

THE THANKFUL TIMES

**FOR WE WALK BY
FAITH
'AND'
NOT BY
SIGHT**
2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER 2025

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:30 PM Pastor Dwight L. Sims & TBC Family @ Chestnut Grove Baptist Church, Athens, GA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:00 AM TBC Men's Breakfast
Elder Andre Holmes & Min. Jerry Johnson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

TBC Sacrificial Giving Sunday
\$100 For Life Center
8:00 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims
ATTENTION MEN: EACH ONE, BRING ONE! WE NEED 60 MEN AT 8:00 SERVICE
9:50 AM TBC Youth Ministry
Bro. Domonique Haynes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00AM Mother Shirley Johnson & Mother Brenda Bell
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00 AM FOOD BANK
ALL HANDS ON DECK!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:00 AM Deacon's Ministry
9:50 AM Pastor Dwight L. Sims

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

TBC TENT DAY @ TBC FIELD
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Represent your favorite college team
Sis. Tawanna Johnson & Bro. Keith Hunter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:50 AM @ TBC Pastor James Allen & Fortson Grove Baptist Church
2:00 PM Pastor Dwight L. Sims & TBC Family @ St. Matthew Baptist Church for Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor Bessie Morse - Dinner Served

Check your email for weekly schedule updates from Pastor.

Wednesday Prayer Line link sent weekly via email. Prayer line link also on back of this newsletter.

Just point and click.

(SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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Sarah Thomas
Lord my cousin 🤔🤔



Carol Dorsey
Love This

Pastor Sims Around Town



Shawanda Wingfield is with Terry Dean.
September 25 at 10:37 AM · 🌐

This can't be "LEGAL"...!!! Charges outta be filed!!! My Pastor/Spiritual Father is PROUDLY sitting in "Chik-fil-A" with a SMILE on his face wearing a ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE button down shirt on this good Thursday morning!!! 🤔🤔 He's CONFUSED!!! Let us PRAY!!! 🙏🙏🙏

#WhatWeGoneDoWithThisDude!?! 🙏

#LetsGoooooooGeorgiaBulldogs 🐾

#TheresOnlyOneDwightSims 🙏🙏

#ILoveHimButHesAHandful 🤔🤔



Lakeisha Stephens
Ok Pastor!!!! You done started something now!!!!!!! ❤️❤️

Pastor Sims taunted the masses the week of the GA Bulldogs and the Alabama Crimson Tide football game. He was spotted at an Athens Chick-fil-A donned in a custom Alabama shirt having breakfast. It is no secret, he is no fan of UGA so this was the ultimate stunt to pull in public. The reactions on social media were some of the funniest! Pastor, you know you had 'em talking.



Telly Harris
Fix it Jesus that's a ugly shirt 🤔🤔🤔



Linda McElroy- Glenn
Everybody wear Bulldog attire to church on Sunday please.



Whydodat Hannah
Now come on pastor you were just over in the stadium with them dawgs !!



Torenzo Gilham
Wow!! Unbelievable. 🤔



Janaris Howard
Now Pastor Sims 🙏🙏🙏 but we love him and we gone stick beside em lol 🤔



Octavia Rittenberry Dorsey
It's called having the right to choose! #ROLLTIDE



Daren Waller
Come on Pastor Sims 🤔



Tara Williams
Lord help the Pastor. He not know what he's doing 🤔🤔



Mary Yearby
Now pastor you know you the wrong team come on now



Linda A Sherrer
Oh my goodness!!! 🤔



Dorothy Faust
He needs help 🙏



Bertha Troutman-Rambeau
What I LOVE ABOUT YOUR PASTOR is HE IS SO REAL!!
Don't care who is bothered.
Pastor Dwight Sims IS SO REAL!!
Do your thang Pastor PROUDLY!!! ❤️❤️ ROLL TIDE OVER THE BULLDOGS!!
And HE IS NOT SCARED TO BE A PROUD TEAM PLAYER- DO YOUR THING!



