

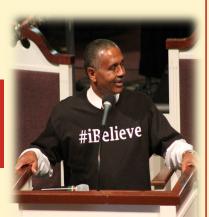
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**Brookland Northeast Campus Pastor** 





### THE PASTOR'S PEN

Since its inception, the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) has remained a diligent and dedicated organization with a plethora of programs and activities designed to improve the quality of life for youth and adults of all ages throughout the Midlands of South Carolina.

There is no doubt that the success of BLEC has been fueled by the combined effort of Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson Sr., senior pastor of Brookland Baptist Church, the BLEC Board of Directors and its committed and dynamic BLEC staff of professionals. They have garnered admiration, respect and confidence from the vast number of participants in the various BLEC programs.

BLEC is most proud of a recent milestone, the Lakeview School obtaining placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Lakeview School gained the designation as a result of its significant role during pernicious segregation of public education in South Carolina.

It is gratifying that BLEC programs across the board are receiving rave reviews for their proven effectiveness, including its Diabetes Intervention Program, 21<sup>st</sup> Century COLA Afterschool and Summer Camp Programs, Youth and Teens Athletic Program, Mentoring and Tutoring Program, Community Gardens and Food Production Programs, Mental Health Awareness Training Initiative, AARP Technology Classes, and Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, to name a few.

As one example, BLEC's Diabetes Intervention Program is a free family program open to residents of Lexington and Richland counties where enrollees speak to diabetes experts and learn how to eat healthy, get active and lower stress in a span of seven months.

Currently under way is BLEC's free summer 21<sup>st</sup> Century COLA Program for Northside Middle and East Point Middle Campus students and rising sixth graders from Saluda River, Riverbanks Elementary and East Point Lower Campus. In this program, participants are served breakfast, lunch and snacks, engaged in character building and academic enrichment activities.

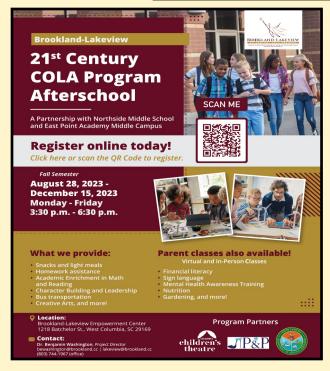
With a growing network of supporters, including corporate and individual donors, we strongly believe that BLEC has a bright and promising future. We are excited about the opportunity to make a difference in the communities served by BLEC. With the mission and vision of BLEC guiding our action, we invite all those who feel an obligation and civic responsibility to help improve the human condition to join our effort.

For more information about the BLEC, please visit the website at <a href="https://www.brooklandlakeview.org">www.brooklandlakeview.org</a> or contact the executive director at <a href="mailto:crichburgcotton@brookland.cc">crichburgcotton@brookland.cc</a>.

Sincerely, Cindye Richburg Cotton

Cindye Richburg Cotton, Executive Director









# VIBIN' & THRIVIN'

Youth & Teens Day Season 2023

# **JUNE ÉVENTS**

- Vacation Bible School 6/5 6/9
- Career and College Workshop 6/17
- West Campus All Levels Cap & Gown Sunday 6/18

Calling all Youth & Teens

# **JULY EVENTS**

Come Join the VIBE!!!

- MidWeek VIBEs In-Person Bible Study 7/19
- Sneaker Ball & Youth and Teens Awards Gala 7/21
  - Decisions & Consequences Teen Forum 7/22
  - For Parents Only: Raising a GenZ Child 7/22
    - Pool Party 70's VIBES Edition 7/22
  - Jerome "Deuce" Nesbitt Annual Blood Drive 7/23
    - Annual FUN Night 7/28
  - Gethsemane Youth Crusade & Skating Day 7/30

# **AUGUST EVENTS**

- Back-to-School Prayer Hour and Giveaways 8/2
  - YOUTH AND TEENS DAY 2023 8/13

Email VIBEatBrookland@gmail.com for registration or more details!



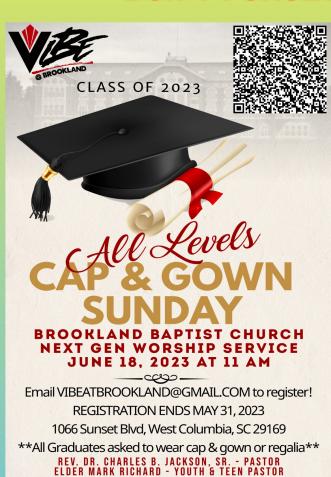
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# VIBIN' & THRIVIN'

Youth & Teens Day Season 2023

# DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!!!







Register for Youth & Teens Day 2023

🜎 Sunday, Aug. 13th

Registration Now Open!!!



