RAISING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BELIEVERS
I am so excited to share with you this August edition that has been more than six months in the making. As I was listening to Senior Pastor Rev. Charles B. Jackson Sr. share his vision of raising the next generation of believers, I began to reflect on how I could help the next generation prepare The Brookland Star.

On Jan. 7, I made contact with ministry leaders on both campuses that have a direct impact on our youth, teens and college students as well as regular contributors to The Star, so they could begin to shape the submissions for this special edition. Several of those leaders responded immediately and have supported this vision from the beginning. I am indeed grateful for their encouragement as this was something that I had not attempted before.

As you begin to flip, scroll or swipe through these pages and read what our young people have written, I pray that you share the same sense of joy and emotion that our future deacons, trustees, ushers and members are intelligent, passionate, courageous and well on their way to lead.

I am delighted to share that the layout and design was done by our Graphic Designer Shawn Glover. Glover recently moved from Columbia to accept a position out-of-state and yet, he found two weeks of free time to design this edition. Thank you Shawn Glover for sharing your gift with us and doing so in such an excellent way.

Enjoy and be encouraged!
Pastor’s Pen

Rev. James A. Jamison
Assistant Pastor

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 21, on the West Campus in the Old Sanctuary. Please join us as we explore the world of various faith communities. In this series of classes, we plan to examine what makes Christianity unique from the other world religions and cults. This is an opportunity to know what you believe and why. Have you ever wondered how Mormonism is different from Christianity? What is Islam really about; especially, in light of the rise of radical Islamic sects. What do I say to a friend or co-worker of another faith?

Moreover, this study will explain the history, background and beliefs of the world’s major living religions and cultic groups including: Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Jainism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shintoism and Zoroastrianism.

The class will be an exciting time of learning using various methods of learning: from films, guest lecturers, group assignments and field trips to the various places of worship (experiential learning).

Recent research on why we need to study religion in the 21st century is shared by William A. Graham of Harvard University, when he states the following:

1. We need policymakers and politicians who have some grasp of the actual religious dimensions of life in other nations and cultures, so that they do not proceed ignorantly to assume (and act on) popular and mistaken generalizations about what "all Hindus," "every Jew," or "most Muslims" believe or do.

2. We need persons in the professions, in trades, in homes, in every walk of life who have some grasp of the fact that their own value systems are not unique, nor uniquely valid or good, nor uniquely applicable to everyone else in the world.

3. We need Americans of good intention in all walks of life to know enough about the varied religious communities around the corner and around the world to understand the poverty and danger of speech that refers simplistically to "jihad" or "polytheism" or "legalism" as things other people live by and for.

4. Finally, we need Americans of all kinds to know enough to accept, and if possible to understand intelligently and to feel viscerally, that millions of other persons—be they monotheists, polytheists, humanists, atheists, or whatever—millions of others are just as human as they are and are at least as moral, as intelligent, and as faithful to their own traditions and values as they are to theirs.

So, come out and let us broaden our horizons together about the religious beliefs and practices of our friends, neighbors and co-workers whose beliefs are just as important them, even if they are different from our own. By learning about other religions, we can speak intelligibly about another’s religious beliefs and in so doing better articulate what we believe as Christians.

Bible Study on the Northeast Campus will resume on September 14
The focus will be on 2nd Corinthians and Galatians
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“LIVING A BALANCED LIFE”

Life happens to each and every one of us. Sometimes, this life can move at warp speed and we can find it hard to slow down with all of the demands that compete for our attention. In Joshua 1:7-9, God gave instructions to Joshua on what should be done to be and remain successful throughout all of his days. Joshua was a leader that had to learn how to walk in balance with God in order to fulfill the will and destiny set for his life. Joshua was told three very important things that we can easily do today to ensure that we too walk in balance with God’s will for our lives.

1. Be strong and courageous.
2. Meditate on the word day and night.
3. Be careful to do according to all that was written.

As a believer in Christ, we have these same commands today. We should be strong and courageous, understanding that we do not walk through this life alone. God made a promise to Joshua that as He was with Moses, He would also be with Joshua. I believe that just as God walked with Moses, Joshua and many other patriarchs in the Bible, He also walks with us daily. Because of this knowledge, we can walk courageously knowing that God will guide our direction as we acknowledge Him.

We must also take time to meditate on the word of God. When was the last time that you sat silently in the presence of the Lord, meditating on His word? This is a daily practice that is necessary to ensure that we walk with clarity and balance. Setting aside 3-5 minutes out of each day to read a scripture and then sit silently in the presence of God, meditating on what you read will help you throughout the challenges and events that arise in our lives. Meditation is an age-old practice that helps to bring consciousness and awareness to something.

