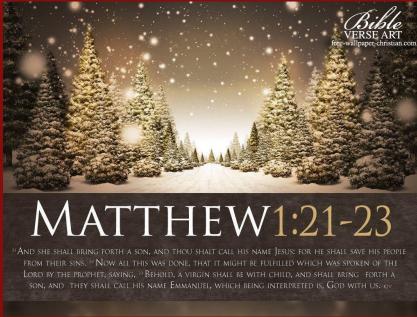


December 18, 2022



Vision 2022
Regenesis
"New Beginning"

Lamentation 3:21:22



ServiceTimes

<u>SundaySchool</u>@9:00a.m.

Sunday<u>MorningWorship</u>@10:15a.m.

Wednesday<u>BibleStudy</u>@6:45pm.

ThursdayYouthBibleStudy @6:30pm

"Building People; Mind, Body, and Spirit." (Matthew 28:16-20)



Rev. Rex Wright, Senior Pastor and Lady Yolanda Wright

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#### Ministries/Elder in Charge

**∞ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** 

**ELDER TILLMAN WILSON, JR** 

**∞ ADMINISTRATION** 

**ELDER CHARLES FULLER** 

∞ EVANGELISM

**ELDER JEFF HILL** 

∞ CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**ELDER JAMES RICHEY** 

∞ SERVICE/RESOURCES

**ELDER MCADOO** 

∞ WORSHIP & ARTS

**ELDER ERNEST COARD** 

**∞ DEACON CHAIR** 

**DEACON DARREN HICKS** 

**∞ TRUSTEE CHAIR** 

TRUSTEE COREY MCCORD

**∞ YOUTH PASTOR** 

**MINISTER ISAAC PRINGLE** 

#### PLEASE STAY IN TOUCH



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS



# Happy Anniversary Fredrick and Anna Griffin Virgil and Linda Garnett Darren and Rella Hicks Harvey and Calethia Johnson Jerry and Carolyn Cotton Rahkeem and Jessica George Tony and Antoinette White Roy and Kathy Sullivan

Charles and Deloris Whitfield

Tillman and Donna Wilson



The Marriage Ministry would like for you to join them in small group. If you are a married couple and are not in the Marriage Ministry, please contact London and Cheryl Dubois at 601-291-8503.

**DEACON OF THE WEEK** 

TRUSTEE OF THE WEEK

Gregory Goldbold 706-863-5077

12/18

Patrick Flono 706-993-6507

Charles Jackson 706-868-8689

12/25

Patrick Flono 706-993-6507

Please contact the designated Deacon or the Trustee if you need assistance during the week.

Please keep the following individuals and families in your prayers:

Steele Family
Henderson Family
Julia Bell
Nora Baker
McAdoo Family
Lavenia Richardson
Dejoris Smythe
Caletha Johnson
Bishop Harvey Paul Johnson Sr.



#### HOMEBOUNDSAINTS

James Johnson Ruth Phillips Ruth Graham Emma Stokes Ludian Perrins Mamie Freeman

#### CALLING ALL YOUTH

Please join us on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd,</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in person for Youth Bible Study

6:45 pm



## Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### Important Dates to REMEMBER this December

12/17 Annual Budget Review 12:00pm

12/18 Chapel Building Ribbon Cutting

12/21 Golden Harvest 8:30am – 11:30am

12/26 Office Closed

12/31 Watch Night Service 6:00pm - 8:00pm



#### Wishing Happy Birthday this Month to:



Annett e Johnson Pamela Sullivan Shanta Riggins Tamia Bellamy Derrick Myers Jayden Futrell Larry Mackie Sydney Perry
Ruth Gowdy
Denise Lowe
Mataviah Davis
Tiana Andrews
Charles Whitfield
Glenda Thurmond
Sondra Bibbs

Cameron Lancaster
Cheryl Dubois
Gregory Garnett
Prosper Ogonga
Dynasty Blue Ned
Taylor
Chad Washington Jr.



Winter is coming and Westeros isn't the only place where there's much to prepare for. As winter approaches, "Winter is Coming" will be a segment dedicated to winter preparedness to help you keep your home, health and sanity intact.

The temperature is dropping as we approach the official first day of Winter this year; December 21, 2022. Hopefully your holiday shopping is complete, gifts and greeting cards are in the mail, and your home is filled with much holiday cheer. Now relax and enjoy some hot cocoa or your favorite warm holiday beverage along with your favorite holiday snacks and watch the many holiday streaming Christmas programs and movies available.

use the link below to get a head start.

https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=Free+Full+Christmas+Movies&FORM=RESTAB

#### An excerpt from Our Daily Bread



#### Lighten the Load

#### Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

When the women in our newly formed Bible study faced a series of tragedies, we suddenly found ourselves sharing deeply personal experiences. Facing the loss of a father, the pain of a wedding anniversary after divorce, the birth of a child who was completely deaf, the experience of racing to bring a child to the emergency room—it was too much for anyone to carry alone. Each person's vulnerability led to more transparency. We cried and prayed together, and what started as a group of strangers became a group of close friends in a matter of weeks.

As part of the church body, believers in Jesus are able to come alongside people in their suffering in a deep and personal way. The relational ties that bind together brothers and sisters in Christ aren't dependent on the length of time we've known each other or the things we have in common. Instead, we do what Paul calls "[carrying] each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). Relying on God's strength, we listen, we empathize, we help where we can, and we pray. We can look for ways to "do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (v. 10). Paul says that when we do so, we fulfill the law of Christ (v. 2): to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. The burdens of life can be heavy, but He's given us our church family to lighten the load.

By Karen Pimpo

#### **REFLECT & PRAY**

#### Who's suffering around you? How can you lighten their load today?

Dear God, thank You for walking alongside me no matter what I face. Help me love others in that way today.

#### SCRIPTURE INSIGHT

The apostle Paul urged believers to "serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13)—a lifestyle only possible through continual reliance on the Spirit (vv. 16–18, 22–26). Galatians 6:1–10 offers practical guidance on what such a Spirit-led life looks like in practice. Paul focused on both corporate responsibility (of the faith community) and individual responsibility (of each person). For example, the community of faith seeks to correct and restore someone caught in sin, while the individual believer must always be on guard to "watch [them]selves" (v. 1). Similarly, as a group sharing life together, the believing community can "carry each other's burdens" (v. 2), while each individual takes responsibility to "test their own actions" and "carry their own load" (vv. 4–5). Paul invites the community of faith to both serve in community and to individually take responsibility so that they can do "good to all people" (v. 10).