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# Editor's note



## Happy New Year!

Entering into 2020, the year that reflects vision of what is to come, we often always take a look back to reflect the previous year, write some things down and make plans to do better. Better days are coming to Brookland. It is in 2020 that we will open the Christian Learning Center, focusing on our youth and young Adults. It is in 2020 that our Ministries will grow and become stronger in the community. It is in 2020 that our Health and Wellness Guild will teach us about Better, healthier living and why it is more important now more than ever before to get healthy.

Enjoy this issue....

Happy New Year from your Brookland Star Editorial Team

In this issue, you will see some of the things forthcoming in the New Year and you too will celebrate as we move forward to better. Celebrate with us as one of the sons of Brookland is installed as Pastor. Also, mark your calendars for the exciting Young Pastors and Leaders Empowerment Conference, the Couples Retreat, the Men's Retreat and much, much, more.

As you take a moment to reflect, think about 2020 and what's ahead. Pastor Jackson has declared 2020 as the Year of Overflow!



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## “More Than A Building”



“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.” Proverbs 29:18 (MSG)

As we embark on a new year, I reflect on all God has done in our lives individually and collectively as a church family. Why is 2020 significant? 20/20 vision signifies normal optical acuity, sharpness or clarity of vision. Can you see what God is doing? Through the physical eyes, I see our beautiful campus expanding but through spiritual eyes, I see the manifestation of God’s love and promises. I find myself in awe as I think about the supernatural favor God has bestowed on the Brookland Family. We are blessed and the evidence of God’s promises are clear. We are in the final phase of the Master’s Plan, a vision God has given Pastor Jackson, and I believe it is by God’s divine providence that completion of Phase III, the Christian Learning Center, will culminate for such a time as this. Clarity of vision. The building is a physical representation of God’s promises and speaks to the heart and focus of Pastor Jackson’s ministry, Building the Next Generation of Believers. However, the Christian Learning Center is *more than a building*.

God blesses us to be a blessing to others, and He has positioned us to touch the lives of so many of His people across this state and country. From hosting graduations and sporting events in the Health and Wellness Center, to welcoming hundreds daily to the Banquet and Conference Center including a President. A financial institution of our own to foster financial empowerment. Infants to toddlers are academically and spiritually enriched at a top-notch Academy, while Senior Citizens have a place of their own to fellowship in a school that also welcomes children in the community on it’s fields for recreational activities as well as academic enrichment.

Now, God has allowed us to renovate our former Sanctuary and Administrative Building, where we have shared so many memories, to become a beautiful space specifically created with the youth, teens and young adults in mind where new hopes and dreams will be fulfilled. I cannot imagine a better place to fellowship with my peers than right here on our church campus. The Fifth Quarter Café will be the premiere spot to gather with classmates and friends following a long day of classes or after the game. When the weather is pristine, you can sit out on the patio, catching up on your assignments or hosting study sessions for the upcoming exam. What a beautiful gift and perfect example of pouring into the next generation by providing us with a facility to call our own. A diverse and inclusive safe haven where our spiritual and physical souls can be filled. Imagine how many lives will be touched and saved through the services of this new facility. You are creating an environment which is conducive to allowing us to grow, find our way in the faith with the ultimate goal of uniting together to inspire and make a profound impact on this world. We can be safe. We can be ourselves.

The Christian Learning Center will also be an environment for the entire Brookland Family. It will house a prayer room, book corner, Sunday School, ministry meetings, Bible Study and host special events and weddings. If you need further evidence of the divine purpose of this facility, please consider how God has allowed a young adult who grew up in Brookland the opportunity to oversee the construction of the center.

The Christian Learning Center represents a new beginning and symbolizes God's love and faithfulness. The new building brings opportunity for a fresh start and a renewed commitment to the calling God has on our lives to draw people closer to Him. The beautiful structure is almost complete, but are we equipped to fill the building and pour into the next generation with the hopes, dreams, love and promises of tomorrow? We have a unique opportunity and ordained responsibility to make a difference. This building will not only be a blessing for my generation, but it will be a blessing for generations to come. Never lose sight of the vision, our purpose and ordained assignment. Love is the answer, and the greatest gift we can share through the ministry of the Christian Learning Center. Before we enter the building, let us saturate the atmosphere with God's love. God has done His part, it's time for us to do ours.