As we choose to meditate on the word of God, we strengthen our consciousness of it as we go throughout our day. This consciousness will also allow us to be careful and direct our actions according to what is written in the word. We will strengthen to be hearers and doers of the word of God.

A healthy life is a balanced life. 3 John 1:2 (NASB) says, “Beloved I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.” This scripture illuminates the desire that God has for each of our lives. God’s desire for us is to walk in a balance of physical and spiritual health along with prosperity.

As we move through life, venturing into new endeavors such as a new job, a new school year, college or any one of life’s many transitions; remember that God walks with us, meditate on His word, and whatever you do ensure that it is according to the word of God. When we strive to do these things, the results are living a healthy and balanced life in God.
Three sets of siblings recently graduated from the Teen Crown Small Group Study on Saturday, July 9, 2016, sponsored by the Brookland Financial Ministry. For 10-weeks, these teens were exposed to the instruction God provides through the Bible as to how to handle finances.

Ebone Ivory, Josef Ivory, Jalen Tart, Jordan Tart, Eris Taylor and Maya Taylor. These young men and women were responsible for learning memory verses that related to finances each week and being able to recite those verses at the beginning of class. Daily the students had homework to review Bible passages and evaluate how our thoughts on finances should be aligned with God’s instructions. The class meeting time allows students to discuss what they learned through their personal studies and to make course corrections based on Bible truths.

The Brookland Financial Ministry holds three sessions each year where small group studies are available for youth, teens, college students and adults.

You can contact the Financial Ministry at bfinancialministry@yahoo.com for more information about their sessions, classes or other ways to get involved.

**Ebone’ Ivory**

The Crown Ministry really changed my whole mindset about money. I have learned that it is not my money at all, but it is God's money. I also learned how use my time, talents and treasures the way God wants me too.

**Josef Ivory**

Through the Crown Ministry, I've become closer to God. I now know how to use God’s money wisely. It has shown me what I'll need to do to make it far in life and have the money to do it.

**Jalen Tart**

The Brookland Baptist Crown class was a great experience for me. The class taught me how to use money God's way and be wise with my spending. It has also made me a better person by learning successful money habits. I would recommend people to take this class to learn God’s use of tithe, value and treasures.

**Jordan Tart**

Crown Class was great for me. Every Saturday morning for 2 months, we read scriptures about saving money. We learned about how much money I will need for my budget. I loved memorizing the scripture from each week. The most important part for me was the lesson about paying my tithes which means ten percent that I always give to my Lord and Savior.

**Maya Taylor**

What I liked about the financial class, is that it encouraged me to become closer to God and taught me things beyond money. It taught me about a number of things like friends, honesty and a life lesson of how everything is connected to God. It also showed me the value of money and how any problem you might face is in the Bible.
The Brookland Sisterhood awarded Adia Raichelle Louden the Ezella Rumph Jackson Scholarship during the Sisterhood’s Annual Empowerment Luncheon on Saturday, June 11. The Ezella Rumph Jackson Scholarship is given in honor of the mother of Senior Pastor Rev. Charles B. Jackson Sr. and is awarded to a female college student that demonstrates a commitment to God, academic excellence, community service and family.

Louden, a rising senior in the Alice C. Tisdale Honors College at Claflin University is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry, is the granddaughter of retired Master Sergeant Thomas and Bobbie Louden.

In Adia Louden’s scholarship application, she was asked to describe a time when she empowered someone. In her response, she described a time when she visited an English class at her former high school during winter break. She says, “I sat and I talked like usual, but something was different. I looked at the students that now sit in the chairs of the English class where I sat and for once, I wanted to find another way to reach some students at this school and let them know they too, are powerful beyond measure.” Adia Louden returned to that same English class at Columbia High School two days later with six admission applications to Claflin University with waived application fees. Adia Louden’s response concluded with this statement, “It’s not about the school we come from, the streets around us, or the journey we’ve already taken. It’s about the new chapter we are afforded to start each day and the potential we have to make a difference, be powerful, and uplift one another whenever we can. It is this picture that I painted for them that delivered empowerment but also the one thing no one can take away from us - hope.”

Adia Louden’s dream is serve her community in healthcare and medical research by trying to protect and promote the health of other individuals. Following graduation from Claflin as a biology major and chemistry minor, she intends to pursue a Master of Science in public health before applying to medical school. In addition to pursuing academic excellence, she has participated in medical research and various internships related to medicine, global health, and biomedical sciences. Research is very important to her because she believes medicine is continuously growing and making progress and she would like to be a contributor to this progress. Also, she aims to make sure medicine is affordable and equal for all people regardless of race, age, gender, etc.

