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CALENDAR OF EVENTS JULY/AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY, JULY 5
TBC Sacrificial Giving Sunday of \$100
for Life Center
8:00 AM Elder Jackie Johnson
9:50 AM YOUTH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 12
9:00 AM @ TBC Pastor William Cox &
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
11:00 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims &
TBC Family @ Shiloh Baptist Church -
Pastor T. A. Jackson Pastoral
Anniversary
-Dinner Served-

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
ONE NIGHT REVIVAL
6:45 PM Pastor Dwight L. Sims & TBC
Family @ Oak Hill Baptist Church 1730
McRees Mill Rd., Watkinsville, GA
30677

SATURDAY, JULY 18
ALJ FOUNDATION
BOOKBAG GIVEAWAY
10 AM - 1 PM Boys & Girls Club
705 4th St. Athens, GA
(see flyer page 11)

SUNDAY, JULY 19
9:00 AM Minister Benita Thomas
11:00 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims &
TBC Family @ Antioch Baptist Church
Pastor Trellas Sheats Pastoral
Anniversary
-Dinner Served-

SUNDAY, JULY 26
8:00 AM Deacon Ministry
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1
8:00 AM TBC Men's Breakfast
Minister Jerry Johnson

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
8:00 AM Deacon Ministry
9:50 AM YOUTH SUNDAY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
7:00 PM Pastor Dwight L. Sims &
TBC Family @ Harmonia Baptist
Church Revival

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
ALJ FOUNDATION @ Oglethorpe
Co. Community Day
@ OC MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
HOMECOMING
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims
Deacon Doug & Sister Sandra Morse
-Dinner served-

REVIVAL @ TBC
MONDAY, AUGUST 10
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12
6:50 PM EACH NIGHT
Pastor T. C. Boone of Faith Perfecting
Life Center, Warner Robins, GA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16
8:00 AM Pastor Andre Holmes & St.
Paul AME Family
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23
8:00 AM Minister Robbie Faust
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
6:00 PM OCHS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION of the
LATE ELDER
ANTONIO "POOTIE" JEWELL

CHURCH MISSION

The church is the
vehicle of Christ's
Mission to the world.
The commission to
the Church is a
worldwide one. The
triumphant, Living
Lord sends forth His
ambassadors to
proclaim His Gospel
throughout all the
world. The purpose
of the Church is to
make disciples of all
kinds of people.

JULY/AUG 2026 EVENTS	1
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WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays at 9:50 AM BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

CSHS Class of
'82

Pastor Sims Around Town



Pastor Sims and the CSHS Class of '82 donated bookbags and school supplies to the ALJ Foundation for their upcoming Back to School Bookbag Giveaway. Pictured with the Class of '82 is Sister Britney Green of the ALJ Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS!!



Congratulations to Sister Carmen Morse. She was named to Kennesaw State's Spring 2026 Dean's List in recognition of academic achievement earning a GPA of at least 3.5. She is a rising sophomore at KSU majoring in Exercise Science. She is the daughter of Deacon Terrence and Sister Cassandra Morse.

Congrats Carmen!!

BACK TO SCHOOL 2026-2027

OCONEE CO. MONDAY, AUGUST 3

CLARKE CO. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

OGLETHORPE CO. FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL



**"Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—
pressed down, shaken together to make room for more,
running over and poured into your lap. The amount you give
will determine the amount you get back.**

Luke 6:38 NLT

One Lord One Faith One Baptism



The angels rejoice when one comes into the fold and in June there were five! Brother Jeremiah Brown, Sister Andrea Jones, Sister Jenesis Bell, Sister Leilani LeSalle and Sister Tihrenay Mapp were all baptized on June 14th. Pictured with them are Elder Andy Johnson, Pastor Dwight L. Sims and Elder Shawanda Wingfield.