The Brookland Baptist Church history will reflect that you loved us, and you cared. It's *more than a building*.

Blessings,

Christina L. Myers



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## **MLK DAY 2020 AT BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH**

Civil rights leader Nelson B. Rivers III will be the keynote speaker for the Brookland Baptist Brotherhood and NABCJ's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on January 18, 2020 at 9 am.

The Very Reverend Bishop Frederick C. James, Retired, will be awarded the Brookland Baptist Brotherhood Martin Luther King Jr. Drum Major Medallion. The Let's Keep the Dream Alive! breakfast will be held in the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center, 1045 Sunset Blvd., West Columbia, SC 29169. Tickets are \$20.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Brookland Baptist Brotherhood and the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ). The theme, "Remembering Our Past. Defining Our Future," acknowledges the continued struggle for civil and human rights, and the importance of devising strategies for the future, according to Dr. O'Neal Smalls, one of the organizers. "This is no ordinary time! Our values and government are being challenged," Dr. Smalls noted.

The Rev. Rivers is pastor of Charity Missionary Baptist Church in North Charleston. He has worked at every level of the NAACP including president, North Charleston Branch; executive director, South Carolina State Conference; director, Southeast Region; chief national operating officer; chief of field operations; and vice president of Stakeholder Relations. His civil rights work led to the first-time election of more than 300 African Americans to public offices 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 Flag. After 15 years of 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.

Bishop James served as president of the Sumter Branch of the NAACP and founded the first government subsidized housing project in South Carolina. He was responsible for securing the accreditation of Allen University, a Historically Black College, and was a member of President Bill Clinton's delegation to Nelson Mandela's inauguration as President of South Africa. For tickets, contact: O'Neal Smalls at 803-776-8072; George Glymph at 803-772-2884 or H.S. Tate at 803 360 3856.



Rev. Nelson B. Rivers, III



Bishop F.C. James

## 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**





## PASTOR JACKSON PREACHED IN CHILDRENS WORSHIP

2020 Children's Worship: Come See the Future!

Welcome to the New Year, which ushers in a new and exciting Children's Worship. I am extremely elated about the spiritually edifying adventures and supernaturally provisioning fun times that lie ahead, for our children and volunteers alike.

I'm Vanessa E. Hughes, and I began my amazing journey with Children's Worship in November 2019, in efforts to be a positive and engaging light source for the children of our future and faith. I have always understood and appreciated the exchange of learning, healing, and instruction that takes place within interactions with children. I am firm that Jesus calls us to be Stewards of the earth, as well as miners of his children, in order to cultivate and produce sound warriors of his word, and soldiers of his scripture. That duty is paramount and relevant to the survival of generational peace and purpose.

This is evident, when I walk through those double doors of the health and wellness center. The palpable and powerful current of Christ's love is graciously present and delightfully effervescent. It's an unspeakable and unforgettable charge that energizes and encourages greater commitment to the fullness of our future's existence.

Witnessing Christ's intricate instruction and saving grace; his compelling righteousness and order, leaves me replete with pure joy and adoration. On a side note, and as an added bonus to volunteering in Children's Worship, I now attend Sunday school, led by Deacon Oliver Williams. I find myself immersed and fruitfully engaged within the fullness of the lessons, and with my fellow Sunday schoolers. GOD IS GOOD and ever faithful! His mercies endureth forever! Psalm 136:26

During my stay at Children's Worship, I've found it to be a place where children can come to learn and experience the love and mercies (seen and unseen) of Jesus Christ. They are offered the opportunity to develop meaningful connections with their peers in Christ and in love. Last year's theme promoted the power of Jesus and his Miracles. Children spanning from the ages of five up to eleven joined together each Sunday (excluding 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, due to Children's services in the main sanctuary) to celebrate the wonders of Jesus through the recitation of scripture, the proclamation of prayer, and the delivered message and word. Jesus is truly exemplified and extolled in and throughout every moment and every activity.