DrStefan Smith
This guy Sims... 🤔



Ketanna Shicole Guest
Neka he ought to be locked up! He wasn't wearing this when his team Fl. State played them!

YOUTH SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 2025

KINGDOM STYLE RUNWAY: CELEBRATING GOD'S GLORY

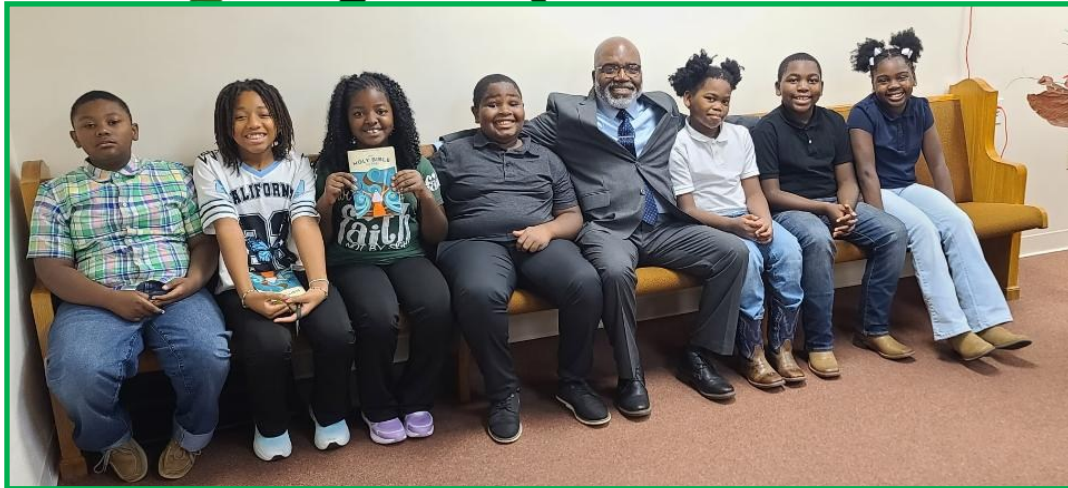


Sister Angela Jewell got the youth, young adults and a few adults together for a fashion show for youth Sunday in September. Pastor Sims himself modelled his Sunday best down the runway. The guest speaker for the hour was Bro. Myles Cutter, a graduate student from UGA. His message to the youth was "Do The Right Thing" and what it means to have a good conscience versus a shipwrecked conscience, 1 Timothy 1:18-20.



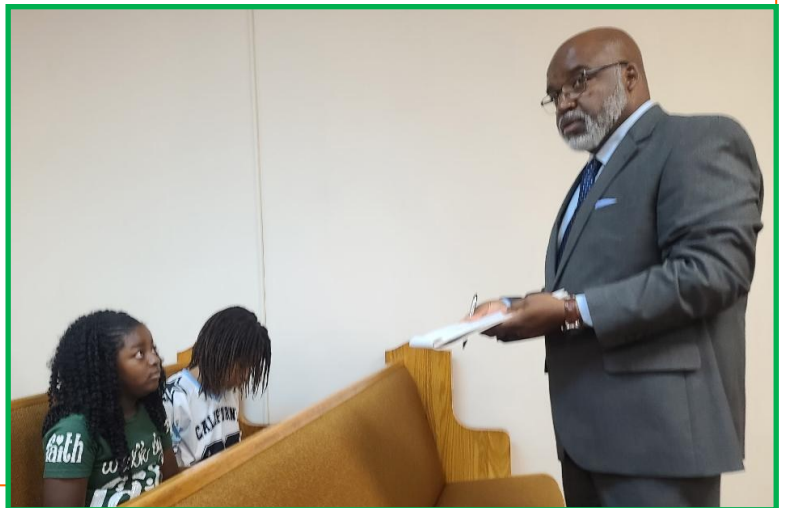
Guest speaker Brother Myles Cutter and Mother Shirley Callahan.

