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APRIL, 2025

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- 3 Honey Glazed Ham
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- 5 Garlic & Herb Oven Roasted Chicken 1/2
- 6 Famous Southern Fried Chicken
- 7 Stuffed Catfish w/ Red Pepper Sauce
- 8 Sea Bass

Deserts, Soup & Salad Bar, Carving Stations, Breakfast Bar and more...

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9:30AM
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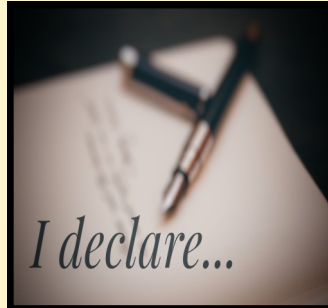


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The Brookland Baptist Church is located at 1066 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia, SC 29169 and 1203 Summit Parkway, Columbia, SC 29229.

The mission of the Brookland Baptist Church is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through **Evangelism, Education and Economic Empowerment.**

What Are Your Teens' Post-Secondary Plans?

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans." – Proverbs 16:3

The VIBE Ministry, led by Elder Mark Richard, aims to support the spiritual growth, development, character building, and essential life skills of the teens and youth while "building the next generation of believers." One objective is to educate teens on financial principles for achieving generational wealth and maintaining a debt-free future. Reducing debt in all areas can lead to financial freedom and increase opportunities.

Did you know the average cost of four years at a public college is \$160,000? Imagine having that amount of money to support your family, help others, give back to the community and to invest. VIBE is sponsoring **Career and College** workshops to prepare students holistically for making the best fit post-secondary decision and ease future financial burden on families. These resources help families prepare well-rounded teens for their future, whether they choose to enroll in college, enlist in the military, or join the workforce. Teens will develop, implement, and evaluate a college and career road map to become responsible and independent adults inspired to give back to others.

"Explore in middle school, and Plan in high school."

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." – Philippians 4:13

Parents and teens will focus on organization, communication, personal development, commitment, character, extracurricular activities, finances, goals, lifestyle, integrity, spirituality, and work ethics. Families engage in career and college research, networking, team building, essay writing and applying for careers, colleges, and scholarships to aim for a debt-free degree.

Make plans to join engaging activities at our 2025 informational sessions, held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with unique topics covered on each date: **May 17th**, **June 14th**, and **September 20th**. Scan the code and listen to a quick audio overview of the program.



Since 2019, this systematic approach has prepared high school students for making the best fit post-secondary decisions, secure admissions to colleges, and earn numerous scholarships, including full rides. During the 2023-2024 school term, a total of 81 participated, 45 parents and 36 students. Eight graduates received admission offers to more than twenty different colleges nationally and chose to enroll, collectively earned a total of **\$2.2 million** in scholarships. One senior opted for a career in the workforce and plans to enroll in a truck driving school when eligible. Begin now on how to prepare teenagers for future success. Register today and invite others at no cost to your family.

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future". – Jeremiah 29:11

2025 DECLARATION

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgement you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me, says the Lord." (Isaiah 54:17 NKJV)

God is saying to me tonight no weapon formed against me shall prosper and every tongue that rises against me in judgement He will condemn. God says "As one of His children, I may encounter battles that may feel overwhelming, but never forget He is my Shield and my Defender. Though the enemy's arrows are aimed at me, they will miss their mark. What was meant to harm me will only fortify my faith and draw me closer to Him.

I will not fear the words spoken against me. God will give me the power to silence them. Every accusation will crumble and God's truth and love will prevail. I am not without protection. I am wrapped in God's righteousness. God has already secured my victory over every challenge.

When I feel surrounded by darkness, I will remember God is my Protector. The shadows may seem to close in, but they will never extinguish God's light. God's hand is upon me guiding and guarding me through the storm. I will rise above it all, untouched by the destruction that seeks to shake me. My inheritance is one of peace, strength and divine favor. God is the One who defends me, covers me and lifts me to higher ground. My heart rests in this truth.