Director and volunteer, Dr. Kenneth Campbell, along with Mrs. Cassandra Rush, have both shared and recounted numerous children that have previously attended CWS, and now bring their children. The spiritually safe and undeniably enriching environment found at CWS, helps prepare and ripen the atmospheric shift for the future leaders of society and pillars of God's purpose, prosperity, and promise. #Come see the future!

When: Every Sunday except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

Where: Brookland Baptist Health and Wellness Center

Who: You (as a volunteer). Your Children (as Worshipers).

Contact: Dr. Kenneth Campbell





## **Sunday School Department Annual Christmas Program 2019**

The Sunday School Department held its Annual Christmas Program on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 12:00. The youth celebrated the birth of Jesus through songs, recitations, musical selections and dance. The program was coordinated by Mrs. Cassandra Conyer-Rush. The Sunday School Department is under the leadership of Ms. Wendy Kearney, Superintendent, Rev. Willie Mae Moses, Assistant Superintendent, and Ms. Angela Moore, Secretary.

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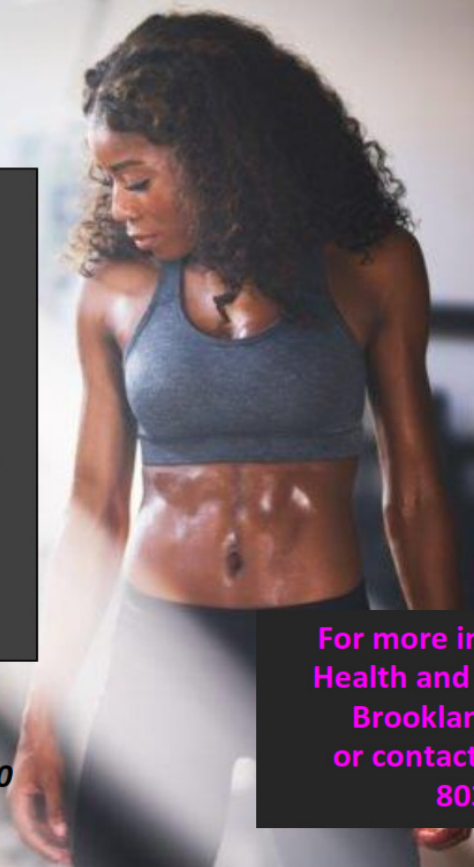
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# The 2020 US Census is of critical importance to South Carolina's future

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Date: December 12, 2019

The United States Census. Many people do not understand the critical role it plays in shaping our country's political and economic landscapes. Yet, its importance was so self-evident to the Framers of the Constitution they placed it in the document's sixth sentence. However, not even they could have envisioned it being the primary catalyst for the appropriation of hundreds of billions of dollars to states, regional and local governments, cities, and communities.

In 2016 nearly \$880 billion went to states and other recipients through federal grants, loans, and other disbursements based on 2010 US Census figures. South Carolina received nearly \$12.7 billion of this funding to support programs in education, foster care, healthcare, transportation infrastructure, vocational rehabilitation and unemployment.

Yet, census data is not only crucial in obtaining funding to aid our state's most vulnerable populations. It also helped South Carolina gain the Seventh Congressional District for the United States House of Representatives in 2011. Moreover, businesses use this data to determine economic development and investment prospects in communities.

Unfortunately, the 2020 US Census is not being treated with the urgency it deserves. For the advancement of our state, it is imperative that a complete count of all South Carolina residents occur. Residency is a key term because the census (contrary to popular myth) will count everyone, not just citizens. The goal is to count all persons living in South Carolina, whether they be citizens or non-citizens. This means counting our homeless population, college students, migrant workers, prisoners, and others. It is also important to note that by law census data is kept confidential for 72 years (even from other agencies within the federal government).

