How encouraging it is to know that God can work in and through each of us! The 2014 Women’s Day theme: *Women Preparing for Such a Time as This* is taken from Esther 4:14. The book of Esther teaches great lessons about the providence of God and how He works in His perfect way and time to accomplish HIS purpose. Esther is an example of how we should live, conduct ourselves on the job, face opposition, face success and look ahead confidently to the future. It also shows us how God can use any one of us who is willing, for HIS glory. Our continuous prayer is that God will be glorified and that women will be blessed through this year’s planned activities.

Our May activities continue with a Power Hour of praise and worship on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. This mid-week prayer service will include one hour of communion with God for our church, our family, our children, our community and spiritual restoration.

The Annual Women’s Day Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 17 at 8 a.m. at the Brookland Banquet and Conference Center. This year’s guest speaker is C. Denise Hendricks. Hendricks is a former producer for the Oprah Winfrey Show and is currently an award-winning television producer and writer for CNN Headline News in Atlanta. She will deliver a powerful message that will speak to real issues facing women today and provide practical applications for our life, our family, and our work.

Experience a life changing spiritual worship experience at the highly anticipated day of praise and worship on May 18, 2014 at our 2014 Women’s Day Service. Our keynote speaker will be the incomparable Cynthia M. A. Butler. Butler-McIntyre, of the Olive Branch Baptist Church, New Orleans, is the Immediate Past National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Expect to be inspired, motivated and uplifted!

The final practices for the Women’s Day Choir are May 12 and May 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Campus Main Sanctuary. Women’s Day Usher Rehearsal is May 13 and May 15 at 6 p.m. in the West Campus Main Sanctuary.

Please email any questions to WomensDayBrookland2014@aol.com.
Greetings my Beloved in the Lord:

In an effort to encourage and strengthen believers in the faith at home and elsewhere, I was led of the spirit to encourage the household of faith to “Get Up” just as Jesus got up over 2,000 years ago. So the Lord gave me a message titled “The Day In Between.” We all are familiar with the story of the tragedy on Friday, the day when Jesus was crucified, died and was buried, then was placed in Joseph’s new tomb. He stayed there all day Friday, Saturday, and as the record bears, He rose early Sunday morning with all power in His hand. However, for some reason or another too many believers find themselves stuck on the day in-between - that hopeless Saturday – in the tomb with nowhere to go. It may be the private pain of your past that’s impeding your ability to Get Up. Although He has gotten up, far too many of us have not allowed Him to rise in us, our circumstances, conditions and calamities.

Perhaps, your present position is dictating the rhythm of your progress. You may be frustrated with where you are; feeling as if Sunday will never come. But Jesus said in His words “I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” Further, Jeremiah 29:11-13 states, I know the plans that I have for you declares the Lord to give you a hope and a future. So Get Up and Live.

Last, we are encouraged and energized by the Power of His Promise. The Power of His Promise not only gives us the authority but it gives us the strength to get up from where we are and move to where the Lord is calling us to be. “Stand Up” as the Scriptures have mandated that we must “Stand” and having done all to “Stand” – “Stand.” Even in the face of adversities and life’s difficulties – the Power of His Promise helps us to Get Up and Stand!!!

Rev. Nicky Wilson

Editor’s Note

As we continue to grow and explore the possibilities for GREATER in the delivery of The Brookland Star, beginning this month we will be publishing a full color version of The Star which will be available exclusively on the church web site. We are delighted by the opportunity to be able to display the work of the more than 60 ministries of both Brookland campuses as well as the accomplishments of our members in color. We are convinced that this will provide a more excellent representation of our outreach efforts to positively effect in the greater Columbia area.

The printed copy of The Star that you receive each second Sunday will remain the same and we are taking steps to make sure it is available to persons that would like a printed copy.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the fine men and women who volunteer their time to photograph events, collect stories, and make contact with ministry leaders to provide quality content for our 24-page publication. Thank you to all The Brookland Star volunteers for your contributions.

Each month, we strive to include every submission or space request that we receive. Although some requests can not be fulfilled in their entirety, we pray that you will accept the manner in which we edit content, design pages, and organize the articles to keep with the directives we have been given for this newsletter.

The Brookland Star can be found on the church web site under Ministries, Main Campus (West), Member Services, and finally Newsletters.
2014 Men's Day Kick-off May 25

We, the 2014 Men’s Day Committee, are enthusiastic about the activities and events scheduled to celebrate the theme: Expecting God’s Promise Through Sacrifice, Sanctification & Sustainment! On Sunday, May 25, we will officially kick-off registration for the 2014 Men’s Day. This year’s Men’s Day activities include the Black Male Conference, Annual Men’s Day Breakfast, and conclude with an anointed worship service. Fathers, sons, husbands, brothers, nephews, co-workers and friends - please join us by either participating in the Men’s Day Choir, Ushers or by just registering to support our celebration. The cost for registration is $40 for adults and $30 for youth and teens (under 17).

More details will be on the way concerning our Family Bowling Event on Saturday, May 31.

We are supporting the Brookland Foundation’s Annual Golf Tournament on June 9 and the Black Male Conference the weekend of June 13-15.