TBC CHILDRENS CHURCH IS BACK



Children's church made a return third Sunday in August and will continue the 3rd Sunday of every month. Minister Jerry Johnson had an eager group of kids in September. His message for the kids was "Stay Humble" and came from the books of Luke 14:7-14 and John 13:1-7. Minister Johnson used the story of Jesus washing feet to explain the difference between being humble and being prideful. He also asked the kids to memorize John 3:30.

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it is thinking of yourself less. — C. S. Lewis



Scripture Of The Month



⁸Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phillipians 4:8 KJV

Men's Ministry



On September 6, the TBC Men's Ministry Concluded the sixth and final lesson in the Kingdom Man Bible Study entitled "The Influence of a Kingdom Man."

"We've learned a lot about what it takes to be responsible, God-fearing men over the past few months. This lesson really put into perspective just how influential men are. We are not only responsible for ourselves and be leaders of our families, but we are also called to make a lasting impact in our communities and churches," said Minister Johnson.

At the next session on October 4th Minister Johnson and Elder Holmes will introduce the brothers to a new series of studies called Authentic Manhood:33 the series. The men will be turning their attention to the one who is the epitome of what a man should look like, and that man is Jesus Christ.



THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

Men's FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH @ 8:00AM

Hosted by: Minister Jerry Johnson and Elder Andre Holmes

THEME
"How to Be the Man God Called You to Be"
Part XII

LOVE LOVE
LOVE LIKE
LOVE LIKE
Jesus ♥

Cast all
your worries
on Him
because
He cares
for you.
1 Peter 5:7



White sand and beautiful blue water was the perfect backdrop for the TBC 2025 Women's Retreat held September 18-21. Elder Shawanda Wingfield and 28 ladies enjoyed a four day-three night get-away in Destin, Florida. Ministry combined with self-care proved to be the perfect prescription for each lady. Friday night ministry at the beach, with all the ladies dressed in blue, was centered around the topic, "Drowning What Has Tried To Drown You," where each lady wrote what they wanted God to drown out of their lives and place in a vase in the sand followed by oil and prayer and releasing all into the ocean. As the waves from the ocean released all the written inscriptions from the vase and drowned them, it was a symbolic demonstration of casting all your cares on God. Many tears were shed, many prayers were sent up and many hugs were given. Elder Wingfield was showered with appreciation and gifts for her self-less encouragement toward the group and for organizing what some thought would just be time away from home but in the end was more than what they expected. Reflecting on the retreat, Elder Wingfield had this to say, *"All I can say is to God be the glory and I know for sure that He did get the glory. I just want to serve in the space that God has provided for me, continue to stand on His word and stay on the battlefield. I praise God for my Pastor, not only for licensing and ordaining me, but also for trusting me with the women's ministry and for being a great role model as my spiritual father. Everything that I know and have learned comes from watching him live it and being obedient under his ministry. He is the best Pastor, hand picked by God, under the clouds."*

Whatever self-care the women chose to indulge in is what Elder Wingfield encouraged them to do to enjoy themselves. A lot of shopping, eating, beach and pool time, relaxation, sight-seeing, etc. was up to them. Women's Retreat 2026 will be in September and you do not have to be a member of TBC to attend. Whatever the vision is for 2026, we cannot wait for Elder Shawanda Wingfield to share it.



2025

**WOMEN'S
RETREA**

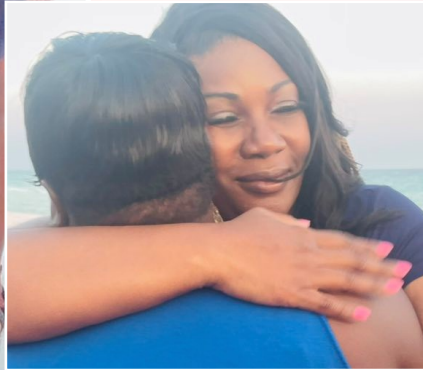
DESTIN, FL



2025

WOMEN'S RETREA

DESTIN, FL



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



Ministers Andrew & Jacqueline Johnson

Ministers Andy & Jackie will celebrate 45 years of marital bliss on October 25th.



