



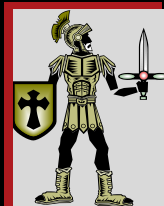
## God's Word

**B**lessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6 (KJV)

**A**nd Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 6:35 (KJV)



## A Thankful Ending

As we prepare to wrap up 2017 The Galilean "staff" would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to our Lord for His general and specific revelation over the past 12 months.

We give thanks for 2 gentlemen who *were* on our mailing list. They were once incarcerated, but when their last newsletters were returned in the mail they were stamped "paroled"!

We are thankful for the Galilee church family who continually show support for this print outreach ministry.

I (Lolita) am thankful for each time scripture has come to "life" this year, confirming that the Living Word is just that...alive in my life!

There are a few things that I am petitioning of the Lord. Personally, I pray that He continues to use me to encourage and intercede. I pray for wisdom in every aspect of my life. I am praying for deliverance from a few negative spirits (I'll keep those to myself). I am praying for His hand to move me into that place of ministry He knows is the deep desire of my heart.

For Sunday School, it is my prayer that we continue to grow in wisdom as we equip our members for service to the Lord within the walls of Galilee and on the streets. We must persistently educate ourselves, and our children, as believers to withstand (resist) the evil that is all around us.

For the Galilean, as we approach our 20<sup>th</sup> year in 2018, I pray for an overflow of divine guidance, and to never be a waste of time to any of you reading it. Oh, and I am praying *REAL* hard for a new church copier!

We look forward to the New Year: 20 years of ministry, personal breakthroughs, and witnessing more of the Lord's hands upon the lives of those of us who hunger and thirst after His righteousness!

Hungry & Thirsty In Jesus' Name...





## Sick, Shut-in and Prayer Requests

Please call these names out during your personal prayer time; and in your intercessions ask the Father to bless these individuals and ministries in His own way and in His own time.

Bro. John Agee  
Bro. Nathaniel Agee  
Sis. Yolanda Allen  
Sis. Ada Anderson  
The Arnette/Cavanaugh  
Family

Dea. David Ayers, Sr.  
The Banks/Callahan  
Family

Sis. Ethel Barksdale  
Sis. Tressie Barrett  
Sis. Roberta Bass  
Elder Dorothy Bishop  
Bro. Attilol Bland  
Dea. James W. Bland  
Sis. Martha Bland  
Bro. Shakespeare Bland  
Rev. Peggy Brice  
Bro. Russell Bradshaw, III  
Bro. Larry Brown  
Bro. Sherman Brown  
Bro. William Brown  
Sis. Mamie Bruce  
Bro. Andre Callahan  
Sis. Judy Callahan  
Sis. Felicia Christmas  
Sis. Marcine Dillard  
Bro. John/Sis. Susie Divers  
Bro. Charlie English  
Sis. Clara Eubanks  
Sis. Diane Folz  
Rev. Kimberly Fortune  
Bro. James Fox  
Bro. Jamar Galdden &  
Family

Sis. Holly Grooms  
Bro. Robert Grooms

Bro. Franklin Hardy  
Sis. Letia Harris  
Sis. Marie Harris  
Rev. Edna Holt  
Kingdom Living Temple  
Sis. Stacy Jackson  
Dea. Duke Johnson  
Sis. Jessica Johnson  
Pastor Lewis & Family  
Sis. Rhoda Lewis &  
Family

Bro. Walter Martin  
Bro. Lamont Minor  
Bro. William McKnight  
Morris/Lewis Family  
Deas. Frances Parrish  
Sis. Harriett Parrish  
Dea. Roger Parrish  
Sis. Audrey Perkins  
Sis. Leatrice Price  
Sis. Adeline Quarles  
Bro. Lonnie Quarles  
Bro. Ted Richardson  
Bro. Alfonza Scott  
Sis. Mary Scott  
Bro. Travis Shelton  
Rev. Otis Spellman  
Rev. Beulah Spellman  
Sis. Charmeka Stewart  
Sis. Doretta Trice  
Dea. Chester Walker  
Sis. Iesha White  
Sis. Melvina White  
Bro. Sylvester Williams  
Sis. Lorraine Winston  
Walton/Shipman Family

