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Greetings, can you believe it is already March?? Wow, this yea has gotten off to a great start and God has certainly been moving in a mighty way. I am so excited to see what is in store for the remainder of this year.

March has been deemed as Women's History Month . To our sisters in Christ we honor you for all that you do! May God continue to bless you and keep you.

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

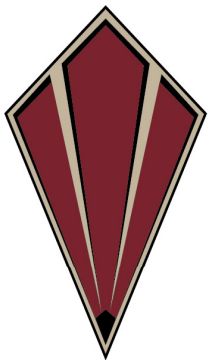
It is our prayer that you enjoy the content we have assembled for this edition!

Happy New Year from your
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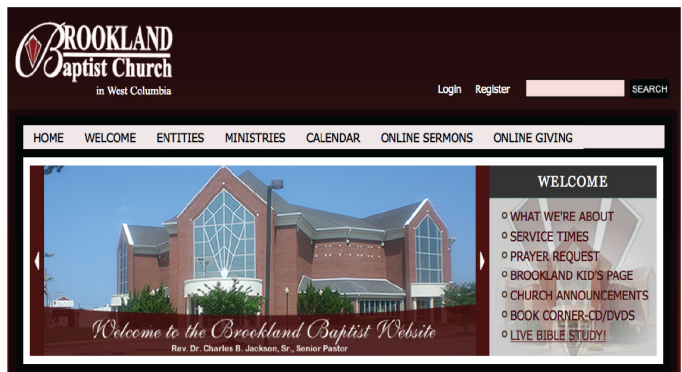
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Pastor Charles Jackson, Sr.
KISS 103.1FM at 7:30 a.m.
WFMV 95.3FM at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Charles Jackson, Jr.
KISS 103.1FM at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Chris Leevy Johnson
WWDM 101.3FM at 7 a.m.
WFMV 95.3FM at 10:30 a.m.



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Why Christians Should Care About Women's History Month

(excerpt from For the Glory of the King Blog– Hannah Jayne Adkins)



During the month of March, you're probably engrossed in March Madness or relishing the first days of spring. These are good things. But have you paused to ponder about Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a time to reflect on women's contributions to society. As Christians looking through the lens of the Gospel, it is vital to see the impact of those who have gone before.

Why do we need Women's History Month? The truth is what we don't often think about is the impact women have made on the church, on our lives or on the culture as a whole. But all of us, whether consciously or subconsciously, have been directly influenced by mothers, grandmothers and other women in our lives.

We experience freedoms because of women we will never know. Our faith has been influenced by women in the Bible and throughout church history.

Women's history, then, is shared history. We must learn about our past to see how it affects the present and how it will continue to affect our future.

The Christian women throughout history don't fit a single mold; they are different people from different places who uniquely influenced others around them.

We see Ruth in the Scriptures. Ruth arrived in Bethlehem as a foreigner, became a servant and was included in the actual lineage of Christ. Ruth's obedience and faithfulness is empowering because God used her powerfully in a place where she was a minority. Why Ruth? God could have used anyone, but he used a Moabite woman to show His loyalty.



Born shortly after the time of slavery as one of 17 children, Mary Bethune is yet another example, she earnestly desired to get an education. When she was 7 years old she began going to school at Mayesfield School and, by the time she graduated, her teacher had given her a scholarship to Scotia Seminary for girls. It was here where her desire for sharing the Gospel with her brothers and sisters and Africa began. After receiving an education from Moody Bible Institute, she began her career as a teacher. Though she never made it to Africa, she dedicated her life to educating black youth and telling them how much God loves them. In part because of her influence, persistence and dedication, African Americans are strong in the church today. Many people can live the legacy she left of "entering school to learn, and departing to serve."

These women are only a few examples of the lives of the ones who have paved the road before us; history worth repeating.

Take a moment and think about that woman in your life who has paved the way for you, that woman who made the difference in your life, and because of her, you can move forward on the path to success.

