



**"¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ²but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night."
~ Psalm 1:1-3 NIV**

BBC Deacon's Corner:

By: *Deacon Robert Gooden*

HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE BLESSED

Bad days can help us appreciate the good days. Without difficult moments, we would have no point of comparison. In Psalm 103:2, David reminds himself:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

In other words: *May I never forget the good things God has done for me.*

Here are six blessings worth remembering:

1. The Blessing of Health

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you have a reason to be thankful.

2. The Blessing of Safety

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pain of starvation, you are blessed.

3. The Blessing of Worship

If you can attend church without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you have the precious freedom to worship.

4. The Blessing of Daily Provision

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes to wear, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, God has provided for your basic needs.

5. The Blessing of Financial Resources

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, or even spare change in a dish, you possess resources that many people around the world do not have.

6. The Blessing of Education

If you can read this message, you have received the valuable gift of literacy.

There will always be someone whose circumstances are more difficult than our own. This does not mean that we should take pleasure in another person's suffering. Instead, it should deepen our Christlike compassion and remind us to be grateful.

May our gratitude overflow into daily thanksgiving—not only for the great blessings, but also for the simple benefits we sometimes overlook.

WE WALK. WE PRAY. GOD MOVES.

PRAYER WALK

PRAYING FOR OUR COMMUNITY, ONE STEP AT A TIME.

WE PRAY
for our neighbors, schools, businesses, leaders, and our community.

WE WALK
with purpose and love, covering our streets in prayer.

GOD MOVES
as we seek His presence and believe for change.

Together, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE through prayer.

DATE: Saturday, August 8, 2026

TIME: 7:30 a.m.

MEET AT: Bethlehem Baptist Church
1028 Eastman Street
Columbia, SC 29203

SPONSORED BY:
Intercessory Prayer Ministry

PRAYER WALK LED BY:
Rev. Dr. Anthony McCallum

EVERY STEP. EVERY PRAYER. EVERY HEART.
Our community. Our mission. Our God.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Meet BBC's Newest Members

Contributor: Randy Gilbert



Steven Anderson Tayshawn McDaniel

Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center will be hosting a Community Health Fair Sat Aug 15, 2026 at their center.



The Women's Bible study Summer Fellowship. ~July 25th



Bethlehem Baptist Church Youth Attend South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education



Eight of Bethlehem Baptist Church's very own youth attended this year's South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education session. The youth enjoyed a week of learning, growing their faith, and fellowship. Here is what some of our youth had to say about their experience:

"On day 1 we learned about different ways to worship God. Day 2 We also had a service in the gym before lunch and in the AM class we learned about ways to serve & worship God by rating gospel songs. Day 3, we arrived we walked into our class and learned about baby Moses being left in the Nile. In the pm class, we answered questions of what we think of when we bear praises unto the Lord. Day 4, in our AM class we played board games based on the Bible. In my PM class, we listened to gospel, then answered open questions. We had an assembly where every group showed what they learned that week. I highly enjoyed this experience and would hope to go again."

– Yacine Diaw

"I enjoy meeting new people from different churches, all coming together to learn about God. I enjoy the experience and would like to go back again."

– Jeanette Diaw

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the Christian Education Congress held at Morris College in Sumter, SC. We experienced deep conversations, fun activities, and performances presented by youth and members from different Baptist Church's statewide. My personal biggest highlight from the week was Thursday evening's Youth Extravaganza with performances from acts such as youth choir, praise dancers, drama, and mime ministry. I performed with the drama class as I played a teacher. Meeting a lot of interesting people while I was there, overall was a blessing. I enjoyed my experience at the Congress and prayerfully will return next year."

– Jordyn Bennett

JUST FOR FUN

Transform **GOD** into the something he gives us in **5 moves**.

Rules: One Move per Step: On each turn, perform **one** action—Either **add** one new letter anywhere or **change** one existing letter.

Keep Letter Order: You cannot shuffle or scramble existing letters when adding or changing.

START:

GOD (our creator)

Step 1: _ _ _ (Clue: A thin pole or stick, like one used for fishing)

Step 2: _ _ _ _ (Clue: A street, highway, or paved route)

Step 3: _ _ _ _ (Clue: To look at and understand written words)

Step 4: _ _ _ _ (Clue: A speed contest or running event)

Step 5: _ _ _ _ _ (Clue: Divine favor, unmerited mercy, and love)

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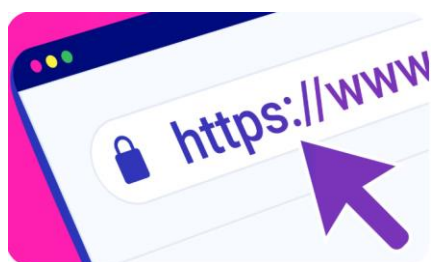
Monthly Ministry Rotation & Food Focus System

We are implementing a Ministry of the Month rotation. This distributes the responsibility across the church and ensures a steady variety of supplies.