The Annual Men’s Day Breakfast and Book Signing will be held on Saturday, June 21 at 9 a.m. in the Banquet and Conference Center. Sixth District Congressman James Clyburn will be the Guest Speaker. When Clyburn came to Congress in 1993, he was elected co-President of his Freshman class and quickly rose through leadership ranks. He was elected Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1999, and his reputation as a leader and consensus-builder helped him win a difficult three-way race for House Democratic Caucus Vice Chair in 2002. Three years later, he was unanimously elected Chair of the Democratic Caucus. When Democrats regained the House majority in 2006, Congressman Clyburn was elevated by his colleagues to House Majority Whip. As Assistant Democratic Leader in the 113th Congress, the number three Democrat in the House, James E. Clyburn is the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee and one of the Democratic Caucus' primary liaisons to the White House. During this event, Congressman Clyburn will unveil his new book, Blessed Experiences: Genuinely Southern, Proudly Black, and will be available to personally autograph the book immediately after the Men's Day Breakfast. Tickets to the breakfast are included in Men’s Day registration. Extra tickets are $15.

Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., Senior Pastor at St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, will be the Guest Preacher during both of our Men’s Day worship services on Sunday, June 22. Dr. Moss is currently the President of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention which partners with indigenous communities and leaders around the world including Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, Canada, Australia, South America and many countries in Africa engaged in ministries of evangelism, compassion, empowerment and advocacy. Hundreds of missionaries are deployed each year to provide aid and support in numerous capacities while witnessing for Christ.

Men’s Day Choir Rehearsals are scheduled for May 19, May 27, June 9, June 10, June 12, June 16, June 17 and June 19 and will begin nightly at 6:30 p.m. Men’s Day Ushers Rehearsals are June 17 and June 19 at 6 p.m. nightly.

We are preparing for a month filled of brotherhood bonding and fellowship. We ask your prayers that God will receive the glory thorough this year’s festivities!

For questions regarding activities, please contact: Chair, Torri Toland 803-467-4831; Co-Chair, Cyril Belton 803-269-7830; or Advisor, K. Allen Campbell 803-744-7906. †
Faye Graddick is a teacher of the West Campus Teen Class ages 13-15 years-old

“Sunday School is a great place to learn about God's word. We can grow spiritually in God. Sunday School improves your Bible knowledge when you know and understand God's word for yourself you are likely to obey the Lord. Sunday School assist your spiritual Growth, you learn more how to live for Jesus. Most important Spiritual Growth occurs best in a small group. In Sunday School Class you are known. You can share needs and concerns from your life. Sunday School helps you build meaningful relationships. You meet people learn their names, hear stories and meet other families. Sunday School gives each one of us opportunities to serve and minister it has a place for the whole family by this I mean going to church your entire family can participate in the purpose of Bible Study, fellowship, discipleship, ministry and evangelism. You can gain the assurance of knowing every family member of your family is involved in weekly study in which is growing their knowledge in the Bible. When your teenagers said it is boring Sunday School doesn't have to be boring. It can be fun and educational. You can feed their appetites thought God's Word. The aim is to spread the principles of Jesus Christ it is important for young minds to be cultivated and nurtured and an excellent way to bring about this cultivating is to encourage the teenagers to attend Sunday School. The aim is to instilled a positive attitude toward life in the minds of the students. The main aim is to bring about a spiritual growth of the students by attending Sunday School gives the teenagers opportunity to be a part of this process of growth and development. It is essential for us to understand the primary purpose of Sunday School is the achievement of spiritual growth.”

Deaconess Sandra Randolph and Cassandra Conyers-Rush are the teachers of the West Campus Beginner's Sunday School Ages 2-5 years-old

“Sunday School provides the basis for studying and further understanding God's word. It is important to establish this foundation early. Students (ages 2-5 years old are provided Sunday School materials on their level that is exciting. Students can assist with the opening/closing prayers, sing color and collect the offering. Most important students discuss and learn God's word. It is never too early to begin teaching God's instruction for our lives.”

Chauntel Bland is a member of the West Campus Young Adult Sunday School Class taught by Dea. Oliver Williams

“Sunday School makes my Sunday morning worship experience complete. I grew up going to Sunday School and I would feel like I was cheating myself if I limited my worship experience to only listening to the sermon and listening to the choir sing a few songs. Besides, the Bible commands us to add knowledge to our faith (2 Peter 1:5). As great as the sermons are at Brookland, time constraints limit the depth of fundamental knowledge Christians need for victorious living. Sunday School provides such fundamental knowledge.

Moreover, Sunday School is a great way to meet and connect with others. You can develop relationships and others can strengthen you with their testimonies of the benefits of applying biblical principles in everyday living. I especially like how our teachers add practical wisdom to the Sunday School lesson.”
On Tuesday, April 15 representatives from Brookland Baptist Church, employees from SCE&G, local elected officials and Midlands senior citizens, gathered to tour the newly renovated kitchen at the Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center.

SCE&G and the Brookland Center for Community Economic Change partnered to renovate the kitchen, which will be used to serve senior citizens living in the surrounding communities who utilize the center for its daily programs, recreational activities and services.

More than 30 SCE&G employees worked to completely rebuild the kitchen by adding a new roof, upgrading the electrical and plumbing work, replacing windows and stocking it with brand new professional-grade appliances.