Women's History Month creates an opportunity to reflect on and assess how important women have been in the history of the church. It gives us the opportunity to look at the present roles now and see how women will continue to be a part of furthering God's kingdom.

Celebrating Women all Month!



Brookland Baptist Church

Join us for Bible Study


Community Bible Study 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6 pm

Men's Bible Study 3rd Sunday at 6 pm

Women's Bible Study 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6 pm

Teen's Bible Study 1st and 3rd Fridays at 6 pm

Pastor's Bible Study Wednesdays at 12 noon and 6 pm



8th Annual Young Pastors' And Minsters' Conference Recap

February 4th-7th





Spotlight on Youth

Brookland Praise Dancers





WOMEN'S DAY *presents* Brookland Girls Rock



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MARCH 30, 2019

What is **Brookland Girls Rock**?

Brookland Girls Rock is a tribute to women and girls in the community/church that have excelled in the performing arts, medicine, law, business, ministry, media, and overcoming, obstacles in life, love, and health.

Who is **ELIGIBLE**

Nominate a well-deserving teen, lady, or senior citizen. For details, see official application.

Application deadline **March 1, 2019**

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"GO GET HER"
HUMANITARIAN
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MINISTRY OUTREACH

Awards **CATEGORIES**

**Most categories will have two recipients, based on age.

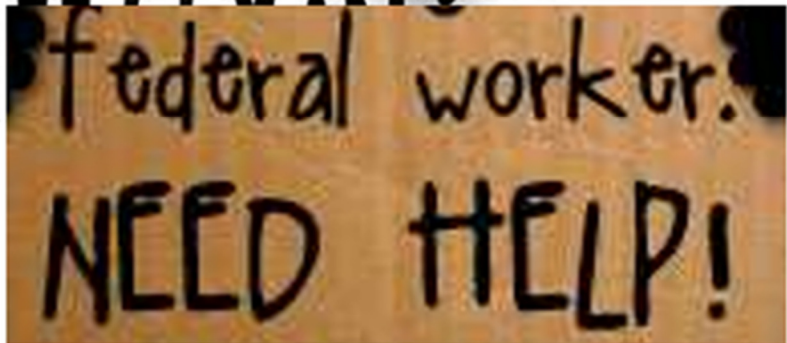
Brookland Banquet & Conference Center

- Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
- Gala begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Formal attire
- Dinner provided

Admission **\$30.00**

Questions? Direct all questions to
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Brookland Health and Wellness Center Track

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Dutch Square Mall

Free Fitness Fair & zumbathon

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March 9, 2019 – 10am

Brookland Health and Wellness Center

Fitness vendors and mammograms screening

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Friday, June 7, 2019
The Members Club at Woodcreek
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Gethsemane Young Woman's Auxiliary

P R A Y E R

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Saturday, March 30, 2019

8 am

Bethlehem Baptist Church - College Place
1028 Eastman Street, Columbia, SC 29203

Please RSVP at
www.gywapb.eventbrite.com

BROOKLAND BAPTIST SENIOR MISSIONARY AUXILIARY



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In the year of 1916, the Missionary Auxiliary of the former New Brookland Baptist Church was formed under the leadership and guidance of Sister Lizzie Mickens. She served as the first president until her health failed years later. Assuming the helm next was Sister Connie Watson, who served for several years before resigning. For a while the auxiliary functioned without a president until Sister Alzue West accepted the position.

Temporarily inactive, the missionaries met with Sister Rosezella Kelly (Thompson) from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and the auxiliary was reorganized. Sister Kelly served as president until Sister Cecia Luingson (Livingston) was elected. Some of the presidents that followed were Sisters Ora Guest, Effie Boykin, Essie Mickens, Louise Brown, Sara Wilson, and Minnie Gardner.

