



Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**BBC Deacon’s Corner:**

BY: Deacon Michael Glover

**L-O-V-E**

Love is a four-letter word that holds the world together. This world is held together by the love of God. Our loving God delights in loving because He is love—and He loves everyone. Love is the foundation of every gift God has given us. It strengthens and supports all the Fruit of the Spirit. Love is patient and kind, always active in doing good.

To be God’s ambassador here on earth—to reflect His character—may not be easy, but it is exactly what the world needs now more than ever. As Christians, we are called to demonstrate

the love of God, especially during difficult times. We face many challenges and obstacles that can distract us from recognizing God’s love in every situation. Yet, even in the midst of trials, God is still with us.

The apostle Paul never promised that the Christian journey would be easy. However, his love for Christ never wavered. Through hardships and opposition, he remained steadfast. May we also remain rooted in God’s love, allowing it to guide our words, our actions, and our witness to the world.

Jesus said “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples ,...” John 13:34-35

So, as we journey through this world let’s remember:

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love

does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

Let us continue to show God’s love to this world in all we do.

**130th Church Anniversary Preparation,**

Below is the schedule for Photography sessions in March:

**1st Sunday**-March 5. All BBC Leadership

Deacons, Deaconess, Trustees, Ministries of the Church (i.e. Choirs, Ushers, Pulpit Aide, Senior Missionaries, Praise Dancers, etc.)

**2nd Sunday**- Those members/families with the last name FGHIJ

**3rd Sunday**-Last names beginning with KLMNOP

**4th Sunday**-QRSTUV

**5th Sunday**-WXYZ – Please note: any families that missed your Sunday previously, this will be the last and final Sunday to have you or your family photo taken.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

In His Service,

130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Church Committee

FEBRUARY 25, 2026 - MARCH 25, 2026

# LENT Services

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

THEME: THE CALL TO "I AM" 6:00PM

REVEREND DR. ANTHONY A. MCCALLUM

**FEBRUARY 25, 2025**  
I Am The Bread Of Life John 6:35-40  
Speaker: Reverend Stanley Nash

**MARCH 4, 2025**  
I Am The Light Of The World John 8:12-20  
Speaker: Sister Sholanda Hook

**MARCH 11, 2025**  
I Am The Door John 10:1-10  
Speaker: Sister Sherronda Bridges

**MARCH 18, 2025**  
I Am The Good Shepherd John 10: 11-18  
Speaker: Sister Keisha Adams

**MARCH 25, 2025**  
I Am The Resurrection And The Light John 11:17-27  
Speaker: Deacon Franklin Black

THE "I AM" STATEMENTS ARE MORE THAN JUST A NOVELTY OF THE FOURTH GOSPEL. THEY REVEAL, IN ALL FULLNESS, THE IDENTITY OF JESUS. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION "I AM" TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL WORDS. FOR WHAT YOU PUT AFTER THEM SHAPES YOUR REALITY

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH | 1028 EASTMAN STREET COLUMBIA, SC 29203

**LENT SERVICES FOR 2026**  
**THEME: THE CALL TO "I AM"**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**  
**6:00 PM**

**DR. ANTHONY A. MCCALLUM,**  
**CHIEF SERVANT**

The Lent Service Booklet is now available; you can access the booklet using the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mTfU6dt2r4i4HLHWxifQtGUXKzJMhK6R/edit?usp=drive\\_link&oid=114642759166815344888&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mTfU6dt2r4i4HLHWxifQtGUXKzJMhK6R/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=114642759166815344888&rtpof=true&sd=true)

## Cedine Ladies Retreat

**April 24-26 2026**

Online registration is now closed.

If you have not registered and still wish to attend, please contact Sister Squirewell immediately at **803-807-3093** to inquire about possible availability.

**Registration Fee:** \$200.00 per person



**Bus Fee:** \$100.00 per person

Ladies who are already registered are asked to please make arrangements to complete any outstanding payments if they have not done so.

Thank you,

**2026 Cedine Ladies Retreat Committee**

## Inspirational Message

By : Evangelist Laura

Gantt

### FAITH CAN MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

Faith comes as a gift from God. "God has dealt to each one a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3). But we have to grow it. Faith comes alive when we apply Scripture to our daily concerns. We need understanding so we can discern, and we need the desire to apply Scripture where we need help.

The Bible is like medicine—it goes to work only when we apply it to the affected areas. When reading the Bible, be alert for lessons that you can put into practice.

The proof of our faith is a changed life.

Our life would be miserable if we had no faith in anything.

