



2025 Theme

Alive and Revived, Impacting Lives In 2025

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“20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription?”

21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. (Matthew 22:20-21)

BBC Deacon's Corner:

By Deacon Michael Gladman

Trusting God in a Changing World

The world around us is constantly changing—new leaders, shifting policies, and global events can feel unsettling. With new administration in the White House and uncertainties about how decisions may affect our lives, it is natural to feel concerned. However, as believers, we have a foundation that is unshakable -- ***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)***

No matter what changes around us, our God remains constant. His promises are true, His character is unchanging, and His plan is final.

What should a child of God do in times such as this?

1. Anchor Yourself in God's Sovereignty

When the world feels unstable, remember that God is in control. Even when we do not understand what is happening, He has a plan, and His plans are always for our good (Romans 8:28).

Practical Application:

- Begin each day by acknowledging God's sovereignty in prayer:
Lord, I trust that You are in control of all things. Help me rest in Your unchanging character.
- Meditate on scriptures that remind you of God's power and faithfulness, like Psalm 46:10: *Be still, and know that I am God.*

2. Pray for Leaders and Decision-Makers

The Bible commands us to pray for those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Even if you do not agree with every decision made by leaders, prayer invites God to work in their hearts and align their plans with His purpose. Be assured of Proverbs 21:1, *The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will.*

Practical Application:

- Set aside time each week to pray for local, national, and global leaders. Ask God to grant them wisdom, humility, and guidance.
- Pray specifically for policies that will promote justice, peace, and the welfare of communities.

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3. Guard Your Mind Against Fear and Negativity

With news cycles and social media filled with opinions and headlines, it is easy to become anxious or overwhelmed. However, we are called to fix our minds on things that are true, noble, and praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8).

Practical Application:

- Limit your exposure to news and social media that fuels fear or negativity. Set specific times to stay informed but avoid overconsumption.
- Replace that time with worship, prayer, or reading God's Word to strengthen your spirit. (Attend Bible Study or Sunday School to learn His way and His truth.)

4. Be a Light in Uncertain Times

As the world navigates changes, you can reflect God's love, peace, and hope to those around you. Your response to uncertainty can inspire others to seek the unchanging God you serve.

Practical Application:

- Look for ways to encourage someone who may be feeling anxious or uncertain. A kind word, a prayer, or a listening ear can make a difference.
- Remind others (and yourself) that God is bigger than any administration, policy, or change we face.

Biblical Example: Daniel

Daniel's story is a powerful example of trusting God in times of political and cultural change. When Daniel was taken to Babylon, a foreign land with different leaders and laws, he faced immense challenges. Yet, he remained faithful to God and prayed consistently, even when it was dangerous. Daniel 6:10 NIV

Because of his unwavering faith, God gave Daniel wisdom, protection, and favor in a foreign government. Daniel's trust in God reminds us that no matter who is in charge, God's kingdom reigns supreme.

Closing Encouragement

As the world changes around us, let us remember that our hope is in the One who never changes. He is our rock, our refuge, and our guide through uncertain times. I am praying for each of you—that you will feel God's peace and remain steadfast in your faith.

We are called to be a light in this world. Let us continue trusting in God's plans, praying for wisdom, and encouraging one another as we walk in faith.

2025 Cedine Ladies Retreat

The information for the Cedine Ladies Retreat, scheduled for April 25-27, 2025, is now available online at www.cedine.org. Once registered, confirm your participation by calling 803-772-7112 with your name, address, and contact details, or notify a Cedine Committee member to reserve your spot on the bus. Bus fees are due by March 26, 2025.

If you or someone you know is in crisis or needs help, you can access support by calling 211

211 is a free and confidential service that connects people to local resources for help with essential needs like:

- Housing & Shelter (emergency shelters, rent assistance)
- Food Assistance (food banks, meal programs)
- Utilities & Bills (help with electricity, water, gas)
- Mental Health & Crisis Support
- Healthcare & Medical Services
- Employment & Job Training
- Support for Seniors, Veterans, and People with Disabilities
- Disaster Assistance

You can call 211 or visit 211.org to find services in your area.

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Get Connected. Get Help.™

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Meet BBC's Newest Members



Denna McCoy

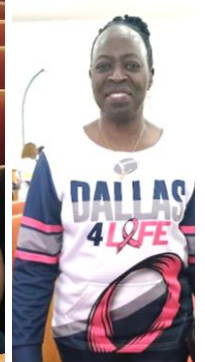


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February 9th NFL Team Spirit Day



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AWAKENING TO HOPE

by: Evangelist Laura Gantt

A spiritual awakening makes you become aware of yourself as a divine being full of purpose because each one of us has a purpose in the LORD.

Hope is not something that just happens to people. Some people have it, and some people don't. I know I was at the end of my rope, trying to figure things out on my own, with no one else to rely on. When I think back to the hopelessness I felt just before I became a believer, it's a wonder how I lived through it. Praise GOD, I found hope in the LORD because, without hope, you cannot cope.

It is ironic that people spend so much time securing their lives with material goods or simply doing their own thing. Like David, the psalmist, realized, accumulating riches and busily accomplishing worldly interests would make no difference in eternity.