After a brief period of inactivity, the Missionary Auxiliary reorganized under the leadership of Reverend Charles B. Jackson, Sr. sister Maggie Harris was elected president and served faithfully until 1974 when called “home” after a tragic accident. At that time Sister Annie Pearl Johnson who was serving as vice president, became president and served from 1974-1997. Presidents following Sister Johnson are: Reverend Marilyn Bassfield (1998-2003), Sister Betty P. Brown (2004-2006; 2010-2011), Sister Beatrice Stephens (2007-2009), Sister Pinkie D. Caldwell (2012-2015), and Sister Betty Taylor (2016-2018). Our current president is Sister Beatrice Stephens. Other officers are vice-president, Sister Betty Taylor, secretary, Sister Sophia Pearson; assistant secretary, Sister Vivian Neal; correspondence secretary, Sister Katherine Albert; treasurer, Sister Ruth Brown; assistant treasurer, Sister Annette Sello; chaplain, Sister Ethel Suber; assistant chaplain, Sister Mazie Neal and Parliamentarian, Sister Beulah Ross.

The Brookland Baptist Senior Missionary Auxiliary is greatly blessed as it strives to do God’s Will in service. It is actively involved in studying and sharing the Word through it outreach ministry to Midlands and Pruitt Nursing Homes, visitation to the sick, serving meals to bereaved families of Brookland Baptist Church, Christmas fellowshiping, gift giving, volunteering service at the Banquet and Conference Center upon request, retreating annually at Cedine Bible Camp, and attending and participating in many workshops and conferences of the Gethsemane Baptist E & M Convention of South Carolina, and the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

The Senior Missionary Auxiliary prays that God will continue to keep it humble and in His care as it continues to serve this present age in preparation for the next generation.

Please join us for our Annual Prayer Breakfast in celebration of our 103rd Anniversary on Saturday, April 27, 2019, 8:30 A.M. at the Banquet and Conference Center. Our speaker is Reverend Michelle Jones of Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme is **“Rekindling Fire for God: A Cry to Heal the Land”** (2 Chronicles 7:14). Ticket donations are \$12.00 per person. For additional information, please contact Sister Katherine Albert: (803) 553-4008 or Sister Sophia Pearson: (803) 920-0027



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Woodrow Dixon
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Carrie Elliott
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Darlene Dickerson-
Holmes

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Cathy McDaniel
Renate Napper
Marcus Reese
Alexis Smith
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Kendra Washington

Shardae Brice
Kayla Briggs
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Jon Cheagle
Katie Etheridge
William Golston
Crystal Hall

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Niema Hulin
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Lincoln O. Lawton
Renee Rush

Lesley Alston
LaQuan T. Canty
Shakala Daniels
Joann Dinkins W.
Russell Earle
Ronald Epps
Shariba Freshley
Mark Holloway
Allene Jackson
Esther Jackson
Pearle Jenkins

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Michael Pressley
Darryl Riley
Delaine Salley
Veda Weston
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Darnai Williams

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Kristy N. Way Bethea
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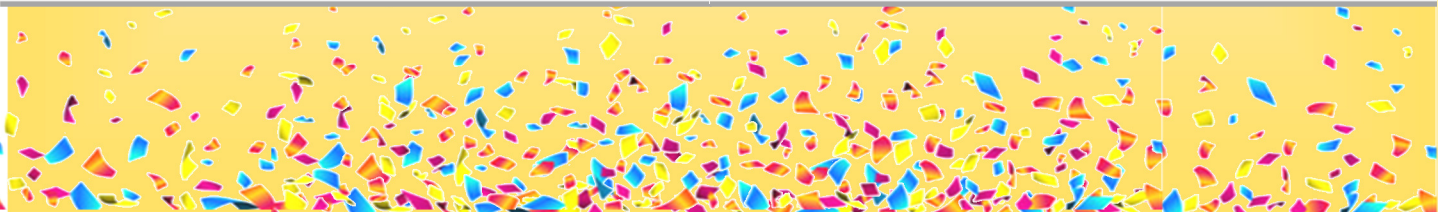
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Shakira Williams
Calvin Wrighten
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CeCelia D. Neal
Tanya Pierce
Brenda P. Streater
Tanya Williamson
Kira Wooden

Karen R. Alexander
Jamie L. Bradley
Jason Brown
Yvonne Earl
Mariko Feemster
Lee Allyson Gailliard-
Thompson