I have already fought and won the battle. I am more than a conqueror through Jesus Christ. I will stand firm in my faith. I will not let the winds of doubt or the lies of the enemy discourage and depress me. God has equipped me with all I need to stand my ground and own the victory that is mine. Though weapons may be formed, they will not succeed. Though the enemy may attempt to block my blessings, prevent my ascent, steal my joy and destroy my relationship with Christ, they will not prevail.

God is with me always and insuring that nothing can stop God's plan for my prosperity. In 2025 my strive is to be the head and not the tail; to live above and not beneath; to become a lender and not a borrower. I am God's child and I boldly claim Kingdom citizenship and the privileges and promises of my Heavenly Father."

April is

**NATIONAL
AUTISM
AWARENESS
MONTH**



AUTISM SOCIETY

Brookland Baptist Church Sisterhood Ministry 2025 Ezella Rumph Jackson Scholarship



Application Requirements:

- Essay | "The Importance of Empowering the next Generation of Young Women"
- Biographical Summary
- College Transcript

Eligibility Requirement:

- ☑ Must be a female college student (rising sophomore, junior, or senior)

For more information, contact:

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Jean G. Tate: jeangtate@yahoo.com



Deadline: May 3, 2025 | Submit Applications Electronically to: sisterhood@brooklandbaptist.org
Awarded at the Annual Sisterhood Empowerment and Scholarship Luncheon May 31, 2025





High School Seniors

2025 Scholarship Application

www.brooklandbaptist.org

March 15 - April 30, 2025

contact: mhopson@brookland.cc



Book of The Month

*I Got It
From My* **Mama**



Written by
Tika Sumpter

Illustrated by
April Apodaca





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Jessica M. Boone
Aubury L. Bosket
Anthony Brooks Jr
Robert Caesar
Kareem Daise
Blaike A. Fisher
Tylisa Hill
Ashley Jackson

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Angelia McGriff
Kevin McNeil
Ronald Middleton
Sandra Minor
Samara M. Richmond
April Day Silva
Alvin Staley Jr
Nathan D. Taylor
Nikita Ussin

Vanessa Abercrombie
Sabrena Martinez Bartley
Teaja Brown
Vernel Edwardds
Michael Fanning
Maria Hart
Myosha Henicks

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Jacob Johnson, Jr
Sheila Lee
Marie Singleton
Eugene Webber
Camiele White

Manuel Barboz
James Benson Jr
James Branham
Ann DeAngelis
Lesia Deloach
Marquita R. Geter
Jacqueline Gilbert
Michael Gillerson
Ramon Guitard
Calvin Jackson
Jason James
Jeffrey Jennings
Rhonda Jennings
Eric Johnson Sr

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Renell Riley Livingston
Brandi McCoy
Alanti McGill
Melika Minor
Alisha Morgan
Aaron Peavy
Ronald Richmond
Earline Simmons
Messiah Simmons
Ernest Stallworth
Raynard Tisdale
Titus Washington
Tawanda Lawton Webb

Jessica Breaux
Celeste H. Brown
Ryann Carter
Valencia Dawkins
Caleb Fields
Jennifer Ford-Cooper
George Godfrey

5

Betty L. Goodwine
Keisa Gunby
Kimberly S. Hunter
Thomas R. Mack, Jr
Kim C. Mitchell
Kelsea Price
Joy L. Shuler-Guinyard

Wilbert K. Baker
Carrie Bridges
Glenn Coleman
Shelbi Cooper
Crystal Y. Davis
Edward Davis, Jr
Kendra Evans

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Cedric Green Sr
Melisa McClurkin
Angela Moore
James Quick, Jr
Casey Robinson
Latrina Smith
April Wells

Carena Autmon
Greta Beckett
Walter Campbell Sr
Charlene Freeman
Tangela Funchess
LaTonya Greene

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Desmond Hinds
Brenda G. Johnson
Henry Johnson Jr
Kristen Funderburk Kennedy
Shirley Watson