“This partnership with SCE&G affords us a unique opportunity to make a significant impact in the lives of the people in the neighborhood and community and transform lives for the good of all,” said Rev. Dr. Charles Jackson, Sr.

During the dedication event, SCANA Chairman and CEO Kevin Marsh and SCE&G’s President of Retail Operations Keller Kissam made remarks.

“Serving our communities is one of SCE&G’s core values,” said Kevin Marsh, SCANA Chairman and CEO. “We were pleased to collaborate with the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center to help fulfill its mission of improving the quality of life for seniors and youth in the community.”
Take the Test, Take Control is the theme of National HIV Testing Day’s annual campaign to encourage people of all ages to know their HIV status. National HIV Testing Day is held annually on June 27. In the United States, nearly 1.1 million people are living with HIV, and almost one in five don’t know they are infected. On June 27 everyone is urged to get tested to find out if you have HIV.

South Carolina ranks 8th in the nation in the rate of new AIDS cases annually with close to 15,000 people living with HIV infection or AIDS. The Center for Disease Control considers SC one of the top 10 Hot Spots in the nation. Columbia ranks sixth in the nation among large metropolitan areas in the rate of new AIDS cases.

Below is a list of confidential testing locations across the Midlands.

**South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council**  
1518 Pickens St, Columbia, SC 29201  
803-254-6644

**Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers**  
Laurel Medical Practice  
1520 Laurel St, Columbia, SC 29201  
803-799-8407

**Richland County Health Department**  
2000 Hampton St, Columbia, SC 29204  
803-576-2980

**Planned Parenthood Health Systems Incorporated**  
2712 Middleburg Dr  Ste 107, Columbia, SC 29204  
803-256-4908

**Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services of South Carolina**  
2638 Two Notch Rd  Ste 108, Columbia, SC 29204  
803-779-7257

**AHF Columbia Grace Medical Group**  
3025 Farrow Rd, Columbia, SC 29203  
803-933-0288

**Acercamiento Hispano de Carolina del Sur**  
87 Wild Wood Ave, Columbia, SC 29203  
803-419-5112

**Lexington County Health Department**  
1070 South Lake Dr  Ste B, Lexington, SC 29073  
803-785-6550
Brookland College Ministry

Demond Coleman is the Director of the Brookland College Ministry and can be contacted at BBCollegeMinistry@gmail.com or (404) 441-2982.

The Brookland Baptist College Ministry serves God and promotes the spirit of excellence, while seeking to provide a positive environment where traditional college students will not only excel academically but spiritually. We are committed to working, worshiping God, and witnessing to others about Jesus Christ and what He can and will do. In addition, the goal of the College Ministry is to provide a Christian Baptist Ministry witness for students through activities on and off campus throughout the year.

Objectives of the College Ministry include but are not limited to the following: a watch-care ministry under the Brookland Baptist church, counseling and prayer (as needed with Rev. Nicky Wilson, Minister of Youth, Teens, College Students, and Young Adults and/or other ordained Ministers of the Brookland), networking, transportation to and from Sunday morning worship services, community service/community service projects, and social fellowship with and beyond the Brookland Baptist family.

The College Ministry communicates with collegiate students that register with the Ministry and works actively with the Church’s Youth and Teens. Undergraduate and postgraduate members/relatives of the church receive birthday cards, letters, calls or e-mails throughout the academic year.

Each month, the committee meets to discuss business and we strive to prepare care packages or envelopes for collegiate students. We, the Brookland Baptist College Ministry are committed to serving God, worshiping God, and witnessing to the saved and unsaved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 26-28, 2014 The College Ministry is planning a trip to the University of North Carolina (UNC), Duke University, North Carolina A&T State University, Johnson C. Smith University, and Carowinds Theme Park. (Trip price will include, Travel, Superior Hotel Accommodations Snacks and Beverages, and a Cookout to celebrate all Middle, High School, and College Graduates). Snacks and Beverages, and a Cookout to Celebrate all Middle, High School, and College Graduates). Interest Meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m., and June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2014 - 6:30p.m. - Scholarship, Financial-Aid, and Grant Symposium: “How do I go to College for Little to No Cost.” High School Students, Graduating Seniors, and Traditional College students will be invited to come and learn about Scholarships, Financial-Aid, and Grants and how to apply for them. (West Campus Administration Building)

September 21 - (8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m.) - 2014 College Day

Military Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, May 25 we will observe our Annual Military Appreciation Day Program during both West Campus morning worship services. The Guest Preacher will be Rev. Darrell King, BA, MS, M-Div. King is the Associate Minister at First Baptist Church East End in Newport News, Virginia.

The service will highlight Brookland members who are active in the military as well as remember our Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), as well as those Killed in Action (KIA). Each branch of the military will be recognized by the playing and singing of their branch song.

The Brookland Banquet and Conference Center will offer a discount to all active and retired service members on May 25.

All military are encouraged to attend.

Demond Coleman is the Director of the Brookland College Ministry and can be contacted at BBCollegeMinistry@gmail.com or (404) 441-2982.
Recruitment for Poll Workers

The Lexington County Commission of Registration and Elections is in need of Precinct Workers for the West Columbia area for the June 10 primary and possible runoff on June 24. Anyone wishing to work in these elections or if you have any questions, please call the Elections Office at 803-785-8361 or Jerry McCormick at 803-606-2519, or Horace Porter at 803-767-7005.