CONGRATULATIONS ELDER SHAWANDA WINGFIELD

Congratulations to Elder Shawanda Wingfield. Elder celebrated 11 years in the ministry on September 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Sister Leigha Young on being elected to student council at Coile Middle School in Athens. She is the daughter of Sister Jasmine Johnson and the granddaughter of Ministers Andy and Jackie Johnson.



Brother Bentley Edwards was one of six fifth grade Students of The Month for the month of August at Commerce Middle School. His teacher had this to say about Bentley, *"Bentley not only works hard to achieve at higher levels, but he is also always encouraging those around him and demonstrates leadership qualities, even in small ways!"* Congratulations Bentley!! He is the son of Brother Ben Edwards and the grandson of Mother Linda and Brother Sandy Glenn.

TBC WESTERN STYLE Chili Cook-off



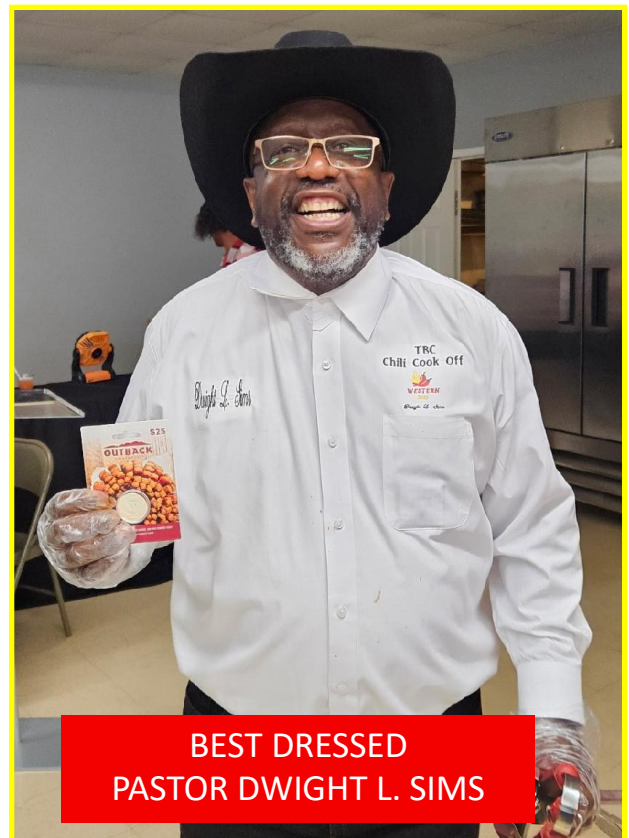
**SECOND PLACE CHILI WINNER
DEACON LARRY & MOTHER SHIRLEY CALLAHAN**



**THIRD PLACE CHILI WINNER
SISTER KENATTY WATKINS**



**FIRST PLACE CHILI WINNER
MOTHER DOT LATTIMORE**



**BEST DRESSED
PASTOR DWIGHT L. SIMS**

The chili cook-off was held on September 13th and was organized by Sister Angela Collins-Johnson. She and her staff did an awesome job! There was chili for tasting, bingo playing and prize giveaways. Members and friends came out to enjoy a good time. Thank you to Brother Daniel Elder and his panel of judges and to all the participants for making the cook-off a success.

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Antonio L. Jewell
FOUNDATION
WINTER WONDERLAND
GALA



Join the Jewell Family for an evening of celebration and fund-raising. Tickets can be purchased at the link below. After December 1st ticket price will increase so get the early bird ticket price before that date.

CLICK LINK TO
PURCHASE TICKETS

[https://linktr.ee/
aljfoundation](https://linktr.ee/aljfoundation)

THIS IS A BLACK TIE CHARITY
EVENT

NO SMALL CHILDREN
PLEASE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
ALJ FOUNDATION

ANTONIO L. JEWELL ALJ FOUNDATION

In remembrance of Elder Antonio "Pootie" Jewell his family has created a memorial foundation. ALJ Foundation will support local kids in the community through scholarships, educational activities and supplies and other expenses.