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

**YOUTH SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN**  
Saturday, March 28, 2026 @ 9am

Join us in our mission to create a cleaner church campus! We warmly invite you to participate in our cleanup event, where we will unite to make a positive difference for our environment,  
To signup contact [bbcouthcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:bbcouthcommittee@gmail.com)

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Rev. Stanley Nash, Youth Pastor

**Spring Equinox** falls on March 20. On this day, the Sun rises precisely due east and sets exactly due west. The equinox serves as the astronomical "anchor" for **Easter**. Since the Council of Nicaea Easter is observed on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the equinox.

## WKFLC Health Fair

### Valentine's Luncheon ~February 11



### Intercessory Praying Ministry

Bethlehem Baptist Church began 2026 with 21 days of prayer and fasting, featuring Evangelist Lottie Brown and a focus on the Prayer of Jabez. Activities included group prayer, digital devotionals, and a celebratory dinner. Note: The correct website is [bethlehemprayerministry.org](http://bethlehemprayerministry.org), not the [bbcprayerministry.org](http://bbcprayerministry.org) address mentioned in the original text.

Members can join the Intercessory Praying Ministry via Zoom every Monday at 6:00 p.m.

and every Wednesday at 6:00 a.m. In addition, "Meet Me at the Altar" is held every first Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

### March 2026: A Month of Heritage and Renewal

March opens with **Women's History Month**, a dedicated time to honor the trailblazers who have shaped our past and the visionaries who continue to inspire our future. While we lead the month with this important reflection, the weeks ahead are just as packed with a spirit of transition and celebration.

From "springing forward" for Daylight Saving Time on the 8th to the official arrival of the Spring Equinox on the 20th, this month is all about new beginnings. Whether you are grabbing a slice of pie for Pi Day, wearing green for St. Patrick's Day, or observing the many cultural and religious holidays falling this season, our March calendar has you covered.

### March 2026 At-A-Glance

| Date      | Occasion                                        |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|
| All Month | Women's History Month                           |
| All Month | National Nutrition Month                        |
| March 2   | Read Across America Day                         |
| March 6   | Employee Appreciation Day                       |
| March 8   | Daylight Saving Time Begins<br>(Spring Forward) |
| March 14  | Pi Day $\pi$                                    |
| March 17  | St. Patrick's Day                               |
| March 20  | The Spring Equinox (First Day of Spring)        |
| March 23  | National Puppy Day                              |
| March 29  | Palm Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)            |

**FYI-** In Atlanta, St. Patrick's Day highlights a shared history of liberation. The city's celebration bridges cultures by featuring elite **HBCU marching bands**, blending Irish tradition with Black musical showmanship. Educators often emphasize that **Saint Patrick was once an enslaved person**, using his story as a symbolic link to the African American struggle for freedom and the universal pursuit of civil rights in Georgia.

# Team Jersey Day ~ February 8th



# Leadership Workshop ~February 21<sup>st</sup>



## Psalm Sunday Word Search

HOSANNA    PALM    BRANCHES    JESUS    KING  
 ROYAL    ENTRY    CHURCH    PASSION    COLT  
 HOLY WEEK    MONDAY (The day after)

## 🍪 Girl Scout Cookies Are Here! 🍪

Get yours today and support our Girl Scouts!  
**Now through March 15 — or until the last box is sold!**  
 Don't wait... your favorites won't last long!

**MEET THE COOKIES**

- TAGALONES** \$5: Crispy cookies layered with peanut butter covered with a chocolaty coating
- D9-91-D9s** \$5: Oatmeal sandwich cookies with peanut butter filling
- LEMON-LIPS** \$5: Crispy lemon cookies baked with inspiring messages to lift your spirits
- THIN MINTS** \$5: Crisp, chocolaty cookies made with natural oil of peppermint. Vegan.
- TREFAILS** \$5: Traditional shortbread cookies
- ADVENTURE COOKIES** \$5: Indulgent, brownie-inspired cookies with caramel flavored creme
- SAMBAS** \$5: Chewy and rich-chocolaty, coconut and caramel cookies
- EXQUISITE BAKES** \$5: Cookies filled with flavors of chocolate, marshmallow, and toasted almond creme
- TOFFEE-TASTICS** \$6: Gluten Free! Rich buttery cookies with sweet, crunchy toffee bits

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## BRAIN TEASER CORNER

**Q:** Why did the puppy sit in the shade on the First Day of Spring?

**A:** Because he didn't want to be a "hot dog" on National Puppy Day!

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## Dinner Invite SCAM Alert



A few weeks ago, I received what appeared to be an Evite dinner invitation from one of our church members — but something felt off.