**On the cover: Sunday, October 26, 2017—Sunday School attendees and guests on our Harvest Family & Friends Day.**

## Preaching Schedule

**8:00 a.m.**

**December**



3 - Rev. Kimberly Fortune

10 - Elder Susan Lewis

17 - Minister Dory Martin

24 - Pastor Lewis (10:00 am ONLY)

31 - Pastor Lewis (11:00 am ONLY)

**11:00 a.m. Sunday Morning**

Elder Ruben Lewis, Jr.



### 2017 Christmas Program

Our Sunday School is excitedly preparing for our **Annual Christmas Program** to be held on **Sunday,**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** at **10:00 a.m.** Yes, our Christmas Program will be our service, complete with a sermon from our Pastor.

- ♦ Children's **poems and recitations** are being given out by **Sis. Gracie Quarles** during Children's Church beginning the first Sunday in November.
- ♦ **Rev. Sarah** is coordinating the **Christmas play**. If you desire to be a part of the production (costumes, decorations, lighting), please contact her at your earliest convenience.
- ♦ Anyone who would like to participate in the program (act, sing, praise dance, recite) please contact **Sis. Lolita Bland**, SS Director, also, at your earliest convenience.

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Zacchaeus Jackson
- 7 Paul Bishop, Sr.
- 8 Janas Howard
- 10 Mary Fortune
- 12 Sharon Ferguson
- 13 Mariah Gaines  
Larry Quarles
- 14 Dale ♥ Henry Bradshaw  
George Ferguson  
Cain McKnight  
Qwenton Spellman  
Thomas Waddy, Jr.
- 19 George ♥ Sharon Ferguson  
Deja Jackson
- 20 Lori Ragland
- 24 Dorothy Bishop  
Raynard Richardson, Sr.
- 25 Irene Morris
- 27 Nicole Barney
- 28 Louis ♥ Brenda Smith
- 29 De'Ja Jackson
- 30 James Graham  
Janice Ragland
- 31 Leona Johnson



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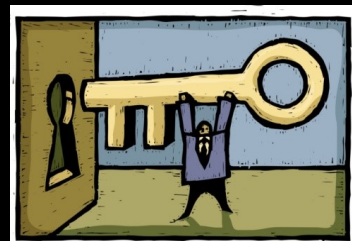
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THIS YEAR, FOR NEW YEARS, I AM  
RESOLVING TO DO ALL SORTS OF BAD  
THINGS SINCE I NEVER EVER STICK TO MY  
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

### Trustee of the Month

Gilbert Scott @ 434-589-1309

Please contact for entry  
into the church after  
hours or for other church  
related concerns during  
**December.**





## MUSINGS FROM A SENIOR CITIZEN



### Don't Limit Your Faith by Your Own Understanding

*And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"*  
Mark 4:40

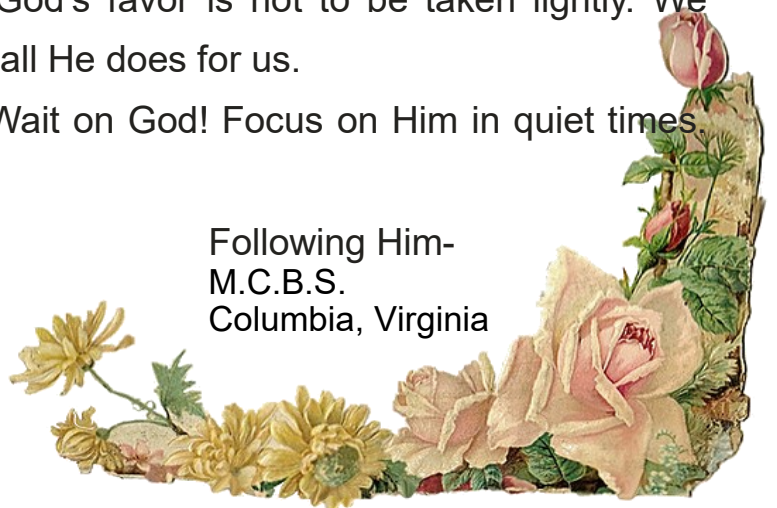
Over the last three years, I have made some decisions that will have a major impact on my life. I approached some of these changes with trepidation because I could not “see” what the outcome would be. These changes have led me into the unknown. I have struggled with fear and uncertainty. I tried to make it on my own. I thought I had all the answers.