SHOE DRIVE DEADLINE NEARS

May 16 is the final day to drop off your gently used shoes to benefit relief efforts in Haiti, Uganda and other parts of Africa. The Foundation has set a goal to collect 3,000 pairs. Shoes can be dropped off at designated areas around the West and Northeast campuses, as well as the Brookland Foundation Office. The Foundation extends a sincere thank you to everyone for their support.

The Brookland Northeast Teen Ministry is coordinating a trip for all teens to Joyfest 2014 at Carowinds on May 24.

Tickets are on sale each Sunday through May 18 in Room 1 at the Brookland Northeast Campus.

Tickets are $40 and the price includes all park rides. Space is limited so make plans now to be in attendance.

Contact Tonja Eady at (803) 397-7120 or at eadybizgroup@gmail.com for more

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Congratulations to the 29 high school seniors who received financial assistance for college this fall during Education Day on April 13, 2014.

Damaris N. Collier received the Gold Scholarship in the amount of $2,000, Patrick T. Reid received the Silver Scholarship in the amount of $1,500, and Charles A. Greene received the Bronze Scholarship in the amount of $1,000.

Pastors’ Education Assistance Awards - $700.00
Tiara N. Banks
Tyler A. Brown
Walter S. Campbell
Jocelyn V. Grace
Yashee T. Johnson
Morgan S. Lambert
Tyler T. McAllister
Morgan A. McCray
Jackson N. McGregor
Mikayla A. Prioleau
Aria A. Robertson
Le Roy Simmons IV
Kenneth E. Williams
Alia M. Wright

Deacons’ Education Assistance Awards - $500.00
Austin C. Brooker
Zakiya E. Geter
Joshua J. Hall
Kelsey Houston
Michael D. James
Henry Jeter IV
Wendarius B. Johnson
Theodore R. Kennedy
Timesha S. Moody
Ashley S. Perry
Keirra M. Sells
Justice R. Stewart

2nd Annual College Tour

Empowering, Inspiring, and Future are a couple of words which come to mind when reflecting on the impact the Second Annual College Tour had on our teens. Thirty-five teens ranging from 10th to 12 grades, knew not what possibilities awaited them as they entered the tour bus; upon their return, new seeds for higher learning was born.

The first stop on this journey was in Orlando. They visited the Digital Animation and Visual Effects School (DAVE). Then a fun filled day at the Universal Island of Adventure. The next leg of this trip was to Tallahassee to tour FAMU, The Black Archives and Florida State University campuses.

The tour then ventured to Atlanta to the historic Morehouse, Spelman and Clark Atlanta colleges complex. There was much to be learned at these schools in addition to the basic requirements for admission. A history lesson was given that included notable graduates and benefactors of these universities.
Seventeen young men participated in the Brotherhood Ministry’s 2014 Oratorical Contest. The young men ranged in ages from 11-17 and selected the theme: Nelson Mandela: The Style and Substance of A Man. The event was held on March 28, 2014 in the former sanctuary on the West Campus. Contestants were divided in two groups 11-13 years of age and 14-18 years of age. Each participant received a cash prize and certificate of participation. Jonathan Cannon and Braxton McDuffie were the top winners in the 14-18 category and they received paid summer internships with Richland County Solicitor Dan Johnson.

Deacon Tyrone Brown says “The main goal of the oratorical contest is to provide our young men with an opportunity to learn and apply the art of public speaking. While it is impossible to achieve such a goal in one activity, it is very important that we provide the exposure and foundation as it relates to public speaking. The growth in our young men during the workshops over a period of eight weeks was well worth the investment of our time and financial resources. We thank all of the participants, their parents, and the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event possible.”

**Participants in the 11-13 category**

**Jalen Blunt**, 11, is a 5th-grade student at A. C. Moore Elementary School, where he is on the A/B Honor Roll. He is a member of the Greenview Park Swim Team and Brookland’s Youth Choir and Cub Pack #74. He is a winner in the 2014 Palmetto Pride Art Contest, with his winning entry displayed in the Tapps Museum in downtown Columbia. He is the son of Deirdre and Michael Blunt.

**Justin Blunt**, 13, is an 8th-grade student at Hand Middle School, where he is on the A/B Honor Roll and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. He is a member of the Greenview Park Swim Team and the Dreher High School Swim Team. He is also a member of Brookland’s Teens in Praise Choir and Boy Scout Troop #74. Justin’s essay for the Lieutenant Governor’s 2014 contest on “The Generations between Seniors and Teens” won 1st Place. He will be representing Hand Middle School in the contest. He is the son of Deirdre and Michael Blunt.

**Justin Jenkins**, 13, is an 8th-grade student at Dutch Fork Middle School. He was recently accepted into Spring Hill Magnet School in Irmo where he would like to explore engineering. Justin is a member of Brookland’s Jr. Ushers’ Ministry. He is the son of Anthony and Leslie Jenkins.

**Jalen Jennings**, 12, is a 6th-grade student at White Knoll Middle School where he is on the Honor Roll. He is in his third year of playing AAU basketball for Team Pass Alliance. He is the son of Dexter and Lorraine Jennings.