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Brent Austin Gaymon
Taylor Jamie Gilbert
Fitzpatrick
Shirley Kennedy
Sophia Mill
Kimicka Oliver
Treasure Thomas
Waymond Washington



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Nia S. Berry
Jayden Seth Brown
Martha Bryson
Elaine Burton
Anesshia L. Collins
LaQuile Cummings West
Page Finney
Jared Gamble
Anika Greene
Shaneika Holmes

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Willie L. Johnson
Pamela Lanier
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Avri McKnight
Shelby Moses
Xavier Peterson
Felicia Prior-Brooks
William Robinson
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Conserverina Smith

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April Bracey
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Ann Green
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Rick Henry

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Bryan S. Jeffries
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Eric A. Stewart
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Lisa A. Blume
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Tashima M. Brown
Rozialyn Burison
Mathias Chaplin
Bobby J. Dozier
Tori Harrington
Wallesca Johnson
Hazel Keels

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Nikeshia Mace
Corlyan Pridgeon
Vanessa Reed
Jason Staley
Bruce W. Strouble, Sr.
Monique Taylor
Gregory Williams
Maurishka Williams

Dion Bethea
Tiana Butler
Justin Vaughn Earle
Cynthia Green
Brandon Greene

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Vivian Howard
Gwendolyn Prioleau
Vickie Walker
Tatiana Washington

Mary S. Foust
Clifford H. Barrett
Leana Blair
Betty Boyd
Nikki R. Boyd
Zaria Brown
Machelle Gantt
Lelon General Jr
Carlton L. Harris
Cassandra Hutchinson
Alkini Johnson

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Roxanne Johnson
Chautuaqua Jones
Christianetta Jones
Cynthia Lipscomb
Kendra Sprouse Price
Chasiti Reid
Veronica Richmond
Carolyn Smith
Delara Thompson
Gwendolyn Williams

Danielle Alston
Jerome Bell Sr
Edmond Brown III
Lawrence Brown Jr
Ivy M. Chestnut
Kendall L. Corley
Monique Dozier

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Brant Johnson
Christian Johnson
Corey J. Johnson
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Vidalyn Rowley
Jacob Smith
Chadori Verette
Brandon Williams

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Deborah Bailey
Zakiya Briggs
Kerner Charles
Broadhurst
James Burgess
Kendrick Campbell
Christopher Carrasquillo
Geneva Cuttino
Lisa Davis
D'Juana Ferguson
Tracey Graves-
McDaniel
Eddie E Gregg Jr

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Brittany Hutcherson
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Sherrline Johnson
Chris Mack
Pam O'Leary
Nathaniel M. Rembert
Coretta F. Richmond
Chinell Singletary
Tierra Smith
Dawane Taylor
Miriam Taylor
Roma Thomas
Michael O. Tisdale
Franklin Turner

Dennis Breeland
David Brown
Mariah Campbell
Keisha Cyrus
Henrietta Etheredge
Anthony Fair
Anna K. Johnson
William Leaphart Sr.

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Valerie Reynolds Martin
Brantly Minor
Annie Moore
Eburrell Jermaine Sims
Ashley Louden Turner
Floyd White Jr
Angela M. Williams
Paris Young



Birthdays

Denean Greene
Mary Hill
Diane Lawson
Johnnie McCray III

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Darrell Minor
Gloria Scott
Momita Swapsy

Kaneisha Black
Amira Brown
Helen Curtain Jackson
Charles Dodd
Torya N. Evans
Briana Georges
Aerial Griffin

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Jacoby Myers
Annette Porterfield
Beverly Rhoden
Lila Roberson
Ursula T. Samuel
Frederick Simpkins
Patricia J. Smith
Nichole Swinton

Grant Blevins
Kylee Bostick
Spavernta Bostick
Kayla Brown
Clifford Dawkins

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Jeffrey B. Dyer
Adrienne Ford
Kelsey Jacobs
Cameron Napper
Vanona Squire