YOUTH SUNDAY

JUNE 2026



Youth Day June was nothing short of amazing! Minister Veronica Johnson organized the Sunday program which included an encouraging message for the youth, praise worship through dance, recognition of TBCs recent high school and college graduates along with a fun segment sponsored by the ALJ Foundation.

Brother Destin Howard, a graduate of Savannah State University, is a multimedia journalist for WPGA Macon and he had a message for all but more specifically for those starting college soon. It is important for all people of God to trust Him even when life doesn't seem to make sense. Through personal struggles and academic challenges in college, to a first job

where you may feel undervalued, and lessons learned early in life, his message highlighted three key principles, supported by Scripture:

1. **Your mistakes do not define you.** Character, consistency, and work ethic matter more than one setback. As Proverbs 24:16 reminds us, "Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again."
2. **Trust God during difficult seasons.** There will be times when plans fail or circumstances are beyond your control, but faith means believing God is still guiding your path. Proverbs 3:5-6 encourages us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."
3. **You are not meant to do life alone.** Family, mentors, friends, and the church community are gifts from God, placed in our lives to support and encourage us. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 teaches, "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

Sister Jessica Pollock and the youth worshipped through dance to *"Never Would Have Made It."* It was a joy to witness this group tell a story through dance. The ALJ Foundation blessed some happy winners with gift cards through a raffle, we continue to support this foundation through all of their events.



ALJ Foundation Upcoming Events 2026

June
6

JEWELL Day Camp

July
18

**Back to School
Giveaway**

Early
Aug

**Oglethorpe County
Community Day**

Sept
12

**OCHS Sports Hall
of Fame event**

Jan
9
2027

ALJ GALA



Please plan to support
the Jewell and Hannah
Families through the
ALJ Foundation events.



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[@aljfoundation09](#)

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The Oglethorpe County High School Sports Hall of Fame
will induct

The Late Elder Antonio “Pootie” Jewell

On September 12, 2026 at 6:00 pm

for his significant contribution to the
athletic program and legacy of
Oglethorpe County





Antonio L. Jewell

FOUNDATION



The ALJ Foundation held their 2nd Annual Jewell Day Football & Cheer Camp on June 6th at Clarke Central High School. Sponsored this year by KB7 Foundation, Clarke Central HS, Bryant Gantt and Bryant Leverett, Jewell camp provides boys and girls ages 6-13 with a day of drills and learning. Each participant receives a free t-shirt and lunch. The camp is supported by hospitality and coaching volunteers who give their

time to coach and assist youth as they learn football and cheer skills and also have fun. A lot of planning goes into this camp to help these young minds get ready for their upcoming

2026 JEWELL FOOTBALL AND CHEER CAMP



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2026 JEWELL CHEER CAMP



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football and cheer seasons. The Jewell and Hannah Families could not do this alone without the help of a dedicated and hard-working staff. Helping the youth was what the Late Antonio "Pootie" Jewell was passionate

about and this day camp is one way to keep his passion and legacy alive.





The Women's Ministry of TBC held Denim & Pearls on June 20th and ladies you showed up!! First Lady Rhonda Sims hosted the event and Elder Jackie Johnson was the speaker for the occasion. *From Pressure to Purpose* was Elder Johnson's encouraging message. Elder Johnson encouraged the ladies from Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:28 and Proverbs 19:21.

Pressure can come from many distractions in our lives. We can either stand still and let it overtake us or we can persevere to reach our goal. Purpose is the destination in which

God has established for us. Pressure is not able to defeat purpose but purpose will defeat pressure every time. The declaration each woman was asked to repeat was *"Victory over Defeat, the battles have been won, purpose over pressure."*

Each lady left with a new outlook on their God-given purpose and a gift jar. The word of God was shared along with food, gifts and games. The Women's Ministry of TBC always delivers and this time was no different. A special thank you to the staff that helped put this event together and helped during the event as well as the awesome staff responsible for the décor. First Lady Rhonda and Elder Jackie thank you for such an amazing event.