# "Kickin' it for Youth"

A night of relaxed, elegance highlighting the accolades of our students throughout the

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023 6:30 PM

Brookland Baptist Church Health & Wellness Center

Scan QR Code to Register for Awards Ceremony no later than Friday, July 7, 2023

\*Dinner - DJ - Dancing

Semi-Formal & Sneakers Attire
Requested

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



### LAKEVIEW SCHOOL GETS HISTORICAL MARKER ON NATIONAL REGISTER

The Lakeview School has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, culminating the collected efforts and foresight of many, including Reverend Dr. Charles B. Jackson Sr., senior pastor of Brookland Baptist Church, and the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) Board of Directors as well as the center's dedicated and devoted staff.

The overwhelming theme for the milestone unveiling of the marker was passionate love and pleasant memory regarding the school's purpose during a pivotal period in secondary education in South Carolina.

Though the building no longer serves its original purpose, it now houses BLEC, which has been praised as a compelling facility and resource for enhancing the quality of life for residents in Lexington and Richland counties and others living in the Midlands of South Carolina. Built in 1949 and enlarged and updated between 1952 and 1961 with funds from the state's equalization program, Lakeview School holds the distinction of having been the only high school for Black residents of Lexington County's Brookland-Cayce School District and being the only historically segregated Black school in West Columbia. The Lakeview School closed in 1968 when desegregation took its hold on public education in South Carolina.

United States Representative James E. Clyburn, who represents the Sixth Congressional District, used the occasion to emphasize the need for historical markers across the state as a reminder of the key role high schools played in the holistic educational development of African Americans during and beyond segregation.

He said, "We need to get markers like this done all over South Carolina so the children who walk down these streets and play on this ground will look at these markers, see a name, and identify with that name. That's what will make them know not just who they are but what they can be."

Representative Joe Wilson, who represents the Second Congressional District, echoed the sentiments of his elected counterpart.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment and all those involved should be commended for doing the right thing," he said.

Reverend Jackson, whose forward thinking became the impetus for the establishment of BLEC, was effusive in his praise of those involved in promoting the mission and vision of the community-based entity.

"There were many who helped us along the way and enabled us to get to this point," he said. "But the best is yet to come."





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Deborah Brown
Catherine Cunningham
Janita Moore- Dash
Kecia Dinkins
Edward N. Dolby
Maggie Earle
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Yolanda Legrant-Smith
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Gardenia Coleman

Veronica Benson
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Keith Hoyle
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Kadence Gary
Kenneth Gillard
Lonnie Graham Jr.
Kenya J. Green
Melissa M. Howard
Kejhonna N. Jackson
Margo Jackson

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Linda D. Myers
Alvin Page
Rodney Pigford
Brenda Ruff
Cassandra Conyers- Rush
Richard Sims
Ragin Slater
Audrey Wearing

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Brandon Moody

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Randy Odom

John Smith

Maya Troy

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Tavoris Scarborough

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Phillips Robinson Jr.

Maxine Moses Henri Ball Allison Benjamin Ernest Delee Mary Green Vanessa Haggins Adrienne Riley Hefney Kimberly Lawer Renm Louden Derrick McLellan

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Stephen Caldwell
Julia Campbell
Robert Day
John Dublin
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Veronica Grant
Georgia Hines
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Gregory Knowlin
Cynthia E. McDuffie

Jesse McFarlin Geraldine MIngo Alganon Muhammad Janet Rice Kimberly Stansberry Norris Wallace IV April Wiggins Vermell Wingard Thomas Wright Rondrick Bamberg Fred Belcher Chelsea Bines Titania Burks Chandi Carter Curtis M. Coleman Nicholas Ficklin Barbara Haley Angela Hannibal Rodney Johnson Angela Lewis Roderick Mealing Anthony Minter
Courtney Muldrow
Carmen Napier
Shirley Smith
Adriene P Tyler
Terri Washington
Delores Davis Whack
Pearl R. Wheeler
Kennedy Williams
Shaquinda Wilson

Deirdre Davis Blunt
Sandy Brown
Katrina Driessen
Kayla Floyd
Lynn H. Foster
Deloris Hamilton
Michael Jamison Harris
Tonya R. Howard
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Randolph McLain

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Dawn Brackett
Cameron Chisolm
Ronald A. Cooley
Tangenia Fowler-Stroman
Megan N. Frost
LaTonya Gaymon
Lisa Gordon
Dorothy Hagans
Priscilla Reid Hammond

Staci L. James
Stanford Jones
Nakica Matthews
Joyce Miller
Everette Sands
Deidrick Simpkins
Freddie Taylor Jr.
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Nicholas Thornton
Kimberly Vinson
Michelle Watson

Jaylen Adams Mandi Brown Damian Chisolm Bre'Anna Conyers Nicole C. Davis Joseph Fleshman Shelbi Frederick Harriett Hammond Brenda B. Jackson Jeremy Deion Jenkins Agnes Knox Deanna Mobley Terrence Pringle Letitia T. Reed Acy Suber Jr.