Ranva Gooden Ashford
Norma Irvin Blocker
Derrick Cain
Alaina Coates
Alvina Evans
Dayontice Furtick
Nathan Gilliard
Kaitlyn N Gilmore
Doretha Godfrey

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Victoria Anne Goldsmith
Kassim Hosendove
Amber Hughes
Walter Jackson
Gwendolyn Johnson
Pamela Johnson
Ernest T. Reynolds
Marcella Sample
Andrea Renee Thompson



Birthdays



Raymond Bordley
Tonya Conner
D. Natkki Dawkins
Geraldine Etheridge
Najjar Faustin

8

Alexander Ford
Whitney Jackson
Anthony Robertson
Sylvia Thomas
LaTasha Williams

Felicia C. Baker
Kenneth Burton
Michelle Copeland
Tami Daugherty
Janice M. Gordon
Esther Legette
Shonda Lewis
Franklin Mack
Lewis McLauren

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Aaliyah Renee Moore
Kimberly Drayton Peterson
Felicia Roberson
Talesha Robinson
Brandon Rollerson
Barbara T. Smith
Constance Suber
Wendi Williams

Aliza Boone
Precious V. Bryant
Jerry Burch
Rosetta Eaddy
Janice E. Harris
Marvin Howard

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Joes Jones
Kimberly N. McGill
Cheryl McRae
George Rice Jr
Darius Suber
Tyrick Wilson

Isacc T. Benn
Shelander Black
Dinah Alexis Brooker
Margaret Chaplin
Reginald Dalton
Leilah Hill
Reginald Howell
Keirsten Hoyle
B. Noelle Jones

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Lisa G. Lewis
Sherry Middleton
Jean Moody
Nicole M. Osborne
Betty Owens
Sheltric Peterson
Sherry K. Rivers
Rabiyah Sims
Louis T. Sutton, Sr.

Shannon Ali
Angel B. Coleman
David Corley, Jr
Julie Geiger
Chelsea Gilmore
Cynthia A.M. Jackson
Jaelin Johnson
Justis Johnson

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Barbara Kears
Chris McConnell
Debra M. McCoy
Ezell Parker II
Barbara Watson
Almetrice Weldon
Jessica Wilson

Johnnie Barnett
Joyce Baskett
Iris Dudley
Nathan Etheredge, Sr
Delawese Fulton
Johnny Gilliard
Charnet Hall
James Jackson
Patricia James

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Anthony Jamison
Adrienne Dixon Jenkins
Kaia Leathers
Kareem Mitchell
Susie Padgett-Anderson
Gary A. Rice
Dewaii L. Tate
Ashley Williams
Jessica Woods

Anita Blount
Ella Bookert
Saudia Brownlee
Michael Claxton
Ervin Esau
Veronica Everett
Josephus Howard
Marvell Mendenhall

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Marion Miller, Jr.
Samuel Quatttlebaum
LaDonia Shuler
Mae F. Sims
Tre'Vaughn Thomas
Caylen Walker
Jasmine Walker

Alexis Adams
Randy Bell, Jr
Grover Bostic
April Daniels
Betty DeWalt
Steven L. Gilbert

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Debra Johnson
Dorothea Lewis
Bobbie Loudon
Kerstin Mackey
Ebony Payne
Betty Session

Rosemounda Percell Butler
Drayon Holmes
Sharon Kennedy
Frank Reeves

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Irving Smith III
LeToya Singleton Walker
John Wright

Donovan Bailey
Ronald C. Bethea, Jr
Brittney T. Brown
Christopher Brown
Dione Burton
Howard Davis
Elnora J. Dean
Rena P. Dixon
Jeremy Jenkins
Kathy Jenkins
Deontae' Johnson

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Dwayne Jones
Lloyd E. Julius
Faye Mathis
Tauteuna Oliver
Candace Sharee Parson
JoJuan M. Pradubsri
Janie L. **Story**
Khadijah Sutton
Itia J. Taylor
Sonia D. Thomas
Tony Thomas