Back To School Our "SPECIAL BABIES" Need New Shoes!!!



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Cash Donations Accepted





HELP US PREPARE FOR SUCCESS!

TOGETHER,
WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

DONATE BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

The ALJ Foundation is collecting new backpacks and school supplies to give to students in need at our 3rd Annual Back to School Giveaway. Your donation will help fill a backpack with the tools students need for a **successful school year!**

WHAT WE NEED

BACKPACKS ALL SIZES



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens & Pencils
- Notebooks
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Markers
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Rulers
- Folders
- Erasers

...and more!

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
OUR YOUTH!



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YOUR DONATION MAKES AN IMPACT!



Provides essential
supplies for
students in need



Builds confidence
and encourages
success



Invests in our
community's
future

TOGETHER, WE CAN
MAKE THIS THE BEST
SCHOOL YEAR YET!



QUESTIONS?



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DONATE TODAY. CHANGE TOMORROW.



Sick and Shut-In & Bereaved Families

May
the Lord
BLESS YOU

AND PROTECT YOU. MAY THE LORD
SMILE ON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS
TO YOU. MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU
HIS FAVOR AND GIVE YOU

His Peace

Numbers 6:24-26

BEREAVED FAMILIES

*During your times of prayer please
remember the bereaved*

**Brother Tony Appling & The Family of
Sister Felicia Appling Sister Eva Dalton & The
Family of Mother Elsie Mae Hull Brother Shawn
Lane & The Family of Mother Annie Lane
The Family of Sister Florene Johnson Family of
Brother Jermeiko Mays Family of Sister Retana
Hayes The Hugg Family (Aaron Davis)**

SICK & SHUT-IN

*During your times of prayer please
remember our sick and shut-in*

Sis. Plashetta Howard

Bro. Harry Dalton

Bro. Bill Coward

Bro. William Scott

Bro. L. B. Hitchcock

Bro. Joe Kennedy

Sis. Kris Faust

Sis. Lois Standley

Bro. William Jones

Bro. Joseph Kenney

Sis. Abby Vendrillo

Sis. Betty Webb

Bro. Eddie Walter

Bro. Eddie Lee

Sis. Rosa Ellis

Bro. O. J. Faust

Sis. Brianna Thomas

Sis. Georgianna Campbell

Mother Mamie Howard

Sis. Linda Terrell

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 2 – Dea. Larry Callahan and Sis. Summer Sims
July 3 – Sis. Jovan Jackson and
Sis. Lukesha Campbell
July 4 – Bro. LeJarvis Bailey and
Sis. Jacqueline Guest
July 5 – Bro. Demetrick Morse
July 7 – Sis. Kiersten Wise and
Sis. Plashetta Howard
July 8 – Sis. Daniell Faust
July 12 – Elder Andrew Johnson
July 13 – Sis. Kenatty Watkins
July 14 – Min. Veronica Johnson, Sis. Zaraviah Wise
and Sis. Tykeria Sims
July 15 – Bro. James Burgess
July 17 – Bro. Marvin Jasmin
July 18 – Elder Andre Holmes
July 22 – Sis. Monika Mathis
July 23 – Elder Jacqueline Johnson and
Sis. Kamaiah Davenport
July 28 – Bro. Jonathan Jackson
July 29 – Dea. Anthony Hannah, Sr.
July 30 – Sis. Jenessa Hitchcock
July 31 – Sis. Jalyssa Taylor

Send your:

Church & Ministry Events/News
Birthdays & Anniversaries
Graduations & Congratulations
Baptisms/New Members
Births & Memorials
Sick Notices/Prayer Requests
Testimonies
Wedding Announcements
Messages of Thanks
Inspirational/Devotional Messages
Other Announcements
to be featured in the newsletter.

THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

**now has a Grief Support
Ministry that meets on
Wednesday evenings after
bible study.**

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