My understanding was dependent on my perceptions and on my knowledge. Well, God revealed to me that what I thought I should do and where I should go was not God's plan. I had to slow down and let God work.






God has showered me with abundant blessings. He has given me a home, a family, and friends-and for that I am thankful. It may seem that these are things that everyone has, but I know that what I have is special; specifically for me. I know that God's favor is not to be taken lightly. We need to praise and thank Him for all He does for us.

The lesson for me is this: Wait on God! Focus on Him in quiet times. Listen for His voice.

Following Him-  
M.C.B.S.  
Columbia, Virginia



# December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Bible Study 9:00am	<b>2</b> -10:00am Gospel Chorus
<b>3</b>  Holy Communion	<b>4</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>5</b> Bible Study 1:00 p.m. 	<b>6</b> Prayer Service 7:00pm	<b>7</b> Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm	<b>8</b> Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	<b>9</b> -10:00am Senior Choir
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>12</b> Poinsettia Day 	<b>13</b> Prayer Service 7:00pm Cocoa Day 	<b>14</b> Servant Leadership Education 7:00pm 	<b>15</b> Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	<b>16</b> -10:30am Men's Chorus
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bible Study 7:00pm	<b>19</b> Bible Study 1:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Prayer Service 7:00pm	<b>21</b>  Winter!	<b>22</b> Bible Study 9:00am 7:30 pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Christmas Celebration 		<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> Watch Night						

## Other Important Dates

**December 3—2:00 pm**  
**Dinner with the Elders Lewis**

**The Church Office will be CLOSED**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>.**

**December 24—10:00 am**  
**Christmas Eve Worship Service/ Program**

**Bible Classes will be on vacation through the New Year—please contact your teacher for exact dates.**

**December 31—11:00 am**  
**New Year's Eve Worship Service**  
**8:00 pm**  
**Watch Night Service**



Please join us for Sunday School **most** Sundays at 9:30 a.m.



# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS (Adult)

## Unit 1: The Early Church Proclaims Faith in Christ

- Dec 3** "Faith in Jesus" **Lesson focus:** Faith in Jesus makes people whole.  
Acts 3:11-16 (A Miracle Performed in Jesus' Name), 17-21 (An Exhortation to Repent)
- Dec 10** "A Faith to Discern" **Lesson focus:** The Holy Spirit guides and directs us.  
Acts 13:1-3 (The Choosing and Sending of Barnabas and Saul), 4-12 (The Ministry of Barnabas and Saul in Cyprus)
- Dec 17** "Faith to Persevere" **Lesson focus:** The power of the Gospel remains despite opposition.  
Acts 14:8-10 (Dealing with Misunderstanding), 11, 19-23 (Persevering Despite Opposition)
- Dec 24** "Faithful Seekers of the King" **Lesson focus:** The heart of Christmas is worship.  
Matthew 2:1-2 (The Magi Looked for Jesus), 3-8 (Herod Wanted to Kill Jesus), 9-12 (The Magi Worshiped Jesus)
- Dec 31** "Faith to Unite" **Lesson focus:** Christ calls us to unite in love and service.  
Ephesians 4:1-6 (United in Character), 7-13 (United in Service), 14-16 (United in Purpose)

***If you know your Bible, Sunday School needs you.  
If you don't know your Bible, then you need Sunday School.***

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