**Earl Jones III**, 12, is a 6th-grade student at Summit Parkway Middle School, where he is in the magnet Engineering Program. He is a member of Brookland’s Jr. Ushers’ Ministry and Jericho Road (Manhood Training) Program. He is the son of Earl Jr. and Zuleika Jones.

**Damarcus Mack**, 12, is a 6th-grade student at St. Andrews Middle School. He is a member of the Dick Sports Athletics in the Dentsville Youth Baseball League at Polo Road Park, plays basketball on teams at the Blythewood Recreation Center, and is a member of the Capital City Vipers AAU basketball team. He is also a member of Brookland’s Jr. Ushers’ Ministry and Boy Scout Troop #74, and is a volunteer in Children’s Worship. He is the son of Carla Profit and grandson of Bessie Profit Mack.

**Darrington Ross Isreal**, 12, is a 6th-grade student at Mueller Road Middle School where he is a straight “A” student and is in the Bow Ties and Pearls Magnet Program. He plays basketball on teams at the Blythewood Recreation Center and is a member of the Capital City Vipers AAU basketball team. He also plays football for the NCFA Raiders. He is the son of Shree Isreal and the late David Isreal.

**Myles Thomas**, 12, is a 7th-grade student at E. L. Wright Middle School with a major in Law. He plays baseball for Blythewood High School and Blythewood Park as well as basketball for E.L. Wright Middle School. Myles is a member of Brookland’s Jericho Road (Manhood Training) Program. He is the son of Donna and Odell Thomas.
Winners in the 11-13 Category  
First Place: Justin Jenkins  
Second Place: Demarcus Mack  
Third Place: Myles Thomas

Winners in the 14-18 category  
First Place: Jonathan Cannon  
Second Place: Braxton McDuffie  
Third Place: Omar Holmes

Participants in the 14-18 category

Jonathan Cannon, 16, is a student at Dutch Fork High School in all Honors courses and is a member of Brookland’s Jr. Ushers’ Ministry. He is the son of the Rev. Steven Cannon and Venita Cannon.

Omar Holmes, 14, is an 8th-grade student at Blythewood Middle School where he participates in the Navy Cadet program and is the Blythewood student ambassador. He is also first chair bass clarinet in the school’s symphonic band. Omar is a member of Brookland’s Jericho Road (Manhood Training) Program. He is the son of Edward and Mimie Holmes.

Tre’ Jenkins, 16, is a 10th-grade student at Dutch Fork High School. He is a member of the Dutch Fork Football Team and Track Team. Tre’ is a member of Brookland’s Jr. Ushers’ Ministry and Jericho Road (Manhood Training) Program. He is the son of Anthony and Leslie Jenkins.

Major Joe, 16, is a 10th-grade student at Ridge View High School, where he is a member of the Varsity Wrestling Team. He is also an Americanism Essay Winner. He is a member of Brookland’s Boys to Men (Manhood Training) Program. He is the son of Bathsheba Joe and John Cullen.

Braxton McDuffie, 15, is a 10th-grade student at Irmo High School where he is a member of the Speech and Debate Team, the Victory in Praise Gospel Choir, the Beta Club, and the Varsity football team. Last summer, he toured Australia as a national People to People Student Ambassador and is a member of National Young Leaders. He also holds a green belt in Taekwondo and is a member of Brookland’s Mime Team, Teens in Praise Choir, and Boy Scout Troop #74. He is the son of Letra McDuffie and Terry McDuffie.

Brendon Profit, 15, is a 9th-grade student at Brookland-Cayce High School. He has been selected to participate in the national People to People Student Ambassador Program and is a member of Brookland’s Teens in Praise Choir. He is the son of Quiana Profit and grandson of Bessie Profit Mack.

Darius Turnipseed, 15, is a 9th-grade student at Dreher High School where he is an Honor Roll student and a member of Navy Jr. ROTC program. He also plays baseball for Hyatt Park and is a member of the Greenview Swim Team. Darius is also member of Brookland’s Boys to Men (Manhood Training) Program and Boy Scout Troop #74. He is the son of Yvette Turnipseed.

Corban Williams, 16, is an 11th-grade student at Lexington High School where he is on the A/B Honor Roll and is a member of the Varsity Track Team and Triple Jump Team. He is also president of Brookland’s Jr. Ushers’ Ministry and a member of the Committee for Teen Church and Boy Scout Troop #74. He recently completed all requirements for the Eagle Award, the highest honor in Boy Scouts.
The Lord's Prayer Word Search

Against
Men
Bread
Daily
Deliver
Done
Earth

Evil
Father
Forgive
Give
Hallowed
Heaven

Lead
Name
Temptation
Trespass
Will

Our prayers travel from our mouths to God's ear.

I know He hears me.

Teach Me to Pray

Praise God
Confess Your Sins
Thank God
Closing
Pray for Others
Pray for Yourself

Loving God, (Praise God) Sometimes I forget to be helpful and kind, please forgive me. (Confess our Sins)
Thank you for being there for me. (Thank God)
Help those who are hungry. (Pray for Others)
Help me to be a better person. (Pray for Yourself)
In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen. (Closing)
In the spirit of Pastor Jackson’s annual church theme for 2014, Children’s Worship will focus on Biblical stories to help our children grow in basic knowledge and understanding of our faith.

