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From The Pastor's Desk

Peace and blessings to all of you as we go into another new year. We give all the thanks and praises to Father God, and to our Lord and Savior, Jesus, and to our comforter the Holy Spirit. As we go into this new year, let us be thankful, excited, and determined to do greater works for the building of God's kingdom. The Lord has blessed us to see the year 2018. Let us as a church family come together and do more for the betterment of our church community. As a blessed church, the Lord has brought us a long way, and yet the Lord has a

greater work. He wants us to continue to study His word, to live His word and to let others see that we are a part of God's holy family. We must let this new year be a year that we are determined to grow with a greater desire, a greater understanding, and a greater application of God's word in our daily lives.

In the 3rd chapter of his letter to the Philippians, we find where Apostle Paul gives to all Christians and believers spiritual guidance on how to be blessed every day of our lives when we obey God's word. First, he informs us to always rejoice

in the Lord, always be aware of evil workers, in and out of the church. We must always remember that God's Holy Spirit lives in us and that we must press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. It is my prayer, my hope, and my greatest desire, that by the blessing of our great Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, each of you will have a blessed and joyous 2018. Obey God's word.

We love you!

**Pastor and First Lady,
William and Emily Davis**



End of an Era

L.A.Davis

Happy New Year Family! We thank our Almighty God for allowing us to see **January 2018!!!** THANK YOU FATHER! THANK YOU JESUS! THANK YOU HOLY SPIRIT! What an **awesome** God we serve!!!

Times are changing and we are changing with the times! We would like to announce that The Holy Journal is transitioning from a monthly newsletter to a quarterly one. WOW, an **end of an era!!!** The

Holy Journal was started way back in 1989 and will be around, in *some* format, until Christ returns! :)

You are still free to submit anything that will be a blessing to the body of Christ. The schedule for the rest of the year will be as follows:

February & March Paper
Articles Due: Jan 31st
April, May, June Paper
Articles Due: Mar 28th
July, Aug, Sep Paper
Articles Due: Jun 7th
Oct, Nov, Dec Paper

Articles Due: Oct 3rd
Please remember these dates as things come along that you would like to share with the family.

While this world may be ever changing and we as Christians must adapt, we can be confident in the blessing of knowing that our Lord and Savior *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever Hebrews 13:8.*

We pray God's continued blessings for you and yours in this new year!

In Jesus' Love

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Words To Live By



**A NEW YEAR,
A NEW ME**

*This is a new
year, and a new
me in Christ
Jesus!*

Praise God for another day, month and year. Happy New Year to all! God is so good. He has blessed us with a new year to serve, praise, testify and obey him.

As each new year begins, so many people make resolutions or promises that they intend to keep. Many have "good intentions" to do so, and others merely make the resolutions or promises because it "sounds good". These resolution makers or promise makers often get off to a good start keeping their promises, but as the year progresses the promises become a thing of the past.

2 Corinthians 5:17 declares: *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

As new creatures or people in Christ, we have put away the old sinful man and put on the new man. Our actions, speech and habits have changed and we are now lovers of God and representatives of him. We love, act, give and live to please our heavenly father.

Perhaps you have made or thinking about making new year resolutions or promises of your own in the year 2018. If you are, allow the word of God to direct your resolutions or promises that you may grow spiritually.

Resolve or promise to.....
Love the Lord with your all
Deuteronomy 6:5 *And thou shalt love the LORD thy God*

with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might
Love your neighbor
Matthew 19:19 *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

Trust God
Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*
3:6 *In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Be confident
Philippians 4:13 *I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*

Seek God
Isaiah 55:6 *Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:*

Read God's Word
2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Be a worker for the Lord
John 9:4 *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

Be a cheerful giver
2 Corinthians 9:7 *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

Put God first
Matthew 6:33 *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Pray always
1 Thessalonians 5:17 *Pray without ceasing.* **Philippians 4: 6**
Be careful for nothing; but in

every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. **7** *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
Change your thoughts
Philippians 4:8 *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

Change your ways
Galatians 5:22 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23* *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.* **Psalms 1:1** *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2* *But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3* *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.* **Galatians 6:10** *As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith*
Be a witness for the Lord
Matthew 5:16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*



January Birthday Message

First Lady Emily Davis

Happy Birthday to all of those born in the month of January! We thank God for another new year of His love and grace. May you celebrate the gift of life that the Lord has given you and thank him for all of the blessings to come throughout this year. He has given you another chance to change and do things better than before. May God bless you today and give you strength and have positive thoughts and

to give you success in your life. We pray that the Lord be with you on your birthday and every day and use you in all of his ways.