David Cooper
Angela Culbertson
Brenda Dantzler
Adreane Grant
Thelma G. Green
Traice Greene
Laura Hagans
Janice Hicks
Rashad Ishmal
Brandi Jones

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Josephine Jones
Estelle McLean
Arthur Monroe Jr
James Perlite
Fionte Peterson
Patricia H. Scott
Allan SpryWaymyers
Chris Turnipseed
Ann Young

Beverly Alexander
Deborah Alexander
Phillip Barrett
Brad L. Coleman
Dale Collie
Bianca Crawford
Brent Davis
Ashanti Dickerson
Horace Dukes
Devin Earle
Ursula Edwards
Crystal Evans
Jacob "Jermaine" Fulks
Quincy Goodwin
Kyle Harris

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Byron R. Bright
Sheila Burgess
Natasha Davis
William Dozier
Jimmy Garvin
Al Georges

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Minnie Anthony
Stanton Bennett
Jazmine Bowman
Tenisha Budden
Thomas K. Daniels Sr
Judy Frazier
Judi A. Gaston
Patricka Hagans

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Kinzie Bryant III
Mitzi Campbell
Betty Davis
Justin Greene
Diana Harrison
Brandi Hawkins
Tylea Hughey
Renee Hulin
Shirley Hunter

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TaKara Jones

Clayton Lawer
Andrea Lucas
Somaya Mason
Donnell McDaniel
Charmane Orr
Gabriella Orr
Kayla Orr
Stephanie Phillips
Courtney Price
Leisa Pringle
Damarah Reid
David Smith
LaVaciette Thomas

Jade Alexis Gidron
Cedric R. Jones
Romi Yolanda Robinson
Gail V. Singleton
Bernita Stuckey
Karndy Williams
Lorraine Withers

Donald Hambrick
Josey James
Lyndon Jones
Xzavien Lancaster
Archie R. Lee Jr
Shamari Lettsome
Fremont Nelson
Doris "Tia" Taylor Thomas

Jeremy Jenkins

Lamonte Johnson
Jackson McGregor
Adrian Parker
Rodney Reid
Kayla R. Richardson
Shana Thomas
LaQuenta Tinsley
John Washington



We're Here for you

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

All birthdays listed on the previous pages 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

Kimberly Baker
Cierra Bess
RUBY BROWN
Quantrell Felder
Billy Goodwine
Andrew Green

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Andrew Greene
Stephen Hallman
Shaniqua McMillan
Taneisha Mickle
Charmaine Minick

Erma Amedee
Patricia Curry
Shameika Durham
Minuette Floyd
Reggie Floyd
Ronald R. Graham
Keema Davis Harley
Grazia Hayes
Elicia Howard

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Linda Jackson
Ebony Jeffcoat
Bree Jones
Cameron Kendrick
Jamila Minor
Nyomi Oliver
James Palmer
Stanley Rivers
Avril Stephens

Omagbitse Bellamy
Roosevelt Bess
Unita Busby
Curtis E. Hopkins III
Lisa Johnson
Cam Jones
Kasha Jones
Eddie Livingston
Cedric Luckey
Justin Mitchell
Courtney Montague

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Angie L. Overton
Darryl Patterson
Quinton L. Samuels
Alison Smalls
Meesha R. Spence
Amanda Trotty
Rodrick Tucker
Shanta Washington Feaster
Marla Williams Watkins
Felicia J. White
Lanny Williams Jr
Gloria Moore

Janice Alexander
Sherlaine Bowman
Curly Felder
Theodore R. Foster IV
Crystal Fulmore
Khalid Quemar Heatley
William A. Johnson
T. Nicole Montgomery
Jacqueline Moore
Reginald Myers

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Fabienne C. Payne
Whitney Percell
Nichelle Peters
Mammie C. Price
Prudence Ware Stokes
Nyiedra String
Chanda Tidwell
Clarice M. Wesey
Whitney Weston