For these, and many other reasons, it is critical that the state obtain a complete count on the 2020 United States Census. Beginning in early March 2020, all persons who reside in our state (citizens and non-citizens) will be able to be counted in the census. This can be done online, by way of a printed questionnaire, or by calling an official US Census number.

Furthermore, the US Census Bureau has designated April 1, 2020 as "Census Day," meaning everyone residing in the United States on April 1, 2020 is to be included in the count. According to the US Census Bureau, some of the groups most at risk of being undercounted are: children five years of age and younger, residents of rural areas, undocumented immigrants, migrant workers, racial and ethnic minorities, low-income persons, and persons experiencing homelessness.

At this time, the State of South Carolina has not devoted funds to ensure a complete and accurate accounting of residents. Thus, it is imperative that residents and communities do everything within their power to ensure they are counted. To do so, South Carolinians can call their state elected officials to impress upon them the importance of designating funding through a joint resolution for the census. Persons can also be sure to complete census forms and ensure their family, friends, and community members do so. This is vital for our future!

For more information on the 2020 US Census – and to apply for temporary employment with the United States Census Bureau – visit [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov). Furthermore, additional materials regarding the 2020 US Census can be found on the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs' website at [CMA.sc.gov/census-2020-south-carolina](http://CMA.sc.gov/census-2020-south-carolina). There are also opportunities for organizations and community groups to apply for grants to ensure complete counts through the United Way Association of South Carolina.

**Brookland Baptist Church**  
**2020 Annual Calendar of Events**

**January:**

18th- Brotherhood Annual MLK Day Program

**February:**

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

**March:**

14th- Health Fair

**April:**

6<sup>th</sup>-9th- Holy Week  
11th – Annual Easter Program

**May:**

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

**June:**

8<sup>th</sup>-12th- Vacation Bible School  
13<sup>th</sup> – Sisterhood Annual Luncheon  
28th- Men’s Day

**August:**

9th- Youth & Teen’s Day  
12th Back to School Prayer Hour  
24<sup>th</sup>-27th- Annual Revival

**September:**

20th – College Day

**October:**

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

**November:**

13<sup>th</sup>-14th- Intercessory Prayer Conference

**December:**

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

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 Gregory Ray  
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 Tiffany Scott  
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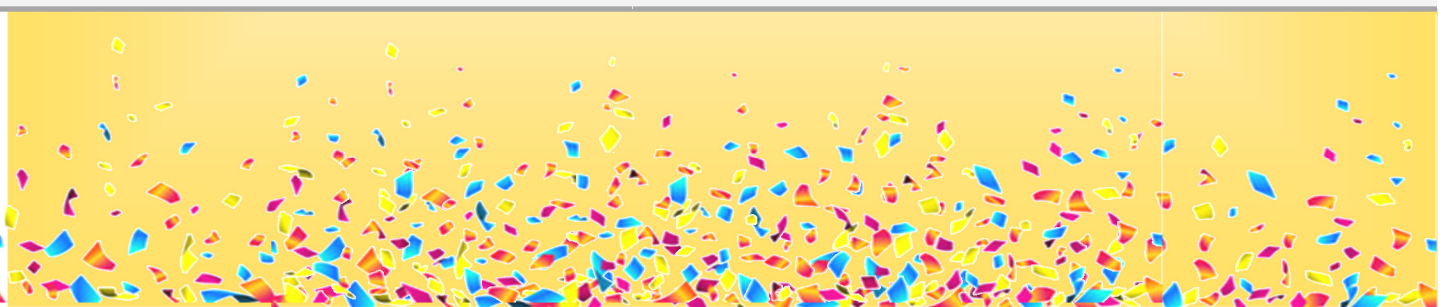
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Ericka Tucker  
Matte Lewis  
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Chad Wilson  
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# THE WEST COLUMBIA TIGERS- NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



The West Columbia Tigers Youth Football Program started their holiday celebrations early after its 10 and under team (10U) captured their first ever national title at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Championship Series played earlier this month at Orlando, Fla. West Columbia blanked Future Stars United of Lakeland, Fla., 38-0, to capture the championship.