Please consider donating to keep his legacy alive. He had a heart for the kids and had taken so many young men under his wings.

To donate: Cashapp - \$aljfoundation09

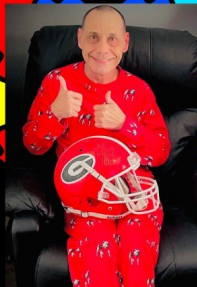
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**PLEASE GIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO HELP BOTH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS
WITH YEARLY EVENTS**

CLEAN HANDS PURE HEART MINISTRIES (CHPH)



In loving memory of
David "Dave" Chafin
10/1/62 - 4/21/24



**CLEAN HANDS PURE
HEART MINISTRIES**



About Our Ministry

Since 2019, Clean Hands Pure Heart Ministries have been committed to serving individuals with developmental disabilities by having outreach ministries. Our comprehensive training and educational resources give families the support they need to be successful. Our team love to motivate God's Especially - Special babies by taking field trips, sharing God's love, and telling them about the Gospel.

Ways To Donate

PayPal
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Cash Donations Accepted





Elder Shawanda Wingfield is the Founder of Clean Hands Pure Heart Ministries, LLC.

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Elder Shawanda Wingfield is in need of a van for her ministry to help transport the kids when necessary. Let's help her reach this goal. Visit gofundme.com and search "Shawanda Wingfield" to make a donation toward her goal.

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*

Family of Sis. Magnolia Huff **Family of Sis. Zymia**

Baughens **Family of Sis. Tearrow Davenport**

Family of Mother Joanne Lay **Family of Sis.**

Glenda Echols **Sis. Eva Dalton & The Family of**

Bro. Joe Louis Lattimore **Deacon Tyler Dawson &**

The Family of Bro. Corye Dawson **Family of Bro.**

Kareem Lane **Sister Cynthia Hubbard & The Fami-**

ly of Sis. Mary Martin **The Jones & Dalton Fami-**

lies & The Family of Mother Bessie Lean Dalton

Jones **Family of Sis. Latasha Brown** **The Moore**

Family **The Johnson Family** **The Smith Family**

The Family of Bro. James E. Richardson **Sister**

Loretta Holmes & The Family of Bro. Ronald Neely

Bro. Garrell Mattox & The Family of Sis. Bobbie

Ree Davis **Bro. Antonio Wingfield & The Family of**

Sis. Pearl Mae Gresham

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

Sis. Sandra Johnson

Bro. Eddie Lee

Sis. Rosa Ellis

Bro. O. J. Faust

Bro. Detrick Burgess

Sis. Nichole Burgess

Sis. Shun Burgess

Sis. Brianna Thomas

Sis. Georgianna Campbell

Min. Tyrone Hull

Mother Mamie Howard

Sis. Linda Terrell

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1 – Min. Jerry Johnson
October 1 – Dea. Jasmin Turner
October 3 – Sis. Annette Hannah
October 6 – Sis. Louise Whitlock
October 7 – Bro. Deionte Sims
October 11 – Sis. LaToya Johnson
October 11 – Sis. Lakisha Henson
October 22 – Bro. Jerome Salda
October 23 – Sis. Zykirrea Thomas
October 24 – Sis. DyMian Jewell
October 24 – Dea. Irfan Green
October 25 – Bro. Cedric R. Jones
October 25 – Sis. Daijonna Varnum
October 26 – Sis. Emma Walter
October 27 – Bro. Shawn Lane
October 27 – Sis. Tanyah Foster
October 27 – Bro. Jerphari D. Colbert
October 28 – Sis. Kiandra Evans
October 29 – Sis. Jennie Evans

THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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.

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THANKFUL BAPTIST CHURCH

Prayer Line

Join The Prayer Line

Every Wednesday

Morning At

9:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83554954265?pwd=1vMY63bPaVQjVGprTM2c7tOLX1TRYe.1>

Click to

access the prayer
line link

Meeting ID: 835 5495 4265

Passcode: f5rMb2

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