Children’s Worship is a child-friendly worship service for children ages 5 to 11. It meets 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

We encourage all children in these age groups 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.

**bbnevouth@gmail.com**

“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
The Summer Learning Challenge is a great way to get people of all ages to get excited about reading. Children, Teens, and Adults can participate. They must meet the standard goal of 25 hours to complete the challenge. Participants also have the option to create their own goal, such as reading 10 biographies, or reading five mysteries. Babies and toddlers can also participate in the Read to Me challenge. They must be involved in 10 reading moments. Any participant of the Summer Learning Challenge can read anything. It can be magazines, newspapers, the Bible, graphic novels, or Sunday school lessons. You can even listen to audiobooks. The best part is that you get prizes for completing your goal. Kids, teens, and adults will get different prizes, depending on their age category.

I have participated in the Summer Learning Challenge for 11 years. Every year, they have fun programs such as Battle of the Books and Pigskin Poets. Battle of the Books is a team trivia contest where participants read a book list and then are asked questions about the books. The team with the highest score wins! Pigskin poets is a Summer Learning Challenge event where kids get to meet the South Carolina Football team’s freshman lineup. Kids participate in songs, stories, and free autographs from the team.

The Summer Learning Challenge is a great event that everyone should join. Registration starts June 1 and ends August 16.

Josiah Washington shares the importance of summer reading. Washington, 13, is the son of Renee and Phillip Washington. He is home-schooled and during his spare time, he likes participating in math competitions, Lego Robotics, and designing roller coasters. Washington has a 10-year-old sister, Micah, who also is an avid reader.

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Russell Releases New Book

Tracey Russell talks about her new book. - As told to Author Kevin Morgan.

Brookland member Tracey Russell has published a book under the name Tracey ‘Girlz.’ Tales of Indifference: An Anthology of Sultry, Secretive & Simplistic Short Stories is a mixture of diverse, original and creative tales which touch on a multitude of facets such as road rage, humor, sibling interactions, military friendships, and love. Each story is therapy-infused but faith-inspired as the overall essence of the book is to encourage, empower, and edify via a realistic view of life.

Russell says there are five things she would like for her readers to understand from reading her book, “First, to read any book shouldn’t be a daunting task. This book accomplishes this goal. Secondly, this book shares the truthfulness about subject matters which are not easily discussed. Third, a dream deferred is not necessarily dead. It often means God has a reason for the postponement. It took 20 years for my publication goal to become reality. Fourth, if God says it, it will come to pass, PERIOD!! Finally, you must always stay true to thine own self, irrespective of others perceptions.”

Russell is the proud mother of two daughters, Angel and Dominique. She is originally from Memphis where she obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from LeMoyne-Owen College and a Master of Science in Social Work degree from University of Tennessee. She is employed with Job Corps at the Department of Labor. Her family attends the Brookland Northeast Campus.

Russell’s book is available on Amazon.com and at Barnes and Noble.
Author Kevin Morgan has penned a new book *Dialoguing the Bible*. This new book recounts how the Bible evolved from an anthology of written and oral works into the highly respected sacred book Christians recognize today. Not just a collection of historical facts and dates, this book also features fictional dialogues that help to convey the various emotions behind the decisions and key milestones in the development of the Old and New Testaments.

Morgan explains why he wrote the book, “Most of the books I’ve read on this subject do a great job of detailing who are the authors of the various books of the Bible and the circumstances of their writing efforts. But, I think they tremendously miss the mark when it comes to comprehending why these authors wrote and equally as important, why the religious leaders selected these writers’ works to be canonized. In other words, their emotional highs and lows have been largely disregarded. It is my contention that the Bible’s development is a process that is best understood emotionally, not just cognitively. This book is for anyone who is interested in understanding the path of the Bible’s development, but who don’t want to dig through the 45 books I used in my research for this project. I believe that one of my responsibilities as an author is to present valuable information in creative and innovative ways that makes it easier for the reader to enjoy and learn from. After reading my book, I want the reader to not only know the important dates and facts behind the Bible’s evolution; but also I want them to FEEL it. This added dimension of feelings will help them better understand the lessons and themes as they read the stories of the Bible.”

Morgan has also published a Mother’s Day book titled *Faith of Our Mothers and Daughters: Celebrating Black Mothers in the Midlands*. This book, Kevin’s seventh publication, is a coffee table picture book that includes photos and profiles of more than 50 African-American mothers and their adult daughters. *Faith of Our Mothers* captures the words and reflections of adult daughters who are celebrating their mothers.

Most of the mothers and daughters reside in the Midlands, but some in North Carolina, Alabama, Illinois, and Tennessee even as far away as Shanghai, China.

More than 30 churches are represented in the book with Brookland Baptist leading the way.

*Faith of Our Mothers* is a unique book that provides a unique opportunity for daughters to pay tribute to the wonderful women who raised them and who set the example of dedicated motherhood. Morgan describes this book as an extended Mother’s Day card and a prolonged hug from appreciative daughters, many of whom are mothers themselves.✨
I had a conversation with a man who was angry that the women he approached for love did not want to love him back. James, I’ll call him, is an attractive, intelligent man... who is also going through a divorce, a breakup with his girlfriend, a messy court case all while looking for a job! Now while all of that is fine, it’s simply life! It may be a bit much for someone else to handle! I assured James not to take it personally, instead respect the person who is mature enough to realize what they can and cannot handle, and honest enough to recognize and say it!