The Tigers' history-making season also included becoming the first South Carolina AAU youth football program to win championships in four age divisions in one year. West Columbia's 12U, 10U, 8U, and 6U teams all won state titles. The 6U team also won a national title, while the 12U and 8U teams advanced to the semifinals before losing in the playoffs.

It's a great feeling, said Head Coach Jermaine Odom. "It's great for the kids, parents, coaches, the community -- everyone who has supported this program. This was a nine-month process. We had some problems early in the season but we knew this was a talented team. Once they began playing together, the team got better and better as the season progressed. But we knew from the beginning they were capable of winning a championship."

West Columbia's 10U team rolled to an unblemished 16-0 record. The Tigers were 7-0 in pool play at the National Championships. "We played as hard as we could in every game. That's why we were 16-0," said Kai Finkebeimer, who earned "Lineman of the Game" honors when the Tigers defeated the Dillon Predators to win the state title. "We did not want to lose in the state finals like we did last year. We kept our heads up, stayed focus, and went all the way," said Finkbeimer, a fifth grader at Northside Christian Academy.

West Columbia Tigers football program is coordinated by the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC), a 94,000 square-foot facility located on Batchelor Street in West Columbia. The BLEC offers a variety of activities to more than 200 youth including football, basketball, baseball, track, cheerleading and dancing, in addition to tutoring and mentoring. The BLEC functions as one of several community outreach initiatives conducted by Brookland Baptist Church under the leadership of the church's senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Jackson, Sr. The facility was formerly Lakeview Senior High School, an all-black high school in Columbia that existed from 1925 to 1968 prior to the desegregation of public schools in South Carolina.

Bennie Sulton, a 1964 Lakeview High School graduate, serves as chairman of the BLEC's Board of Directors. To Sulton, the Tigers' football success is the continuation of the legacy of outstanding achievements that he and other alumni established as students decades ago.

"Lakeview High School had a well-deserved reputation for excellence in athletics and academics," said Sulton who was a member of the 1963 Lakeview football team that was undefeated and captured a state title. The school also won back-to-back championships in 1954 and 1955. "Many of our graduates launched successful careers in business, theology, medicine, education, government and other professions from what we learned here at Lakeview High School," said Sulton, who returned to Columbia following his retirement from a Fortune 500 company.

For Darrell Hutto, director of the BLEC's youth programs since 2007, West Columbia's third trip to the nationals was indeed a charm. His teams had reached the nationals on two previous occasions, but fell short of the championship. This year was different. "I am very proud of the way our kids played throughout the season and at the nationals," Hutto said. "It was an uphill battle. You look forward to making it to Orlando but you know it's going to be a tough environment because practically all of the teams are from Florida. But this team was determined to win a championship and the coaches, parents, and everyone else were all on the same page regarding what it would take for us to win. We created a family atmosphere and when everyone works together, this is what you get -- a national championship."

Hutto said that in addition to winning, he was equally impressed with the personal development and maturity he witnessed from the players during the season.

"They formed bonds, friendships and trust in each other that made them stronger as a team," Hutto said. "This whole experience was more than about football. Some of these kids had never traveled outside of South Carolina. They received an education about other areas of the country and were able to play football in the process. We hope that the athletic and academic programs at the BLEC will inspire and help prepare these kids for productive and meaningful lives in their communities and beyond. We are very proud of their accomplishments in football and with the other sports teams. But we want them to understand that excelling in the classroom is even more important."



Although we are well into the New Year, it's not too late to make resolutions in those areas where you want to see improvement. To help you, here are some ways actually to achieve your financial or personal goals so that you can be among those with resolutions that are still intact at the end of the year.