Service is a way of life for Adia Louden as exemplified through her roles as past Miss University Honors of Claflin University, mentor, student leader and lifetime Girl Scout. As part of her Girl Scout Gold Award, she volunteered with the Brookland Foundation’s annual health fair and she hosted her own health fair in 2013. Her past and current community service includes: Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, KEEN Swim St. Louis, Free Medical Clinic of Columbia, Dorn VA Medical Center, Habitat for Humanity, Orangeburg Area Boys and Girls Club, and the Brookland Baptist Food & Clothes Bank.

Adia Louden was not able to be present for the scholarship presentation due her 10-week internship with the National Leadership Alliance Program at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis on her Alzheimer’s Disease project entitled “Characterizing Novel PSEN1 and PSEN2 Mutations.” Her grandmother, Bobbie Louden, accepted the scholarship on her behalf.

The Ezella Rumph Jackson Scholarship is funded through donations to the Sisterhood.
Samuel Grant announces the winner of the Brotherhood’s scholarship. Grant is a rising 8th grade student at E.L. Wright Middle School. He is the son of Dea. Sammie and Mrs. Sandra Grant.

Since 1996, the Brotherhood Ministry has awarded the Thomas Jackson Memorial Scholarship to one deserving young man. The 2016 Thomas Jackson Memorial Scholar is Braxton Davis McDuffie. The scholarship is given in honor of the father of Senior Pastor Rev. Charles B. Jackson Sr. McDuffie is deserving of the scholarship because of his outstanding academic, athletic and leadership achievements. Some of McDuffie’s achievements include graduating from the International Baccalaureate program at Irmo High School, being a National Beta Club member and participating in the speech and debate team and mock trial. He also travelled to Paris and Australia as a People to People Student Ambassador.

McDuffie’s great athletic and leadership accomplishments include Irmo Varsity Football, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Jericho Road and Boys to Men initiatives. He was also a member of Boy Scouts Troop 74 where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout, and won the 2015-2016 VFW Eagle Scout of the Year Award.

McDuffie will be attending the Citadel in the fall majoring in business administration and minoring in sports science.

His parents, Terry McDuffie and Letra Davis McDuffie, are very proud of him and so is the Brookland Baptist Church Family. We know he will do well at the Citadel and continue to do great things in life.

The Brotherhood has provided 18 scholarships totaling more than $16,000, since the first award was given during Men’s Day 1997.
Three young ladies and seven young men from Brookland Baptist Church participated in the 2016 encampment of Palmetto Girls State and Palmetto Boys State the week of June 5-11. Both Girls State and Boys State are week-long events for rising high school seniors to learn about the American government system and politics by participating in a mock governmental system.

Girls State was first held in 1947 and the 69th installment was held this year on the 240-acre campus of Presbyterian College nestled in Clinton. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Girls State allows young ladies to experience governmental procedure by simulating political campaigns, elections and the political process.

Boys State was first held in South Carolina in 1940 and the 76th installment was held on the 271-acre campus of Anderson University nestled in Anderson. Sponsored by the American Legion, Boys State allows young men to run for and be elected to mock offices from city level to state constitutional offices.

Participants in both programs are called citizens and divided into groups called cities. They create local governments, devise political party platforms and ultimately elect a Senate, a House of Representatives, and state constitutional officers. Citizens are also divided into political parties from which they will campaign and elect city, county, and state officers. This first-hand experience gives citizens an opportunity to prepare speeches, compose party platforms, debate current issues, and vote for elected offices. Citizens also learn about the principles of citizenship and public service from guest speakers, expert panels and staff members.

Boys State cities also compete for ribbons in athletics, spirit, college bowl trivia, and other events. Citizens may also participate in a media school which publishes a daily paper, nightly news videos, and conducts web updates regularly. They may also participate in a law school which conducts mock trials, a criminal justice academy and a Boys State band.

The 10 Brookland members that participated in Girls State and Boys State has shared their experiences for this article.

Erik Cartledge – Palmetto Boys State Junior Counselor
Palmetto Boys State was such a life changing experience for me as a citizen last year. Being able to return this year as a junior counselor was truly a blessing. I was able to change the global and national perspectives of young men to let them see how they could be better leaders. By the end of the week I was able to see my boys come out of their shells, and become young men ready to help better their society.

Vinez Lyde – Palmetto Girls State
By attending Palmetto Girls State, I was introduced to new ideas, perspectives and opportunities. I learned more about government, which increased my interest in the policies and processes. Through Palmetto Girls State, I met a group of leaders that will forever be considered my sisters. The week long camp offered many sleepless nights filled with writing and practicing speeches, but it was all worth it to be able to step out of your comfort zone and experience something you once thought impossible. I wouldn't trade the opportunity for the world and would most definitely do it all over again.