MONTH	LEAD MINISTRY TYPE	THEME	PRIMARY FOOD ITEMS TO COLLECT
July	Congregation	Kid-Friendly Lunch	Peanut butter, jelly, canned peaches, and fruit cocktail.
August	Sunday School/ Deaf Ministry	Back-to-School	Mac & cheese, individual snack packs, and shelf-stable milk.
September	Intercessory Prayer Ministry	Garden Harvest	Canned corn, green beans, peas, and canned tomatoes.
October	Choirs/Women's Bible Study	Baking Basics	Flour, sugar, cooking oil, and boxed cake/muffin mixes.
November	Music/Media Ministries	Thanksgiving Fixings	Canned yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, and boxed broth.
December	Entire Church	Christmas Pantry	Canned meats, coffee/tea, and "luxury" treats (cookies/candy).

TECH ZONE:

By: Deacon Randy Gilbert



Tech Safety Tip: Understanding HTTP vs. HTTPS

While using a web browser, have you ever wondered what HTTP or HTTPS in your address bar stands for, or what the difference is?

Think of HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) as writing your message on a postcard—anyone handling it along the delivery chain can read what's written. Your data is sent as plain, unencrypted text.

HTTPS (Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure), on the other hand, is like locking your message inside a tamper-proof metal box where only the recipient holds the key to open it.

Beyond keeping your messages private, HTTPS provides two critical protections:

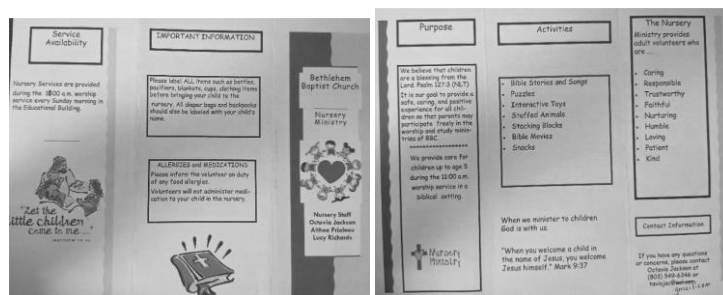
- **Authentication:** Confirms your browser is communicating with the legitimate website rather than an impostor.
- **Data Integrity:** Guarantees that files and personal details cannot be altered or intercepted in transit.

The Golden Rule: Whenever you visit a website requesting personal or financial information, always check your browser's address bar to ensure the URL starts with <https://>. Taking a quick second to look for that extra "S" keeps your personal information safe and secure!

Just For Fun Answer Key

GOD
ROD (Change G to R)
ROAD (Add A)
READ (Change O to E)
RACE (Change D to C)
GRACE (Add G)

The Nursery Ministry Provides care for children up to age 5 during 11am service. Many have been cared for over the years.



WKFLC Weekly Programs

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

Don't let your ministry's efforts or personal accomplishments go unnoticed.

Send your special moments and ministry highlights to

BBCcpnewsletter@gmail.com



Children's church every 2nd and 4th Sunday at the WKFLC



Greetings Church Family,

During South Carolina's hot season, please help our homeless neighbors by placing water, Gatorade, or protein packs in the Blessing Box. Only non-perishable items should be donated, and please avoid sweets, which attract ants. Thank you for being a blessing.



SENIOR LOSES MONEY TO ONE SCAM BUT ESCAPES ANOTHER

Based on a true story. Names and identifying details have been changed.

A caller claiming to be a Spectrum representative offered to lower Mr. Aldermere's monthly bill through a new plan. To qualify, he was told to pay his balance with gift cards, with the promise of a rebate check later. His wife warned him that something felt off, but the caller ID displayed "Spectrum." Believing it was real, Mr. Aldermere bought the cards while the caller stayed on the line. Once in his car, the caller's friendly tone vanished into aggressive pressure, demanding the card details immediately. Confused and rushed, Mr. Aldermere gave the numbers. Within minutes, his money was gone.

Sometime later, another call struck closer to home. A sobbing voice said, "Grandpa, please help me. I've been arrested." It sounded just like his grandson. A man claiming to be an attorney took over, demanding \$4,000 in cash and warning him to keep it a secret. The strange payment demand triggered a memory: the private emergency password his family had created. When Mr. Aldermere asked for the password, the caller panicked and grew angry. While Mr. Aldermere kept him talking, his wife quietly called their daughter and learned their grandson was safe.

His wife gave him a quick nod, signaling the truth. With a surge of relief and sudden anger, Mr. Aldermere interrupted the fraudster's furious rant. "Nice try," he said, and slammed the receiver down, ending the threat instantly.

This story carries vital lessons for all of us. Caller ID, familiar voices, and professional callers can easily be faked using modern technology. No legitimate company will ever demand payment in gift cards, and no real emergency requires total secrecy. When faced with urgent financial requests, always slow down, consult someone you trust, and verify the story independently. Most importantly, consider setting up a secret family password today, it just might save you thousands.