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### **Make a specific goal.**

Let's assume that one of your resolutions in the area of personal finances is something like this, "I will get out of debt and save more money [this year]." That is a good resolution. But now you have to get some details in your plan. Your next step is to define how much you want to accomplish and record them in the form of detailed, measurable goals. For example:

*"I will pay off \$8,500 in credit card balances within 12 months so that I can be debt free.*

*"I will save \$1,500 in an emergency savings account within 12 months so that I no longer have to rely upon my credit cards."*

Develop a plan to achieve your goal. To achieve your debt reduction and savings goals, try the following:

#### **1. Download a free budgeting plan at [crown.org](http://crown.org).**

Spend a few hours working through the numbers to determine how much money you earn and how much you spend each month. This will help you determine if you need to a) decrease your spending, b) increase your income or, c) do both in order to have the amount of money you need to apply towards debt and save some each month. Do not omit this step!

#### **2. Establish a separate bank account to automatically withdraw the amount you need to save each month.**

Once you have made the automatic transfer, use the account only to pay off the credit cards and nothing else. If you have established your budget correctly, you may have a surplus of \$62 per pay period or \$125/month remaining and \$1,500 in emergency savings by the time you reach the 12th month.

#### **3. Realize victory over lack of discipline.**

Discipline and self-control must be applied one day at a time. If you can establish one daily discipline and stick with it for three weeks, you will form a new habit. A spiritual battle will be waged to keep you from believing that you can be disciplined. The enemy wants to rob you of the fruit of the Holy Spirit and cause you constantly to feel defeated. Make this a matter of daily prayer, asking God to help you live one day at a time, to give you self-control and perseverance. Like any endeavor, you may experience setbacks, frustrations or obstacles that discourage you. That is when you must not give in to the temptation to quit. It will be far more encouraging at the end of the year if it simply takes you longer or a few more attempts to achieve your goals than if you had quit early on.

#### **4. Set a reward for success.**

It is a fact that events that cause a strong emotional reaction are more vividly etched in our memories than those that are emotionally neutral. We can remember days of grief, joy or fear in more detail and for far longer than just a normal day in our lives. If you have had a lifetime of stress when it comes to managing money, use those bad memories as motivation to eliminate the continual fear, anxiety and worry about money that have become associated with trying to solve these problems. Imagine life without that emotional drain and use it to motivate you to persevere toward the opposite end of the emotional scale – joy, peace and a sense of being prepared. Now with a mental picture of your goal in mind, how would you like to celebrate on Dec. 31 if you have achieved your New Year's resolution? Be honest. Would you like to eat out at a favorite restaurant, give a gift to an important person in your life, be able to be more generous? These are all perfectly acceptable forms of rewards if they motivate you to finish your goals. Since we are all built to desire rewards, this is an important element in your plan.

#### **5. Get some help.**

Finally, don't go at it alone. Team up with a friend that wants to accomplish a similar goal or join a small group that can encourage you to stay the course. God has designed all of us to operate within a body of like-minded believers. Together, let's make 2020 the year that, with God's help, we stick to our resolutions.