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Lachresha R. DeMoss
Denise L. Doctor
Hayward Greene
Ida Hightower
Candace Lawer-Johnson
Elaine Howell
Lewis Zuleika McKnight
Crystal McLeod

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Shirley Anderson Alexis Daniels Brittany Dickerson Laquinta S. English Tracy Hines Veronica Isaac Ramon M. Jackson Andrew Jamison

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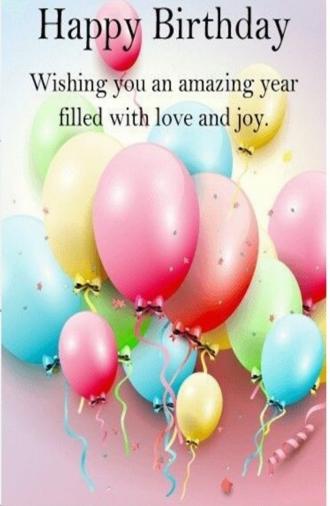
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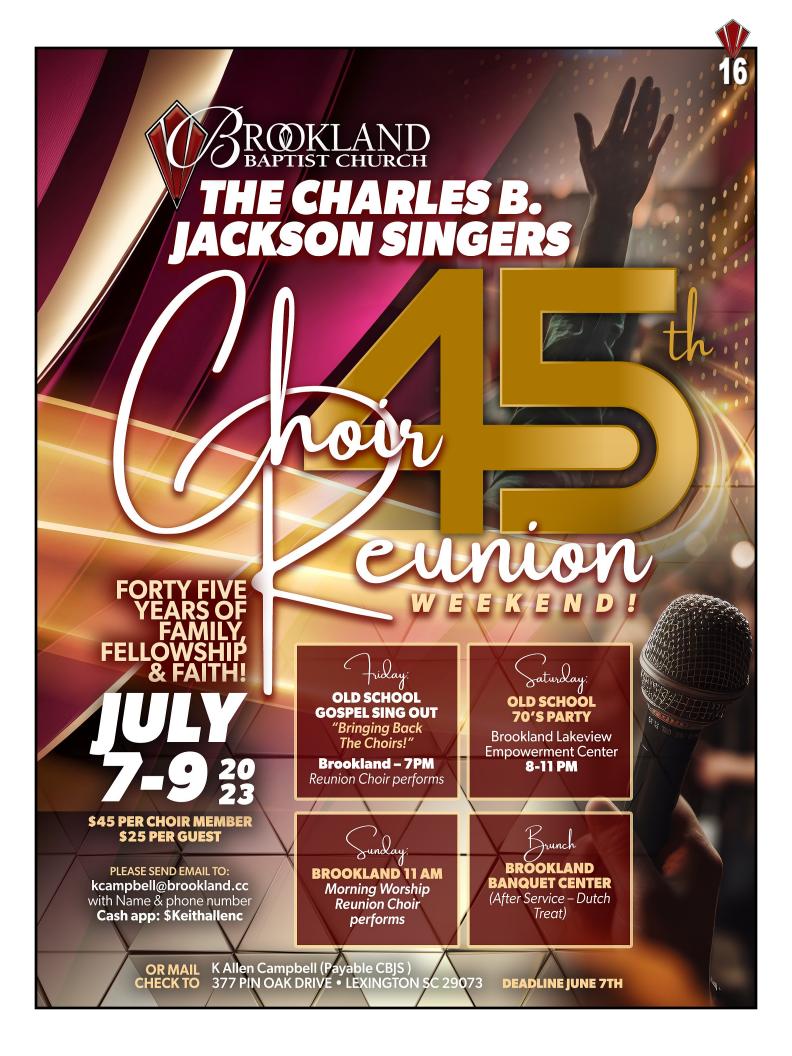
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### 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARDS

Brookland Baptist Church, through the Scholarship Committee, is proud to award the following high school graduates for their outstanding scholastic achievement, service commitment to church, school, community and pursuit of higher education:



### **Scholarships**

Jessica WoodsGold Scholarship\$3,000Kaytlan LinenSilver Scholarship\$2,500MacKenzie ViceBronze Scholarship\$2,000

### Pastor's Education Assistance Awards - \$800

Cecil Banks, Jr.