We often jump into relationships with our eyes wide closed! Not taking into consideration if we are ready for love or if we are equipped to deal with everything that comes with the other person. Each of us has something going on in our lives: young children, the baby’s mom or daddy and whatever is going on with them, elderly parents, bills, school, the job and your co-workers, illness... have I mentioned your situation yet? If not insert your life issue here _____! We have to look at our lives honestly to determine if we are able to add someone else and their life into our mix! Because if you’re in relationship, whatever is going on in their life - is going on in yours too! Now I know you’re saying: “it’s good to give; the Bible says help those who can’t help themselves!” And while that’s true, may I ask: Are you in a position to give help, or are you in need of help yourself?? We can give shoes to the clothes if we have shoes, but if you’re walking around with holes in your toes, all you can do is tell someone the time, date and place of the shoe giveaway...and get there yourself before all the shoes in your size are gone! We have to be honest about what we are able to do (and not do)!

James and I are simply friends, because I can’t possibly be anything else to him right now. I’m rebuilding my career, helping my son establish his, assisting my sister and her son; my load is already full. True friendship, prayer and an ear to hear, is all I can offer James right now; and exactly what I think he needs! I actually think he has too much going on to even consider entering into a romantic relationship My opinion is that he should focus his energy, not on pursuing a mate, but on re-establishing his life and building a strong foundation for himself; so he can offer his best to a relationship, when it is time! And yes, we’re human. We get lonely and its normal to want someone to lean on and talk to especially when you’re going through. And My beautiful sisters we are a magnet for a project; we see a broken brother and we want to try and fix him :) and God blessed us with that sensibility, but he also gave us wisdom to know how far to go! Men and Women, we can be friends, prayer partners But we have to learn how to be that support, without crossing that line. There’s nothing like a shoulder to lean on... but is your shoulder strong enough for the weight of someone else’s life? If you pick it up, will you still stand tall, or will your knees buckle and make you stumble to the ground!!? That’s the question.

We often know the right answer, we just choose the option we want! But if you're unsure or need some confirmation, go to the word, read and meditate on the scriptures HE leads you to, and then as Proverbs 3:5-6 states: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding.” It may not make sense to you, but ask yourself: do you TRUST HIM or do you trust you?! Isaiah 58:8 reads “his ways are not our ways, his thoughts are not our thoughts.” The LORD may not do how or what we think He will, Our GOD likely will not give us the answer or work it out like we thought. But if we know HE loves us, and we know HE has our best interest at heart...You know whatever he does, it’s not just going to be good, it will be better than we could ever imagine!

I promise you Singles, if you open your heart and mind, you will know the right thing to do, then its up to you to do it. Whatever the answer is for you, evaluate your life thoroughly and honestly, then make the right decision for you, and the other person too....and Relax, it’s ok 2 know what u can handle!  

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Firmly By Faith

Deaconess Cheryl Wilson is married to Deacon Cliff Wilson and they are the parents of three children. Her family attends Brookland Northeast and she is a member of the Christian Education Ministry.

My parents grew up in the south, but my sister and I were born and reared in Brooklyn, NY. Although my parents respectively attended church in their youth, they never found a “church home” when they relocated north. As a result, we didn’t grow up going to church every Sunday. In fact, my childhood recollections of church are a blur. Nonetheless, I have distinct memories that indeed acknowledge my parents’ faithfulness in Christ. It was at home where I learned that I could turn to the 23rd Psalm. It was at home where I became familiar with the names Andrae Crouch, Shirley Caesar, Cissy Houston and the Clark Sisters. Most importantly, it was at home that I learned the value of worship without crowd appeal and participation. I may not have had the “traditional” church experience in my adolescence, but my memoirs of the faith that I was exposed to, reside with me still. This makes me incredibly grateful for the parents with whom God blessed me.

While young, I was afforded a lifestyle of limited trepidation. That doesn’t mean I lived in the lap of luxury; it simply suggests that I have parents that embraced me greatly enough to avoid the influence of life’s perils. Certainly, my limited concerns had much to do with my family’s prayers for me, but it wasn’t until I became an adult that life demonstrated I wouldn’t make it on my parents’ faith alone. I would need to build my own relationship and rely on Him more than ever if I had plans to win in this life. This revelation led me to join the Brookland Baptist Church, my first church home, at age 19 while a student at South Carolina State University.

My first unquestionable test of faith came as a young wife and mom bearing my second child. It was March 2004, and I had strict orders by my physician to remain bedridden if I had plans to meet my daughter in June. I lay in bed defeated by this thought. I read, ate, watched television and secured my abdomen to a device, so that a nurse from a location outside of my home could monitor any contractions. That was a typical day for me. I was so paralyzed by fear of losing my baby that I was terrified to leave my bed to take a shower or brush my teeth. I felt hopeless, but in the face of my hopelessness, I still had the prayers of my husband, church, family and friends. To my astonishment, I discovered there were people I had never met that were praying for me.