Melanie L. Byrd
Barbara Cone
Floyd Davis
Robert Davis
Chaini C. Demas
Alexis Henderson
Darrell Alonzo Hutto
Latisha D. Lowery-Sims
Jennifer Wilson McClinton
Brittney McDaniel
Willie Minor

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Gloria Newman
LaQuista Peterson
Marcus E. Reynolds
Veronia L. Ross
Shayla Monique Scott
Allon T. Small
Loria Thomas
Jada S. Washington
Erica White
Kenyetta Whiteside

Carolyn Benson
Carolyn Burton
Victoria Gunter
Stephanie Johnson
William Norris Luckey Jr

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Terry J. McDuffie
Tamiko Outten
Jamar Riley
Detris E. Williams
Zena Williams

Ernest L. Adams
Sul M. Black
Lisa Campbell
Vanessa Coulter
Deirdre L. Duley
Kyle Edwards
Cynthia Greene-Cash
Noah Guyton
Sonja Halloway
Monica McLain King

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Calvin Lyles
Tyler McAllister
Leslie McClary
Tennille Harding Mitchell
Willie Mae Nelson
Kesean Palmer
Netanya Denise Smith
Beatrice Stephens
Shirley A.H. Watkins

Brandon Brown
Da'Kwaun Brown
India Brown
Beatrice Dickerson
Tarvia Funderburk
Jessica Gill
Shirley Henry
Tre' Jenkins

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Bathsheba Joe
Daisy Percell
William Randolph
Clyde Shepard
Shelton Ezekiel Smith
Charlie Stephenson
John F. Thomas II
Marketa Wesley

Shureka Blackmon
Brittney Domanek
Patricia Boswell-Glasgow
Natosha Wilson Glenn
Eva M. Hannibal
Brendan O. Jackson
Hope McKenzie Jackson
Waddell Jasper

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Charles Bruce Johnson
Kenneth Jones Sr.
Sandra Murray
Pamela J. Nero
Jerrell R. Pinckney
Priscilla Robertson
Jessica Scott





Women's HISTORY MONTH



"Great African Americans" - Women

Katherine Dunham - Bessie Coleman - Missy Angelo - Coretta Scott King - Rosa Parks - Mary McLeod Bethune - Sojourner Truth - Madam C.J. Walker - Oprah Winfrey - Althea Gibson - Mahalia Jackson
Michelle Obama - Lena Horne - Coretta Scott King - Marian Anderson - Dorothy Height - Josephine Baker - Ida B. Wells - Harriet Tubman