Major Joe - Palmetto Boys State Junior Counselor
My experience as a Junior Counselor for the 2016 encampment of Palmetto Boys State can only be described as incredible. As a citizen you get to enjoy all of the festivities of the week, but as a counselor you get to see how everything comes together to give the citizens a week to remember. As a junior counselor, we are the main people responsible for making sure that the boys have an amazing time. We are usually the first ones they come to if they need something. It was our job to get the boys hyped up for whatever activity was planned. I had the opportunity to bond with an amazing group of young men. I saw their talent, potential and had the opportunity to pass along a few words of encouragement and advice as they enter into their senior year of high school.

Braxton McDuffie - Palmetto Boys State Junior Counselor
It was an amazing experience that taught me how to become a better leader. Just to hear, from the citizens, that I am a role model to some of the brightest and most talented 47 boys in the state is an honor. I just want to thank God for putting me in that position to touch the lives of those young men. It was an experience I will never forget.
Victoria Randolph – Palmetto Girls State
I had the honor of being selected to be a delegate for the 70th American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Palmetto Girls State held June 5-11, 2016 at Presbyterian College. ALA Palmetto Girls State provides a unique forum for girls to learn about the government and the political process. As a delegates, each girl works within her party, city and county to organize local government and ultimately the state government of Palmetto. Not only did I learn about the political process through various educational sessions and mock exercises, I also learned how to persevere through challenges. First, I was elected mayor of my city. I then ran for Lieutenant Governor of the Federalist Party and won the election. Although, I was disappointed in not being elected Lieutenant Governor for the Palmetto State, it was an awesome experience. The early mornings, late nights, and tasks of writing and learning campaign speeches in a short period of time helped me to become a better leader by realizing my strengths while at the same time facing my fears. The ALA Palmetto Girls State experience is one that truly changes your life because of the knowledge you acquire and lifelong relationships that are created.

Marcus Reynolds – Palmetto Boys State
Palmetto Boy State was a wonderful opportunity for me and countless other young boys. We went through a lot together that week and we also learned a lot. If I could do it again, I would. I would recommend Palmetto Boy State to other young boys so they can share the experiences I had.

James “Jamie” Smith III – Palmetto Boys State
"PBS 2016 was incredible!
It meant I was a part of something special, that only few were privileged to experience. I learned so much about teamwork, brotherhood and gained a lot of brothers as well. I learned to loosen up more and just have fun. Now I understand what it takes to become a man. It's an experience I'll never forget."

Victoria Singleton – Palmetto Girls State
Palmetto Girls State (PGS) was literally a once in a lifetime experience. Starting on the first day, the other girls and I in my PGS city got to know each other immediately. Even though we had just met, it felt like I had known the girls for a long time, and I truly never felt alone throughout the week. During elections for offices, the girls encouraged me as well I encouraged them. Even though I was not elected to an office, the girls would tell me I did a great job after my speeches and inspired me to try activities that I normally would not do. Even though it has been a little over a month since Palmetto Girls State, the girls in my PGS city and I still keep in contact with each other. Without Palmetto Girls State, I would not have had any of these new experiences or have met the wonderful girls who were in my PGS city.

Jalen Tart – Palmetto Boys State
My boys state experience was one of the best experience of my entire life. I've learned the great qualities of being a leader and being a man by giving back to the community and my school. It was a great moving and life changing experience to be apart of Boys State

Darius Turnipseed – Palmetto Boys State
My experience at Palmetto Boy's State was beyond what I expected based off my own bias opinion. What I learned at Boy's State was what it truly means to be a brother for your own brothers (family, race, ethnic group, etc.). I also learned the importance of leadership and how to become a leader and the benefits of being a leader. Overall Boy State taught me integrity, perseverance, and humbleness. Thank you Deacon Durham Carter for providing me with this amazing opportunity.
The Young Women of Excellence (YWE) is actually one ministry that works to directly impact the life of young girls in three different age groups. Jennifer McConnell and Rhonda Midgette are the coordinators for the Rose Buds for girls in grades 1-4. Sherry Rivers, Ph.D., and I are the coordinators for the Girls Growing in Grace for girls in grades 5-8. Deaconess Bernice Breeland and Marilyn Shine are the coordinators for the Leading Ladies for girls in grades 9-12.