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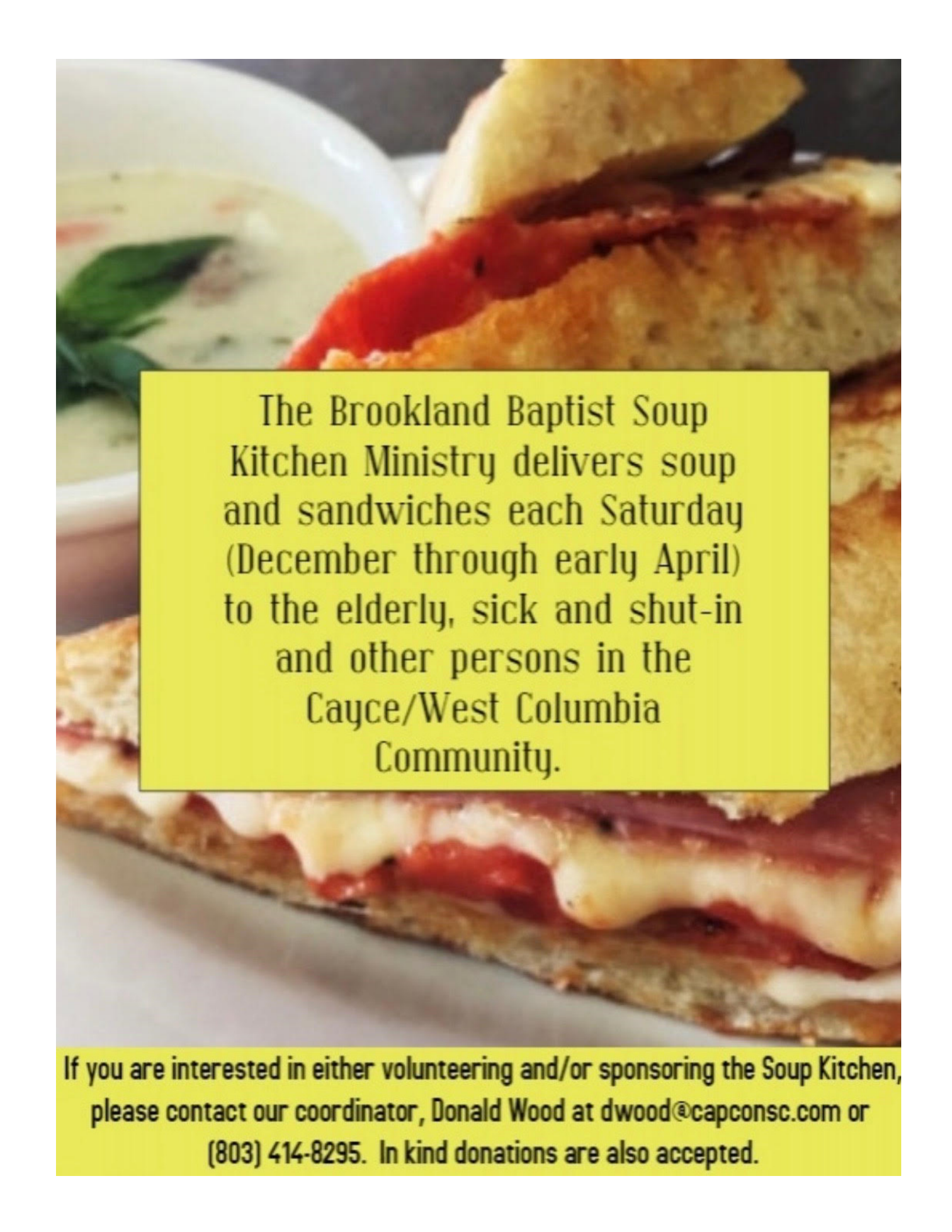
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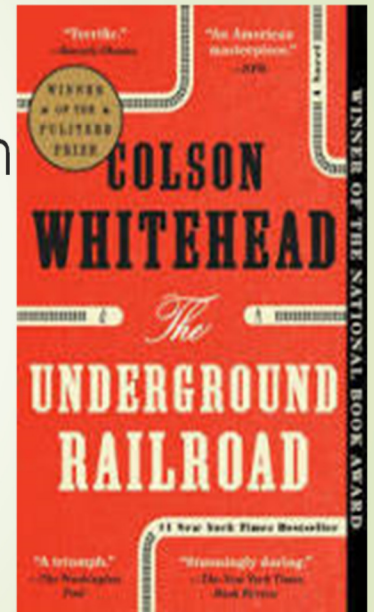
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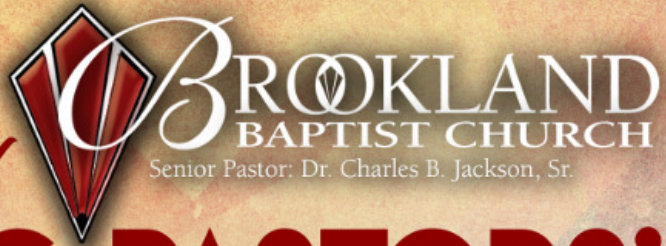


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