Few people understand that their only hope is in the LORD.

One of the purposes of the Bible is to bring us hope. We must deliberately say, "And now, Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You" (Psalm 39:7).

Youth made Valentine greeting cards for our local senior community.



February 13th
Valentine's luncheon for Seniors



Jr Ushers dressed in recognition of Black History month



Josephine's Stories:
Living With God's Help



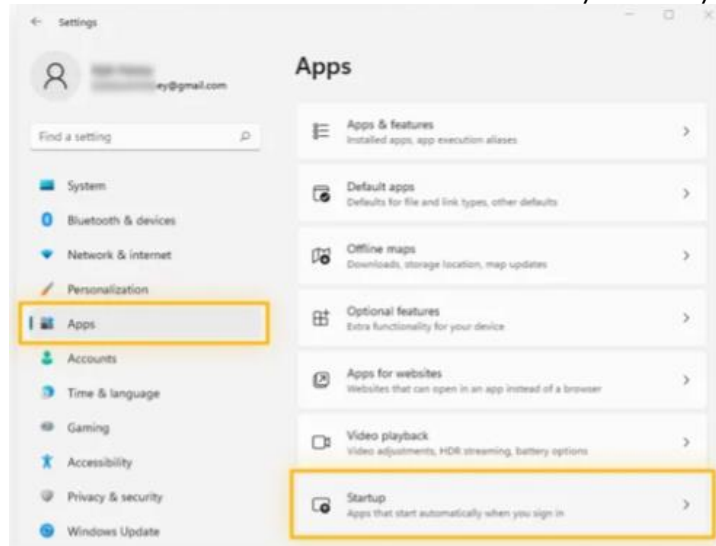
Josephine's Stories by **Josephine Pelmon** is a book that takes you on Josephine's journey as she navigates life from rural Western Pennsylvania to a large city. Josephine settles in Pittsburgh, PA. She pulls you into her stories as she becomes a God-fearing woman, homeowner, mother of two college graduates, and a family dedicated to public service. Josephine's spirit shines through as she recreates her life at major turning points. Find more details about her book on Amazon.

February 16th: HBCU DAY



Disable Start-up Apps

By Dea. Randy Gilbert



If you have a personal computer whether it's a Mac or Microsoft machine, I'm sure you deal with apps automatically starting. This could be very aggravating (at least with me). Below are instructions how to stop the apps from automatically starting on a Microsoft or Mac/Apple PC. After following the instructions below, make sure you Restart (not shut down) machine.

Mac:

- 1) Open the Apple menu and select **System Settings**
- 2) Go to **General** find and select **Login Items**
- 3) Find the app you want to stop from opening at startup and uncheck the box next to it.

Windows:

- 1) Go to **Settings**
- 2) Select **Apps**
- 3) Select **Startup**
- 4) Find the app you want to stop and toggle the switch to Off

2025 SSI payment calendar:

By: Elnora Spann

Some months have 2 checks while others have none

- Friday, Feb. 28, (Check for March)
- Tuesday, April 1, (Check for April)
- Thursday, May 1, (Check for May)
- Friday, May 30, (Check for June)
- Tuesday, July 1, (Check for July)
- Friday, Aug. 1, (Check for August)
- Friday, Aug. 29, (Check for September)
- Wednesday, Oct. 1, (Check for October)
- Friday, Oct. 31, (Check for November)
- Monday, Dec. 1, (Check for December)
- Wednesday, Dec. 31, (Check for January '26)

<https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2025.pdf>

Just For Fun

Think you know the women of the Bible? Try this tough challenge!

1. What was the name of the widow who became a significant part of Jesus' lineage by marrying Boaz?
2. Which woman was struck with leprosy after speaking against Moses?
3. Who was the wife of Aquila, known for helping teach Apollos?
4. Which queen risked her life to save her people from destruction?
5. Who was the only female prophetess during King Josiah's reign?

February 15th: Heart Smart Wellness Fair



Duffel Bags and Toiletries:

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. In honor of this, the BBC Youth Department is collecting duffel bags and toiletries to support the youth served by Kershaw County DSS in foster care and family preservation. A collection box for donations is available in the Education Annex. A sample duffel bag and a list of needed toiletries can be found on the table in the church vestibule. Donations will be accepted throughout February and March and will be delivered to Kershaw County DSS in April.

Hosted by the Mental Health Ministry

LET'S TALK!

MENTAL WELLNESS

Group Support

Scan to join ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 852 3515 2659
Passcode: 348677

7:00pm - 8:30pm
Every 3rd Thursday

Getting Ready for Gardening Season

Indoors, you can begin growing herbs like basil, oregano, and parsley, as well as vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants. Flowers like marigolds and petunias also thrive when started indoors.

Outdoors, it's time to plant cool-season vegetables like lettuce, spinach, radishes, and kale. You can also plant peas, carrots, beets, and onions. Hardy herbs like chives and cilantro are ready for outdoor planting, as well as flowers like pansies and primroses. Prepare garden beds for warm season crops like tomatoes and peppers for later planting.

Just for fun Answer Key:

1. Ruth
2. Miriam
3. Priscilla
4. Esther
5. Huldah