During Women’s Day 2016, we extended a personal invitation to the Women of Brookland to help and support the Young Women of Excellence and the Lord did not disappoint when he provided the vision for the “We Believe in Our Young Ladies” campaign. We had an amazing number of women to attend three interest meetings this summer and commit their time and services to our young ladies.

The Young Women of Excellence believes in all of our young ladies.
1. We Believe that God has a special plan for our young ladies—Jeremiah 29:11
2. We Believe that all of our young ladies are not who the media say they are, they are who God says they are. Psalm 139:14
3. We Believe that God has put a very special gift inside of each young lady and we are dedicated to help our young ladies and develop their gifts to the Glory of God. James 1:17

If you want to join the other Women of Excellence (W.E.) or just want additional information about the ministry, you may contact Rivers, the coordinators in each age group.

We invite all girls in grades 1-12 and their parents to join us at our Open House on Saturday, August 27, 2016, at 10 a.m. – noon. This is an informational meeting to share the activities calendar and other details about planned workshops. Please tell every young lady that you know to attend this meeting to get involved.

Registration is now open for the ministry and we have three ways for girls to join the Ministry. We would like to receive all registrations by August 25 to have information for the 2016-17 year.

Parents and prospective participants can register via the YWE webpage on the church website and click on your correct level, or pick up an application in the YWE box in the West Campus Administration Building or at the Youth and Teens Day registration table. Applications can be submitted via the YWE box.

We are ready for an exciting year as we watch God continue to grow our young girls into Young Women of Excellence.

Deaconess Norma Brown and several Young Women of Excellence share the excitement around their ministry and upcoming events.

### Girls Growing In Grace

Aisha G. Budden is a 7th grade student at Bates Middle School, Sumter. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Temisha Budden.

The Girls Growing in Grace (G.G.G.) ministry has helped me by showing me how to be a young lady and how to use my manners. The girls who are in the ministry are able to become a whole new person by acting more like a lady. It boosted my confidence and helped me be better. My mom was happy that the ministry stressed the same ideas she always taught me like being responsible, having good manners and loving myself. My plans for the future are to be either a doctor, lawyer or entrepreneur. I want to be one of these things because of the ministry. It helped me realize that girls can do anything.

We did a lot of activities and had fun. We went the TD Bank. When we went there, we learned about banking and how to save your money. We also learned about public speaking and etiquette. A verse we learned from the etiquette workshop is 1 Corinthians 14:40, “but all things should be done decently and in order.”

This ministry is very helpful and you should join because it allows you to be your best self. It’s very fun when we go on field trips and see awesome places. We are girls learning new things. Come join the fun!
Tamia Devine is a 6th grade student at Sanders Middle School.
She is the daughter of Jamie and Tameika Isaac Devine

Last year, I had the privilege of participating in the Young Women of Excellence Girls Growing in Grace. During the year, we toured a bank. We also had workshops that talked about personal hygiene and financial literacy. We had one education workshop where we had to bring our favorite teacher, which was very hard for me to choose. I really enjoyed it and I learned a lot. My mom, Tameika Isaac Devine, says, “I’m really grateful for the opportunity for Tamia to participate in Girls Growing in Grace. She learned a lot and so did we.”

There is a saying that goes, “Show me who your friends are and I’ll tell you who you are.” Let’s take this expression a step further, “show me where you spend your time and I’ll tell you what type of person you want to be.”

The world misleads young ladies into thinking it’s OK to step back, stay quiet, and let things happen to you; yet, the church is our saving grace. But what about after worship services, after those two hours are up; we still have unanswered questions. It is my opinion that young ladies need a safe haven, a place where they can share, live and learn. A place that has positive role models and peers who have each other’s best interests in mind. The women of Brookland knew this safe haven needed to exist, and they knew it was time to establish a ministry to provide the younger generations what they so desperately deserved, thus Young Women of Excellence was created.

As I embark on my next academic journey, I can’t help but reflect on the unparalleled experience I attained from the Leading Ladies Ministry. Although I must depart from the ministry to pursue my last two years of high school at South Carolina Governor’s School for Science and Mathematics, I will always carry the lessons I received from Young Women of Excellence with me. To me, the lessons were the best part of the organization. Every workshop or event tied to the Leading Ladies specifically and the Young Women of Excellence as a whole were exceptionally applicable to real life. From the inspirational workshops lead by motivating speakers, to the character building community service projects that show the participants how to give back using the time they were blessed with, the ministry is undeniably relatable.

As a leading lady, it is my job to encourage other young ladies approaching high school or currently in high school to join. I must ensure that they do not overlook an organization that not only guides you through high school but provides an academic, mental and spiritual foundation that turns growing girls into leading ladies.

