historian Dr. Bobby Donaldson. If you have never heard Dr. Donaldson speak you need to attend this program. Dr. Donaldson serves as an Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at the University of South Carolina-Columbia. Professor Donaldson's teaching and scholarship examine southern history and African American life and culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Presently, he serves as the lead scholar and director for the Columbia SC 63, a documentary project that examines the struggle for civil rights and social justice in Columbia and around the state of South Carolina.

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### Meet Our Black History Program Guest Speaker: Dr. Bobby Donaldson

A native of Augusta, Georgia, Dr. Bobby Donaldson serves as an Associate Professor of History and the Director of the Center for Civil Rights History and Research at the University of South Carolina-Columbia. He received his undergraduate degree in History and African American Studies from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT and his Ph.D. in American History from Emory University.

Professor Donaldson's teaching and scholarship examine southern history and African American life and culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Presently, he serves as the lead scholar and director for the Columbia SC 63, a documentary project that examines the struggle for civil rights and social justice in Columbia and around the state of South Carolina.

During the course of Dr. Donaldson's academic career, he served as a Benjamin E. Mays-Andrew Mellon Fellow, as an editorial assistant for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project at Emory and Stanford universities, as a Thurgood Marshall Dissertation Fellow and visiting Assistant Professor at Dartmouth College, as a Fellow of the W. E. B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University, and as the Faculty Principal of Preston Residential College at the University of South Carolina.

Hailed as a "Rising Star" by the University of South Carolina's Office of Research, he received the campus' distinguished Michael J. Mungo Undergraduate Teaching Award in 2010, the John N. Gardner Inspirational Faculty Award in 2015, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Social Justice Award in 2016. In 2017, he was awarded the Stephen Morrison Visionary Award by the One Columbia for Arts & History Organization. In 2018, he received the South Carolina Governor's Award in Historic Preservation and the South Carolina Governor's Humanities Award. In 2019, Dr. Donaldson's teaching, research, and community engagement were recognized by the South Carolina House of Representatives. He also was awarded an honorary degree by Benedict College.

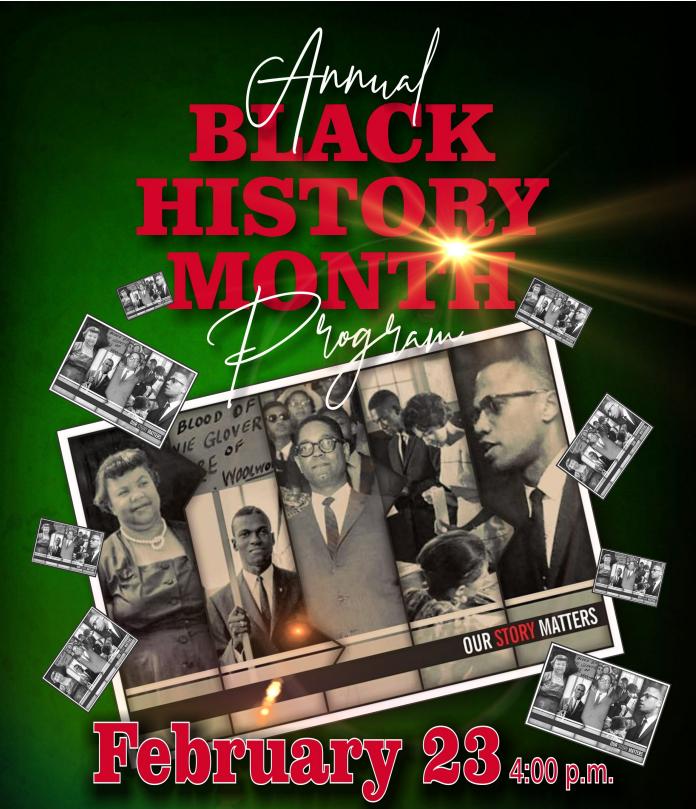
Dr. Donaldson's memberships include the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, the Organization of American Historians, the Southern Historical Association, the South Carolina Archives and History Commission, the editorial board of the University of South Carolina Press, the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission, the South Caroliniana Society, the NAACP, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and the Wesleyan University Board of Trustees.

He and his wife Elise are the proud parents of Ruby (age thirteen) and Joseph (age eight).



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