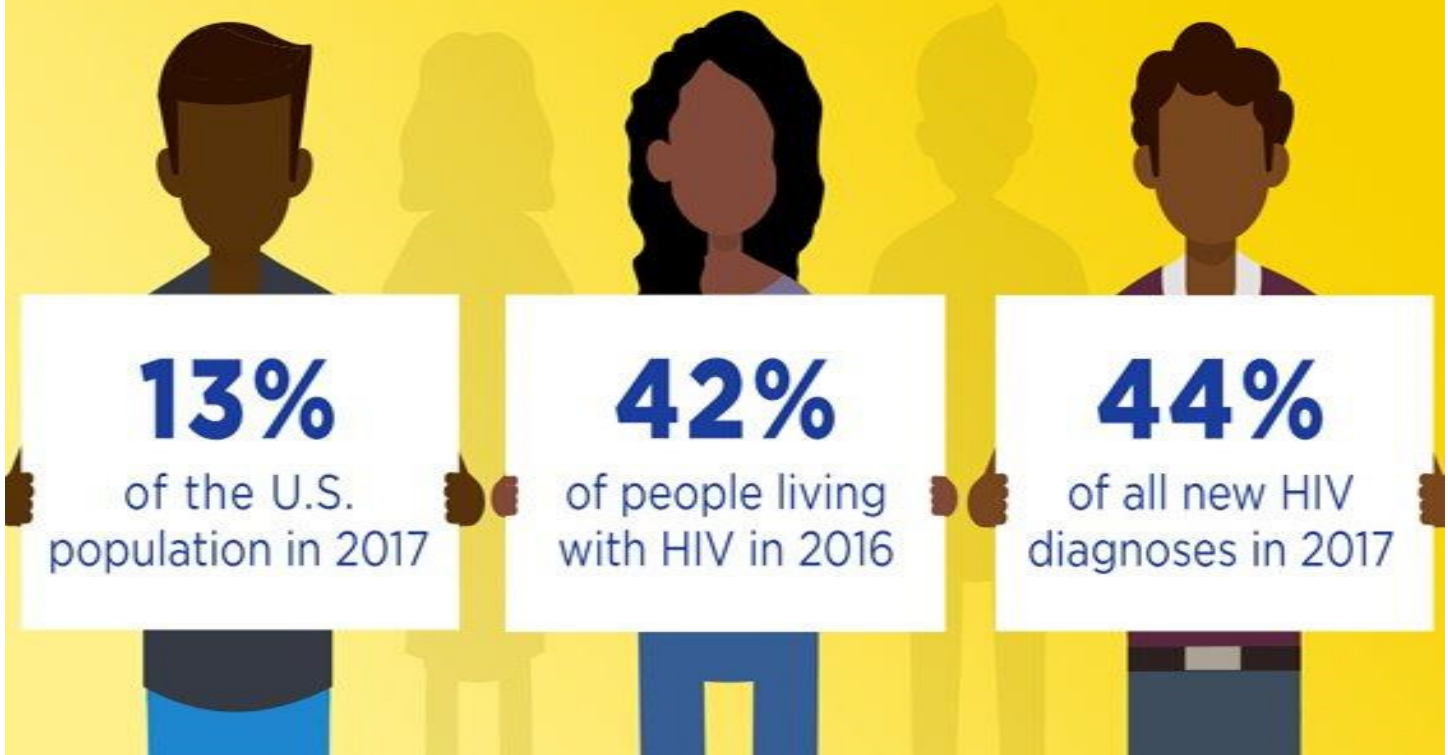
National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS

March 3-9, 2019

The purpose of the **2019 National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS** is to bring national attention to the AIDS epidemic in the United States and the extraordinary role faith communities *can and are playing* in AIDS prevention, education, service and advocacy.

The National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS will promote the continuous national mobilization and education of faith communities to take an even greater role in the implementation of AIDS education and services within their local communities and across the nation

Black Americans represent:



The Brookland Baptist Soup Kitchen Ministry delivers soup and sandwiches each Saturday (December through early April) to the elderly, sick and shut-in and other persons in the Cayce/West Columbia Community.

If you are interested in either volunteering and/or sponsoring the Soup Kitchen, please contact our coordinator, Donald Wood at dwood@capconsc.com or (803) 414-8295. In kind donations are also accepted.

Debt Snowball vs. Debt Avalanche: What's The Best Method To Pay Off My Debt?



Debt is something that affects the vast majority of Americans today. In fact, Comet reports that 80.9% of Baby Boomers, 79.9% of Generation X, and 81.5% of Millennials are currently in debt. That's a lot of people! The adverse effects of debt can be detrimental – it can greatly harm your physical, mental, spiritual, relational, and of course, financial health. Trying to get out of debt seems like an insurmountable task to most. So what is the best way to pay it off, and how do you get started?

There are two main approaches to paying off debt – the Debt Snowball and Debt Avalanche methods. These methods are similar and reliable to help you get out of debt faster and with less interest, however, is one better than the other? We will look at the pros and cons of each.

Debt Snowball

The debt snowball method works by first organizing your debts from smallest to largest amount. This includes your student debt, car loan, any credit card or medical debt, and mortgage. Continue paying the minimum payment for all your debts and then put any and all extra cash towards paying off the smallest debt (and in order to do this successfully, you'll need a budget to stick to!).

You continue to make minimum payments on all your debts, but you put any and all extra money towards your smallest payment. Once it's paid off, you "rollover" what you were paying on that first debt, apply it towards your second debt until it is paid off, and so on, until you are debt-free! It tackles your debt one step at a time. The method is simple and easy to use. Sure, it will require discipline and commitment, but it is definitely worth the effort!