Kayla Shine is the daughter of Isaac and Marilyn Shine. This fall, she will be a freshman at Clemson University and she will major in microbiology with a biomedicine concentration. Kayla aspires to pursue a career in pediatrics. She has also been an active member on the Teens In Praise Choir, the Youth and Teens Day Committee and the H.I.S. Praise Team.

I have participated in a number of ministries which have influenced my academic, spiritual and personal growth. Girls Growing In Grace and the Leading Ladies are two ministries that have had a significant impact on me which have led to success both personally and academically. Girls Growing In Grace and the Leading Ladies ministry emphasized the importance of a strong spiritual relationship with God, a strong work ethic and an emphasis to remain active in the community. A major component of Girls Growing In Grace is being paired with a mentor. My mentor, Eleanor Davis, played an active role in being a positive and influential role model who also reinforced the principles that were emphasized in Girls Growing In Grace and the Leading Ladies ministries. I applied these fundamental principles during my senior year. I was enrolled in the Center for Advanced Technical Studies Biomedical Sciences program. During my second year of the program, each student is required to develop and conduct a research project. My partner, Alexa Eyring, and I designed an adaptive handcuff for feeding utensils. The purpose of the medical device is to assist patients who suffer from various neurological disorders or motor function disabilities.

Eyring and I also travelled to Houston, Texas, to compete in an international research competition, I-SWEEEP. We received a bronze award as a result of placing in the top 30 percent of the research projects selected from the I-SWEEEP engineering category. As I continue my spiritual, educational and personal journey, I will always embody the significant fundamental principles from Brookland including the ministries such as Leading Ladies and Girls Growing In Grace.

Leading Ladies is more than a ministry to me. I got Godly guidance even when I wasn’t searching for it. I found caring companions who were not ashamed to bring God into context. I found passionate power radiating from the deeds and stories we shared as a family. I believe that because of the love, wisdom, and fellowship that I gained during my time with the leading ladies, I am called to share with others.

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Girls Growing in Grace teaches me the importance of giving back to the community and explains the importance of staying true to my faith.

~Chisom Emetu, member of Girls Growing in Grace; eighth grader at St. Andrews Middle School.
The Jewish Passover was near, so Jesus and His disciples went up to Jerusalem. Jesus went into the temple and found people selling oxen, sheep and doves. He also found the money changers sitting there.

After making a whip out of cords, Jesus began to throw out all those buying and selling in the temple. He overturned the money changers’ tables and the chairs of those selling doves. And He said to them, “It is written, My house will be called a house of prayer. But you have made it a den of thieves!”

The blind and the lame came to Jesus in the temple, and He healed them. The children were running and shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David!”

When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders that Jesus did and heard the children shouting in the temple, they were very angry. They said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?”

“Yes,” Jesus told them. “Have you never read: You have prepared praise from the mouths of children and nursing infant?” (These words were from a psalm written by King David.)

When the chief priests and scribes heard this, they were even angrier. They started looking for a way to destroy Him. But they were also afraid of Him, because the whole crowd was amazed by His teaching.

When evening came, Jesus left and went out of the city to Bethany, where He stayed the night.

Circle the items in the key box in the big picture.

Jesus turned over the tables of the money changers in the __________.

Bible Stories we will discuss this year include:

- Noah, the Children, the Ark, the Flood, and the Rainbow
- Isaac and Ishmael
- Joseph
- Moses
- Samuel
- David and Goliath
- Deborah and Barak Deliver from Canaanites
- Jesus and John the Baptist
- The Baby Jesus
- Mary Anoints Jesus
- The Boy Jesus Preaches in the Temple
- The Ruler’s Daughter
- The Boy with the Two Fish and Five Loaves of Bread
- The Widow’s Son

Our goal is to help our children, ages 5 to 11, grow in basic knowledge and understanding of our faith through a child-friendly worship service. We meet during regular worship hours in the Children’s Worship sanctuary in the Administrative building on the West Campus as follows:

- **8:15 a.m.**: 2nd and 4th Sundays
- **11 a.m.**: 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays

On 4th Sundays, Children’s Worship meets in the Health and Wellness Center for Fitness Days.

We encourage all children who are 5 to 11-years-old to attend. New volunteers are also encouraged to join the Children’s Worship family. For information, contact Kenneth Campbell at KCampbell@sc.edu or (803) 413-8949, or visit us.

The Brookland Northeast Campus Youth Program is designed to encourage children to have a relationship with Christ and to promote an understanding of worship. The program will give children a safe place to have fun and to develop meaningful relationships at various age-appropriate levels. Both programs are located in Hope Academy directly across the street from the Northeast Campus.