The first red flag was the note that read, “Make sure to access this invite on your computer.” That wording alone seemed unusual.

Before clicking anything, I hovered my mouse over the button I was supposed to press and checked the URL in the bottom-left corner of my screen. It didn’t contain anything related to Evite, which confirmed my suspicion that it was a scam.

The sender was attempting to get me to click the link so they could access information from my computer. This is a simple example of how a few quick checks can help keep your computer safe while browsing the web. Staying alert to small details like unfamiliar links or strange instructions can prevent you from falling victim to online scams.

## In Recognition

In celebration of Women’s History Month and this year’s theme, “*Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future*,” we proudly recognize **Thomasina Benson, M.S.**, for her groundbreaking leadership and lasting contributions to education.

Ms. Benson made history as the first female principal of a Big Sixteen high school in the state of South Carolina during the 1990s—an achievement that reflected courage, resilience, and forward-thinking leadership in a traditionally male-dominated field. By breaking barriers, she helped pave the way for future generations of women in educational administration.

From 1995 to 1999, Ms. Benson served as principal of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, where she provided strong, visionary leadership centered on academic excellence, student achievement, and community engagement. Her work helped cultivate a learning environment designed not only for immediate success but for long-term growth and sustainability within the school community.

After many years of distinguished service in education, Ms. Benson retired in 1999, leaving behind a legacy of integrity, perseverance, and transformational leadership. Her impact continues to inspire, reflecting the very essence of Women’s History Month—women leading meaningful change and shaping a sustainable future for generations to come.

Submitted by Women’s History Ministry

## WKFLC

### Weekly Programs

- Aerobics: Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- Food Pantry Distribution: Fridays – 10:00 AM
- Children’s Church: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays– 9:00 AM
- Senior Bingo 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday - 10:00 AM

# Live Black History Museum ~ February 22



O For a Thousand Songs to Sing

## JUBILEE CHOIR

105th Anniversary Celebration

March 8, 2026  
3:00 PM

Bethlehem Baptist Church  
1028 Eastman Street  
Columbia, SC 29203  
Dr. Anthony A. McCallum, Chief Servant

### Just For Fun Answers

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Don't let your ministry's efforts or personal accomplishments go unnoticed. Send your submissions of special moments to [BBCcpnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:BBCcpnewsletter@gmail.com)

### Women's History Month Spa Day

#### Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future

Join us for a relaxing and empowering day as we celebrate women, their impact, and the future they are shaping. Refresh your body, renew your spirit, and connect with other incredible women of faith!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." — Proverbs 31:25

Date: Saturday, March 14th, 2026  
Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Location: WKFLC

March 14

Spa Treatments & Pampering

Fellowship & Light Refreshments

## Junior Brotherhood

We are thrilled to recognize the outstanding achievements of our Junior Brotherhood members! Their dedication shone brightly as they joined forces to prepare and distribute over 75 homemade chicken and noodle soup meals, fresh fruit, and heart-healthy protein-packed nuts to the community.

Special congratulations to Prem Grant, who was named SC State Junior Brotherhood President.

Our talented young men—Prem Grant, Nicholas Goines, David Goines, Jeremiah Goines, and Idris Wilkins—brought history to life by portraying the Greensboro 4 during the Black History Month Live Wax Museum, with Qualan Gatson delivering a memorable musical performance.

We couldn't be prouder of these remarkable leaders, and we invite all boys ages 6 to 17 to join us at our next meeting at 10am on the 2nd Saturday in the Fellowship Hall. Exciting upcoming events include preparing for the June Bible Bee and Track and Field competition, as well as a spring camping trip in April.



### Did You Know?

#### The Math:

March 14 (3.14) is **Pi Day**. It's the perfect excuse to enjoy a slice of apple or pumpkin pie while celebrating the most famous mathematical constant.



**A past newsletter contributor: B. Rump**

### Honoring a Devoted Teacher of the Word

We honor the memory of Mrs. Barbara Rump, our beloved Adult Sunday School teacher. Her life was a powerful testament to "Reaping God's Promises." Guided by Psalm 23, Barbara taught our adults how to cast their burdens on the Lord, just as she did while raising her family. Alongside her husband, Earl, she modeled a life of prayer and unwavering trust. While we mourn her passing, we celebrate that she has reaped the ultimate promise of eternal rest with the Shepherd she taught us to follow. The Rumps contributed our featured article in Oct 2023