Johnny E. Brown
Michael Drayton
Haley Green
Jemia Jefferson
Kaylah S. Johnson
Dena Woods-Jude
Desiree Leach

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Sequoya McDaniels
Tracy Middleton
Walter Nelson
Sarafina Robinson
Ashley Simmons
Pamela Small
Shirley Toland



Birthdays

Amanda Adams
Kelly Adams
Alice Benson
Anthony Brown
Sandra Delaney
Johnson

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Mary Ann Jones
Dwight A. Mims
James Nelson
Jessica Perkins
Louise Singleton
Ramiya Starks

Anthony Brown
Ashley Butler
Precious Caesar
Marcy Cannon
Ralph Deas
Victoria Dozier
Courtney Gantt
Constance Glover
Averyl Harth
Victoria Louis Jean

20

Diane Jones
Asia Kelley
Frederick Ladson
Matthew F. McCray
Rachel B. Porter
Sherron Reese
Josetta Smalls
Hillard S. Tate
Antoinette Walker
Connie Woods

Cecil Banks, Jr
Kristal Gary
Titus P. Gibbs
Ron Graham
Marguerite Hailstock
Robin Jackson
Sandra Jackson

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Lataya N. Keitt
Sharonda McCoy
Oscar McKnight
Myrtis Randall
Kia Smith
Frank Streater III
Ciera C. Walker

Rick Abercrombie
Terrance Acox
Dallas A. Bess
Mimmie Carter
Eric K. Coleman
Katherine Davis
Shanti Dickerson
Mae Fields Fulks
Barbara Gantt

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Bruce W. Gardner
Sammie Grant III
Dawna Keith
Jemetia L. Mealing
Michael Montague, JR
Brandon Jamal Sanders
Ronnie Settles
Tabbetha Turnbow
Anthony Weston
Terence Young

Renita Armstrong
Raheem Askia
Larry Blake
Tori Bright
Linda A. Davis
Vernon Davis
Shannon Fields
Lois Franklin
Stephanie Frison
Taylor Henry

23

Mozell Jones
Quadarius McMillan
Barbara McQueen
Tonisha Pearson
Barry Riley
Velvet Riley
Cabatha Rogers
Bruc Smith
Teah Smith

Katherine Albert
Kamel Chevy
Betty L. Gaines
Murphy Holloway
Lorenza Alfred Jackson

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Oneita Jackson
Henretta Montgomery
KeAndre Peavy
Kennedy Polk
Jordanne Thomas

Michael Bines
Tinita Branch
Jana Coleman
Elaine Dunbar
Ponzella Edwards
Krystal Gadson
Ivory Gleaton
William Hammond
Nancy Herring
Marion Jackson

25

Ayana L. Jones
Tameka Lane
Allan Manning
Shehenia Mitchell
Lueveretia Moore
Barbara Scarborough
Venette Shuler
Anthony Stokes
Dequinn Thomas
Gail Vereen
Anginette Yarborough

Larry K. Bennon
Eloise E. Black
Joseph Boyd
April Burgess
Karen Chin
Leah Melissa Godbold
DeJuaha A. Harris
Sophie Hunter

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Carlos A. Jones
Romeo S. Nembhard
Tyrone Lamar Satterfield
Miriam A. Sneed
William Willie Stephens
Thomas D. Williams
Teresa Y. Wilson
Enoch Wisdom

Terrance Ashford
Cedric E. Barnes, Jr
Jesse Brigg IV
Donna Naomi Brown
Victoria Edmonds
Sharon Fields
Wanda Gardner
Carolyn Grant

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Peggie Grant
Ania Hill
Kevin Hogan
Lawrence Reed
Daja Mon'e Scott
Destiny Stewart
Olanda Watts
Kennedy Williams

Jane Agard
Audrey Wilson Alston
Aisha Budden
Kenyatta Cunningham
Johnny King
Anthony Mivens

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Chanta Jones Samuel
Patricia A. Smith
Shanika Smith-Opiyo
Khari Taylor
Arika White
Shauna Williams