Children’s Church provides a worship experience for children ages 5 to 11 on the 1st, 2nd, and 5th Sunday whose parent(s) or guardian(s) is/are attending worship service.

The Nursery is open every Sunday and is open to children under the age of 5 whose parent(s) or guardian(s) is/are attending worship service.

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“Then were there brought unto him little children that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.”

Matthew 19:13-15 KJV
William Peterson shares the success of clinic hosted by the USC Men’s Basketball team. He is a rising 6th grade student at Longleaf Middle School. He is the son of Antonio Peterson and Keisa Gunby.

A large crowd gathered at the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center to attend a basketball clinic with seven USC Men’s Basketball players for their “8k in 8 Days” campaign on Monday, July 11, 2016. The “8K in 8 Days” campaign is when the USC Men’s basketball players and staff go around downtown Columbia trying to reach 8,000 fans in eight days. This is the third year for this campaign. This year, the campaign was held July 6-13.

The event began with Senior Pastor Rev. Charles B. Jackson Sr. talking to the students about the history of the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center and he also said a prayer. After that, everyone split into four groups and rotated through stations. The four stations were ball handling skills, layup and jump shots, stretching and shooting. A different goal was set up for the small kids so they could practice their shots.

After everyone was finished going through the four stations, we participated in a question and answer session with the students asking questions of the players ranging from favorite teams, favorite foods, favorite restaurants and favorite movies. The event ended with the players autographing Rally Rags.

“Educating our players as to the importance of community involvement is a big part of their career learning curve while in college. We use this time to thank our fans, to thank them for the way that they have continued to support us and the amount of growth that we have shown in our attendance, because without them our program can never reach the heights that we aspire to reach. Hats off to everyone involved that has made this a better event for three consecutive years,” said USC Men’s Basketball Coach Frank Martin in a statement from the USC Sports Information Department.

Youth in attendance were from a number of area churches. “My granddaughter plays basketball in Lexington and I brought her and her friend,” said Geneva Johnson, who attends Brookland and First Nazareth Baptist Church.

The media was present too. Reporters from The State newspaper; Spurs and Feathers, the USC newspaper; WLTX and WACH were there.

Brookland was one of the five stops for the campaign. The other stops included: The Colonial Life Arena, Dorn VA Medical Center, Epworth’s Children Home and the Special Olympics.
Camp Brookland has been a great experience so far. I go to spend time with my friends from last year, meet new friends and learn more about the new people in camp. All the counselors love on us, but when we do not do the right thing, they can get a little feisty. We know we should be on our best behavior. Did I mention that my mom is a counselor? She is really serious about making sure we do our daily devotion and academic enrichment. She says she “doesn’t want our brains to turn to mush”!

We have been on many field trips like bowling, movies, taking a tour of the airport, the museum, the planetarium, and the splash pad. I can’t wait to go on more trips.

That is my experience in Camp Brookland.

Camp Brookland is held each summer at the Brookland Academy Child Development Center. Contact Center Director Jennifer McConnell at (803) 744-7917 or jmcconnell@brookland.cc for more information.
The Youth Choirs at Brookland Baptist Church are for children between the ages of 5-12. Registration will soon begin for the 2016-17 season on both campuses. The Youth Choir sings a variety of songs such as traditional gospel, anthems, hymns and Negro spirituals. Youth Choir members actively participate in the worship experience, energetically serve the community and more importantly, grow spiritually.

We look forward to an awesome year!

WEST CAMPUS YOUTH CHOIR

The West Campus Youth Choir is under the direction of Alexis Brooker. The choir rehearses the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 9 – 11 a.m., and sings each 3rd Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. The season begins in September and continues through April.

Parents, please stay tuned for additional information on registration dates. We have a fun-filled season ahead of us, and we look forward to working with you and your children.

For more information, you may contact the choir at youthchoir@brookland.cc.

NORTHEAST CAMPUS YOUTH CHOIR

The Northeast Campus Choir is under the direction of Monetha Gaskin and Tre Tailor. The choir practices every 3rd and 4th Thursday from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and the 4th Saturday from 10 a.m. - noon, starting Sept. 15, at the Northeast Campus.

In the past, the Youth Choir has ministered through song at the annual Black History Month program held at the Northeast library branch, the PruittHealth nursing home and in the community during Coco and Caroling. It’s not all singing that keeps the children returning each year. At the end of each season, the children participate in fun activities that have included Lexington Kids Day, The Plex and a Charlotte Hornets basketball game.

If you are interested in your child participating, please go to Ministries tab on the church website, select Northeast Campus and then Youth Choir from the List of Ministries. You can complete the online form on the page to register your child or children.
The Teens In Praise

The Teens In Praise (TIP) choir began with 18 charter members in 1990 and has grown to as many as 40 members over the past 26 years. The choir's motto is 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."