PROS:

The biggest benefit of this method is that you stay motivated and wipe out debts quickly. By starting with the smallest debt, the hope is that you'll be able to pay it off quickly and find encouragement and motivation. It also encourages you to stay organized, stick to a budget, and save time and money.

CONS:

Since you're paying off your debts from the smallest amount to largest amount, you're likely still paying big interest rates on some of those other debts. For example, if you start by paying off a \$400 medical bill but have \$2,300 in credit card debt, you'll continue paying higher interest fees on the credit card as you pay off the medical bill.

Debt Avalanche

The debt avalanche method addresses the biggest "con" to the debt snowball method. Instead of working from the smallest amount to the largest, the debt avalanche method tells you to organize your debts by interest rate.

You organize them from highest interest rate to lowest and attack the highest rate debt first. Just like with the debt snowball method, you continue making minimum payments on all your other debts and rollover what you were putting towards the first debt towards the next until they're all paid off. This method is strategic and will save you time and money!

PROS:

You save the most money with the debt avalanche method. By knocking out the debts with the highest interest rates first, you'll save yourself months of steep charges and have more cash to put towards the following debts.

CONS:

This method can take more discipline and commitment since you likely won't see entire debts eliminated as quickly. You'll have to keep yourself motivated throughout the process! Keep in mind that if you include your mortgage in your list of debts, you may need to skip it with the debt avalanche method and only continue making the minimum payments.

How To Decide Which Method Works Best For You

Both the debt snowball and debt avalanche methods will help you to achieve the same goal of paying off your debt if done consistently. Figuring out which one works best for you and your financial situation by maintaining a budget, staying organized, and keeping on track can help you pay off your debt efficiently. If you are married, sit down with your spouse and discuss your financial situation and where you are wanting to be in terms of your short and long-term goals when it comes to debt. Getting on the same page is important, and it can be a crucial factor to make effective decisions regarding your finances. **Pray for direct guidance from God, and ask Him how you should manage your finances.** Overcoming debt can be stressful, but the Bible tells us in Philippians 4:6, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.* By trusting God in everything that we do, we are able to understand that we are not owners of our finances, but managers of what God has entrusted to us. Actively making smarter decisions can make us better stewards of our finances, and this can, in turn, assist us when making decisions on how to pay off debt or anything else that comes our way.

Accessible at: <https://www.crown.org/blog/debt-snowball-vs-debt-avalanche-whats-the-best-method-to-pay-off-my-debt/>

Sign Language Ministry

Welcome to the Brookland Baptist Church Sign Language Ministry Page!

Our mission: *“To ensure that the power of salvation may be shared by persons through sign interpretation and that they are assured of equal access and representation at any/all meetings and conferences sponsored by the church when requested and approved by the President or Vice-President.”* From our inception back in 2008, until now, we have strived to bring the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to individuals in the Deaf Community. We are proud to have celebrated our 10th year of ministry in 2018.



Each month we plan to bring you exciting updates and information through our ministry. (For example):

- Myths about the Deaf
- The proper way to identify Deaf persons
- Deaf culture and Deaf etiquette
- The difference between an Interpreter and a Signer
- Learn to sign numbers and the alphabet in one year
- Learn signs that you may start to recognize in service

“Introduction to Sign Language” Classes

The Brookland Baptist Church Sign Language Ministry (BBCSLM) will once again offer Beginners Sign Language Classes starting **Thursday, March 14th thru April 18th 2019 from 6-8 PM, on the West Campus in the Arts and Craft room** of the gym. This is a 6 week course instructed by Cynthia Taylor at a cost is \$10.00. Class size is limited to 20, so sign up as soon as possible to reserve your spot. You may sign up at bbcwsignlanguage@gmail.com by leaving your contact information or see one of the ministry members.



We look forward to connecting with you each month!
The Brookland Baptist Church Sign Language Ministry
(BBCSLM)

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