One day, in the midst of my own private pity party, I received a call from a woman who started the conversation with, “You don’t know me but...” She revealed that she acquired my number from a member of her church, who happened to be an acquaintance of my husband. Our story was shared with her in hopes to encourage me. She openly divulged an account of her family’s struggle. Her son was born with an illness and she and her family spent the majority of her baby boy’s infancy in a revolving door to the local hospital. Despite her situation, she had peace that surpassed my understanding. While I was lying there feeling pathetic, this woman on the other end of the line had what appeared to be a greater crisis than I, was so powerful!

The conversation concluded with her conveying that I had control over my condition. She told me I could either receive that my baby may enter into the world prematurely, or I could command my body to line up with what God had for me. She shared a book with me titled The Supernatural Childbirth by Jackie Mize. This book uncovered things in my faith that absolutely amazed me. At that moment, I decided that I too would be powerful despite the natural display of things. From there on, I modified my thinking and that was when my situation changed. I gave birth to my daughter in the early part of May and when my six pound darling arrived, my God, my daughter and my faith confirmed everything in which I chose to believe.

I met my “guardian angel” later that year, at her son’s funeral, where I watched her peacefully send her son to be with God. This time, I was at a different place in my spiritual journey and I understood that peace. Since that occurrence, I have been able to see my circumstances in a different light. She taught me that thinking positively or negatively would control anything I went through. Since then, I have been through several difficult experiences that have required me to tap back into my Spiritual Power.

The Bible doesn’t promise us days without pain, but it does promise us VICTORY if we acknowledge God, value His sovereignty and embrace the power He has given to us. A very wise woman once told her daughters “You can be pitiful or powerful, but you can’t be both.” Since my experience, I have recognized the power endowed to me by God and prayerfully can encourage someone else to access his/her power and transform his/her perspective on life today under the masterful guidance of the Father. ♦
A woman will always BE
A daughter, sister, and maybe even an AUNTIE
She will.................
Walk with PRIDE
Talk with CONVICTION
Think with WISDOM
Express with CONFIDENCE
Explore with THOROUGHNESS
Proceed with CAUTION
Rejoice with ECSTASY
Forgive with SINCERITY
But most of all,.............
LOVE WITH ALL HER HEART

- Anonymous

Mother’s Day Tribute

Brookland Banquet & Conference Center

Mother’s Day Buffet

Sunday, May 11, 2014
11:00AM - 3:00PM
- A flower for the first 400 Mothers
- Sparkling Fountain Beverages
- Slow Cooked Smoked Beef Brisket, carved especially for you!

Enjoy the regular scrumptious entrées, sides... our Omelet and Pasta Stations and other surprise buffet options especially for you!

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Keynote Speaker

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Opening Reception 6pm
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Males Only

Saturday June 14th
Black Male Conference 9am - 3pm
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Free to the Public

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Justice R. Stewart has been awarded the Frederick C. Branch Marine Corps Leadership Scholarship. The Frederick C. Branch Scholarship, valued at up to $180,000, will pay the cost of full tuition, books, and other educational fees at many of the country’s leading Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Upon graduation, Marine-option midshipmen are commissioned second lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Stewart, who competed against other high school seniors and college freshmen throughout the U.S., plans to attend Spelman College in the fall as a Marine-option midshipman. Her career goal is to be a Judge Advocate General (JAG) Officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Stewart, a senior at Richland Northeast High School, is the daughter of Reginald and Tia Stewart. She is a member of Brookland Baptist Church and attends services at the Brookland Northeast Campus.
May 16
Collection Deadline for shoes
Designated Receptacles
West and Northeast Campuses

May 17
Women’s Day Brunch
Banquet and Conference Center
8 a.m.

May 18
Women’s Day

May 24
Joyfest at Carowinds

May 25
Annual Military Appreciation Day
Guest Preacher: Rev. Darrell King
Norfolk, Va.

Teen Church
Northeast Campus
Hope Academy 10 a.m.

May 31
Intercessory Prayer Ministry
West Campus Fellowship Hall
8 a.m.

June 8
Cap and Gown Day
Northeast Campus
10 a.m.

June 8
Teen Church
West Campus
Health and Wellness Center
11 a.m.

June 9
18th Annual Golf Classic
Brookland Foundation

June 13-15
Black Male Conference
Brookland Campus

June 14
Mid-Year Christian Educators and Leaders Workshop
Featured Facilitator: Chris Daniels
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

June 16 - 20
Vacation Bible School
Northeast Campus
6 - 8 p.m.

June 21
Men’s Day Breakfast and Book Signing
Banquet and Conference Center
9 a.m.

June 22
Men’s Day
Teen Church
Northeast Campus
Hope Academy 10 a.m.

June 28
Community Fun Day
Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center

June 7
Housing Expo
From your computer, smart phone or mobile device you can stay in contact with your church at

www.brooklandbaptist.org

and on Facebook at Brookland Baptist Church

and via the ChurchLink app on your smartphone

Our Wednesday 6 p.m. Bible Study is now LIVE STREAMED via our website.

Sermons by our ministers can also be heard on the following stations and times:
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Pastor Charles Jackson, Jr. KISS 103.1FM at 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Chris Leevy Johnson WWDM 101.3FM at 7 a.m. and WFMV 95.3FM at 10:30 a.m.

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