Patricia Belton
Arnold Benson
Sharon Carree
Fred Daniels, Jr
Essie Dantzler
Star Dantzler
Ebony L. Gaymon
Ashley Harrington
Zakiya Harrison
Jaree Jacobs

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Latrina Crum Jeffrey
Equivilyn McMichael
Vickie Moody
Sherman Porterfield
Nadia Pryor
Dwayne E. Randolph
Curtis Richardson, Jr
Ferron Thomas
Myia Thomas
Tricia Washington

Jazzmine Bamberg
Shirley Benn
Michael A. Bethea
Sadarius Butler
Regina Gayle Butler
Crystal Gibson
Bernard Holmes
Christopher Hughes
Larry H. Jackson
Demetrius Johnson

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Franklin D. Jones
Danielle Lloyd
Angela D. McCray
Robert A. Myers
Helen Pleasant
Sarah F. Riley
Sean Spain
Myles Thomas
Rebecca Washington
Judy Wiggins
John H. Williams, Jr



We're Here for you

Your Deacon and the Pastoral Staff are concerned and care about every member in our Church "Family." When there is a sickness, surgery or death in your family, Please contact your Deacon and the Pastoral Office (Angela Taylor) at (803)744-7908

All birthdays listed on the previous pages are generated through the church membership database.

If you find any errors in the listings or if you have recently moved or changed your phone number, please contact the Church Office at the West Campus at (803) 796-7525 or the Northeast Campus at (803) 753-0610.



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Brookland Baptist Church Senior Missionaries Celebrate 109 Years of Service

On Sunday, April 27, 2025, the Brookland Baptist Church Senior Missionaries will celebrate their 109th anniversary. This ministry, affiliated with the Woman's Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina, is also an active part of the Gethsemane Women's Baptist Association.

For over a century, the Senior Missionaries have been dedicated to community service and spiritual growth. Their charitable efforts include:

- Assisting with repasts
- Supporting the Brookland Foundation Health Fair and Pink Gala
- Collecting donations for the food bank
- Supplying socks for the youth football team
- Providing services to local nursing homes and other charitable organizations

Individually, members also volunteer their time to support missions such as the Scooter Scott Project, a local community baby shower, and the Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center Tiny Library.

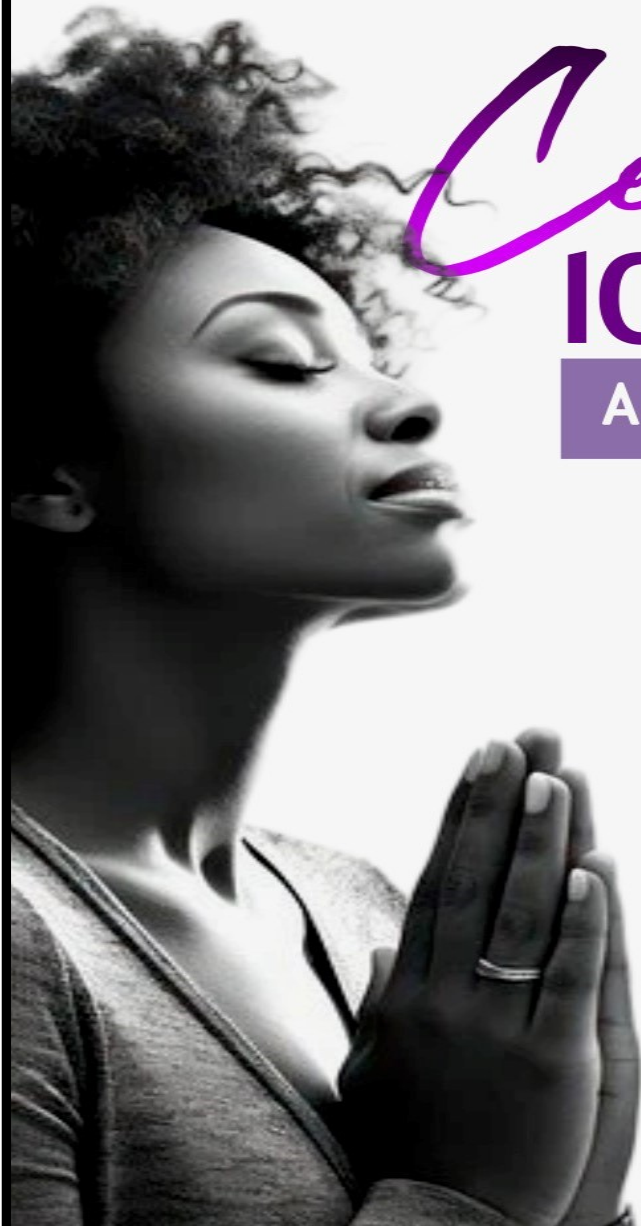
In addition to their outreach, the Senior Missionaries host Bible studies and educational programs to foster spiritual and intellectual growth while strengthening connections within the community. The group also supports events organized by the Young Women's Auxiliary (YWAs) and, this year, will expand their impact by adopting a family for the Christmas season.