Jayden Brown

Morgan Cannon

Makayla Holmes

Ahryona Johnson

Micaela Jones

William Peterson

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Daria Slater

**Evelyn Wiggins** 

### Deacons' Education Assistance Awards - \$500

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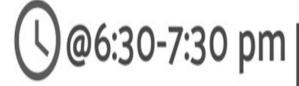






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# WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS GRIEF & SPIRITUAL SUPPORT GROUP ZOOM SESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY EVENING

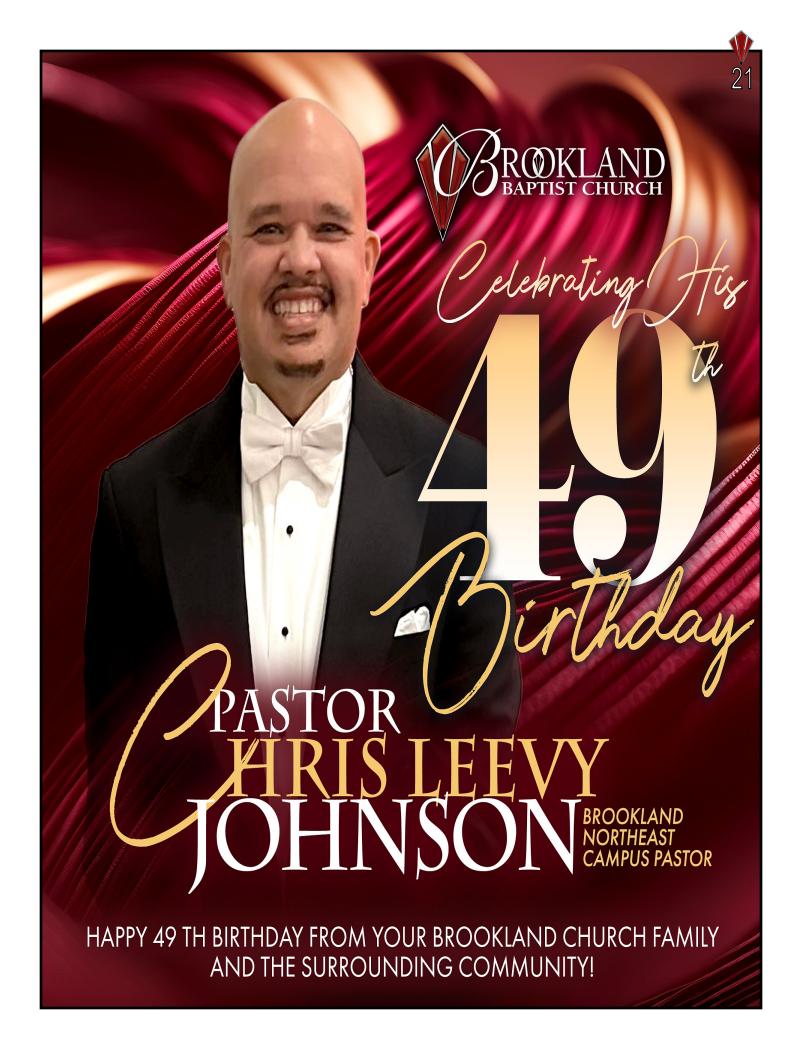




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# **Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center**



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07/07/2023 | 09:00 - 01:00 PM

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A \$20 charitable donation will be made to Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center per donor & all donors will receive \$40 in rewards!

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The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 110 lbs. to donate. Sixteen year olds are required to have written consent to donate blood. Before your donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. TBC Donor ID Card (preferred) of photo ID required to donate. Gift cards and other incentives are non-transferable.





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Dr. Ronald L. Rhames
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**Dr. Walter A. Tobin**Orangeburg
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Dr. Willie L. Todd, Jr.
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College

The Presidents' Forum:
Opportunities at Technical Colleges

Saturday, July 29, 2023

10am - 12noon

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY!

Breakfast will be served

Brookland Baptist Church Christian Learning Center Multi-Purpose Room

**Evangelism** • Education • Empowerment

9:00am - 10:00am Breakfast (Dining Hall)

10:00am - 10:15am Welcome & Purpose/ Invocation

10:15am - 10:30am
Introduction of Moderator & Panelists

10:30am - 11:45am Forum Discussion

11:45am - 12:00noon Closing Remarks and Prayer

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