To become a member of TIP, you have to be at least 13 years old or a Youth Choir graduate who will turn 13 within the year of graduation. You may be either a full or watch care member of the church, but that is not mandatory. You must also have a willing attitude and enduring spirit when it comes to working hard during rehearsals and sharing your gifts through song during Sunday morning services. The TIP not only sing on the 3rd Sundays during the 11 a.m. worship service on the West Campus, but also at churches and other events in and around the Columbia area. In past years, the choir has sung for programs at the Township Auditorium, The Koger Center, Finley Park and the Martin Luther King Park.

Rehearsals are held on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, please contact Michelle Wright for more information at mifjewright@yahoo.com.
Sydney Hannibal is a rising sophomore at Spring Valley High School. She is the daughter of Charles and Jo Ann Hannibal.

What is prayer to me? Prayer for me is a way to connect with the Lord. Anytime, anywhere, I can talk to God and He will listen.

In 1 John 5:14, it states “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” I love knowing that I can talk to Him and not feel judged and that if I ask Him anything, He will always answer. I also love that after a tough day at school or if I’m going through a really hard time, I can always sit down and have a warm conversation with Him asking for a better day. Although I am not perfect or do what God wants me to do all the time, I love that if I talk to Him, He will not see me any different than anyone else and will always love me unconditionally.

Recently at Vacation Bible School, the teachers asked us “Why do we pray?” Some students said that they prayed to thank the Lord for what He has done for them, some said they prayed to ask Him for something or to help them get through rough times, and others said to simply just talk and pour out their feelings to Him. Psalms 17:6 states “I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.” No matter what you tell the Lord, He’s always listening and always takes your best interests to heart. And what’s even better is that He doesn’t hold whatever you have done to displease Him against you and He doesn’t stop listening to what you have to say.

To conclude, prayer to me is something I do to communicate with Christ, it brings me closer to Him as well as develops my relationship with Him. Without prayer, I would not be the strong individual I am today. If I were not able to pray, I would probably give up on everything I try and lose hope.

Chancellor L. Chavous is a rising 7th grade student at Southeast Middle School. He is the son of Sherene Chavous.

I was reminded of my favorite scripture Philippians 4:13 KJV “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” on that Sunday morning when I was really nervous to play keyboards for the first time for the Youth Choir, but I knew that I could do it. All the musicians encouraged me to focus and everything else would fall into place. Being able to play for the Youth Choir, the Sanctuary Choir and during the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m services on the West Campus gives me a chance to share my love of music.

I practice at home everyday starting at 7 a.m., with the exception of school days, and often throughout the day until my Mom runs me off the keyboard. I practice songs that the choirs will sing by listening to music CDs. I practice the chords and play by ear training. I learn on my own.

I love being a musician and I believe this is a gift that God has given me. I received my first drum set when I was two and played them until I tore them to pieces. My mom bought me another set that I was able to take care of and keep a lot longer. My Mom tells this story that even when I didn’t have drums around I would beat on anything around me I was until she couldn’t take it anymore.

At Webber Elementary School, I enjoyed days when we had music. I helped my music teacher in class and with special music programs. She later asked me to play the Viola on the orchestra in the 4th and 5th grades. When I was in the 6th grade at Southeast Middle School, I was first chair and section leader in the trumpet section of band. I spend lots of time after school practicing and helping my band director. I even had the chance to debut on keyboards with the Southeast Middle School Jazz Band. This year I will play trumpet and keyboards at school.

I was inspired by Minister Eddie Peeples when he was the musical director here at Brookland. Peeples gave me music lessons and allowed me to sit with the musicians every Sunday to watch and listen. I played my first solo performance for the Children’s Choir in 2015 and it was the best!

Brookland’s Director of Music Harold Brooker and Roosevelt McLemore have given me lots of personal lessons and advice, along with other musicians at Brookland. It makes me very happy that they allow me to accompany them for most of the choirs. I want to thank all the Brookland musicians for teaching me and making me a better musician.
The Brookland Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWAs) will host the Annual Mother-Son Event on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 6 p.m. in the Brookland Banquet & Conference Center.

The theme this year is “Bowties & Pearls: Find Your Flow.” Mothers & sons will showcase their style either dressed up or dressed down. The only requirement is for the sons to wear a bowtie and for mothers to wear pearls.

Check your bulletin for more details about this event.

The YWAs meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the West Campus Administration Building. The ministry is for young women between the ages of 18-45. For more information on the ministry, please email bbcywas@gmail.com.
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