With over 35 active members—and always welcoming new ones—the Senior Missionaries remain committed to serving others and glorifying God.

For more information about upcoming events or membership, please contact any member of the Brookland Senior Missionaries or email lljc@aol.com.



SENIOR MISSIONARIES



Celebrating
109 YEARS

APRIL 2025

Mission:
We proclaim the
gospel of Jesus
Christ through
evangelism,
service,
education, and
economic
development.

MONTHLY MEETING EVERY
THURSDAY AFTER THE
SECOND SUNDAY @5:00 pm

Contact:
Linda Coutler
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BROOKLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH



Driven by Guilt;
a MURDERER
ROBBER &
INSURRECTIONIST...

search to find out why Jesus took his place on the cross

BARABBAS

[a Dinner Theater Production]

Performed by:
Broadway at Brookland Drama Ministry
featuring Broadway Actor Charles Holt



Book, Music and Lyrics written by
Kenneth Crutchfield

FRIDAY
18TH
APRIL 2025

\$40
per person

7PM

BROOKLAND BANQUET AND
CONFERENCE CENTER
1066 Sunset Blvd.
West Columbia, SC

TICKETS AVAILABLE at the
Brookland Banquet and Conference Center
West Columbia, SC

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2025
9 AM - 1 PM
**OPEN TO THE
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Reserve tables in advance.
Cash or check only. First come first serve basis. For more information, contact Louis T Sutton, Sr. at (803) 457-2114.



2025 ANNUAL MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US ON
MONDAY, APRIL 28,
@ 6:00 P.M.

BROOKLAND
CONFERENCE CENTER
1066 Sunset Blvd,
West Columbia, SC



Alaska Cruise

James B. Adams Seniors

June 20-27, 2026

Payment Schedule

\$125 Deposit due by 4-1-2025

Payment plan to be provided

Balance due by 4-1-2026

Costs for Cabins

**Interior: \$2515 per person
(no windows)**

Ocean View: \$3175 per person

Balcony: \$3250 per person

**Club Balcony: \$3540 per person
(larger bathroom and amenities)**

Costs include round-trip flight from Columbia, transfers to ship, meals, cabin, pre-paid gratuities, and taxes.

**More at Sea Package
(included for balcony & club balcony cabins)**

Beverage Package, Speciality Dining, Wi-Fi, and \$50 excursion credit

**Questions:
colliertravel2@gmail.com**



Itinerary

**Sitka, Alaska
Juneau, Alaska
Endicott Arm & Dawes Glacier
Icy Strait Point, Alaska
Ketchikan (Ward Cove), Alaska
Victoria, British Columbia**

Return of Fees

DEPOSIT NON-REFUNDABLE

Days to Voyage:

121 days or more: 75% fees

91 - 120 days: 50% fees

61-90 days: 25% fees

31-89 days: 15% fees

30 days or less: 0% fees

**Payments/Info: Jacquie Johnson
Bernjacq5457@gmail.com**

Autism Awareness Month Spotlight: Honoring VIBE Ambassador Joshua Woods



At VIBE at Brookland — the youth and teen ministry of Brookland Baptist Church — while building the Next Generation of Believers, we believe in celebrating the unique gifts and powerful voices of every young person in our community. This Autism Awareness Month, we are especially proud to shine a spotlight on one of our very own: **Joshua Woods**, a devoted VIBE Ambassador, servant leader, and autism advocate. A senior at Westwood High School in Blythewood, South Carolina, Joshua is a consistent honor roll student with a 3.424 GPA (4.025 weighted). He has been accepted to Johnson & Wales University – Charlotte Campus, where he plans to major in Baking and Pastry/Culinary Arts — a passion he’s excited to pursue. His leadership and academic excellence were recognized with the 2025 Columbia Urban League Youth and Gifted Award for Academic and Leadership Achievement.

Joshua is deeply engaged in both church and school life. At Brookland, he is one of the most consistent and committed students in the Christian Learning Studio (Sunday School). He has served as a Junior Usher since 2016 and actively contributes to the Youth and Teens Day Committee (VIBE Ambassadors) and the VIBE Ambassadors Activity & Interior Design Team — helping bring creativity and fun to youth ministry events.

At school, Joshua is equally involved. He serves as Subcommittee Chair of the National Society of Black Engineers Jr., is Founder and Chair of the Cornhole Club, and participates in the R2i2 Esports Club — all while maintaining his academic standing.

In the community, Joshua gives back through volunteer efforts including serving meals at Transitions Homeless Center, assisting with donation drives, and supporting the Brookland Baptist Blood Drive in partnership with the American Red Cross.

Most notably, on November 15, 2024, Joshua along with his father Tony, represented students across the country by speaking at a public briefing hosted by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. As part of Panel 4, he addressed the topic “Federal Response to Teacher Shortage Impacts on Students with Disabilities,” offering powerful testimony grounded in his personal experience. His courage and insight inspired many, and we couldn’t be prouder.

Watch his remarks here — Panel 4: <https://www.youtube.com/live/GkBb3YN0UPE?si=5vHPBHDFtwgts6fO>. Joshua is the son of Tony and Sandra Woods, and he continues to be a shining example of leadership, resilience, and grace. This Autism Awareness Month, we honor him not just for what he’s accomplished — but for who he is. Joshua, we see you, we celebrate you, and we are so proud of you.

#AutismAwarenessMonth #VIBESpotlight #BeYou #VIBEAmbassadors #NextGenerationofBelievers



CAREER-COLLEGE PLANNING WORKSHOP

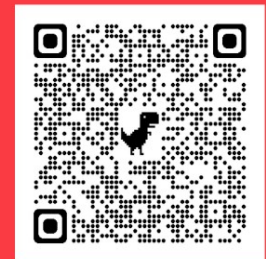
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RISING 6TH-12TH GRADERS & PARENTS (Parents are required to attend)

Topics Include:

- ✓ Overview Preparation Guide Readiness
- ✓ Personal and Professional Development
- ✓ Career Research
- ✓ College Life Panel
- ✓ Real Talk Parent Segment



SCAN
to register
by May 4

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025
9 AM - 1 PM (Doors open at 8:30 AM)

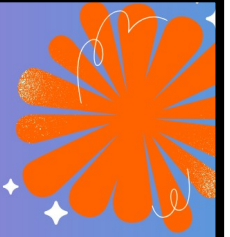
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Bring Laptops
Location: Christian Learning Center
For questions, contact:
VibeatBrookland@gmail.com



BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Growing Kids God's Way



INFANT DEDICATION CLASS FOR KIDS BIRTH TO AGE TWO



SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2025
CHRISTIAN
LEARNING CENTER
9AM TO 12PM

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY
DEADLINE: APRIL 26, 2025
CONTACT EVANG. TERRI BELL
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