We would also like to wish a special Happy Birthday to our First Lady, Emily Davis! Have a blessed and happy New Year!



It's Prayer Time

Sis. Gloria J. Gray

Pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Happy New Year! I am excited that God allowed us a new start in 2018 just to praise him, pray, and love one another.

"Remembering To Pray"

"Ask" and it shall be "Given",
So the Lord would have
you pray.

"Seek" and you will
surely "Find",

for he will show the way.
"Knock" and it shall be
"Opened",

Do you think God is about to
turn his back upon us,
Knowing all we are without?

We are as little children,
In this valley full of tears,
We need his love to
guide us,
And give meaning to
the years.

To cross life's
troubled waters,
There is not a better way,



Than in clinging to
him tightly,
and remembering to pray.

Be blessed in the Lord. You
pray for me and I will pray
for you. Watch God change
things!

God is Love !



*How will you
spend YOUR
dash?*

The Dash

Submitted by Sis. Velma C. Gray

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is

worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house...the cash.

What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent YOUR dash?

By Linda Ellis

Fellowship & Fitness Class

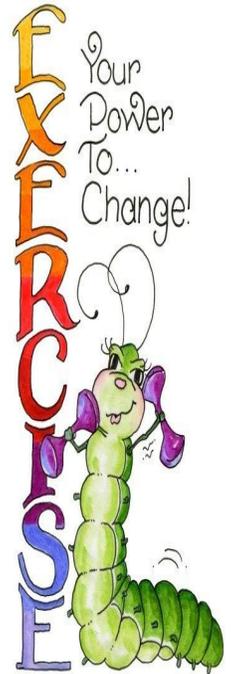
ALL LADIES OF FBC ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AS WE GET OUR TEMPLES FIT IN THIS NEW YEAR!

We meet on Wednesdays from 6p-7p in the Fellowship Hall. We are often led by certified fitness instructor, Theresa Townsend, who always encourages us to **go at our own pace!** So there is never a need to feel ashamed or intimidated, as we ladies are all there for the same purpose!

Why not try something NEW this year??? These sessions are **FREE** for all FBC ladies!

Let's start the year off together in this journey! Hope to see you this Wednesday at 6p!!!

We can do **ALL** things through CHRIST Who strengthens us!



Congratulations & Blessings to

Bro. Willie Felton

**on receiving his Bachelor's Degree during
the Southern University December**

Commencement Exercises!

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As an incentive to get more involved in Sunday School and Church activities, the Youth Ministry gave away two bicycles for Christmas. The recipients were Sis. Madison Felton and Bro. Kenyen Haynes. God Bless You Both! Happy Riding!

YOUTH get your parents involved! The Youth Ministry would like to bless you with even more in this new year!!!



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Matt 15:21-39

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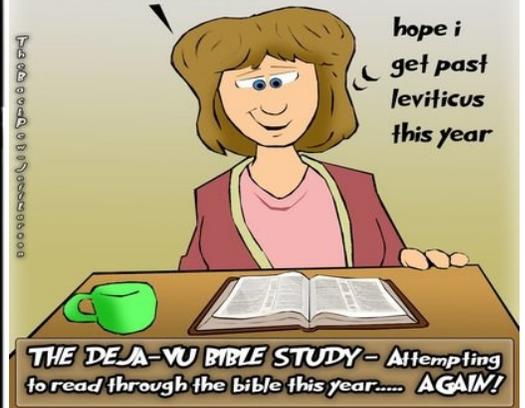
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Draw close to God and He will draw close to you James 4:8

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(Worship Service)

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
(Prayer Meeting and Bible Study)

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.
(Mid-week Service)



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