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**BROOKLAND**  
JUNE, 2024  
*Star*

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**BLACK MUSIC**  
**MONTH**





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# BRIDGING **FAITH** AND **FINANCIAL** **SUCCESS**

THE BROKLAND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION COLLABORATES WITH CAIRO ON JUNE 1, 2024.

## REMINDERS:

- ◆ ACTIVATE YOUR NEW MASTERCARD THAT YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED IN THE MAIL.
- ◆ UPDATE ANY AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS THAT ARE CONNECTED TO YOUR OLD DEBIT CARD.
- ◆ KEEP A RECORD OF YOUR RECENT TRANSACTIONS AND BANK BALANCE
- ◆ THE STAFF OF THE BROOKLAND CREDIT UNION IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU.



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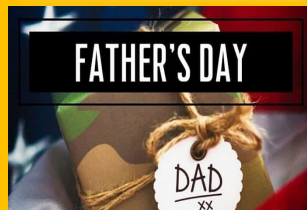
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Brookland Foundation)

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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.



## Thank You for Being an Agent of Change: Midlands Gives 2024 and The Road Ahead

**A**s we wrap up a successful Midlands Gives campaign, we want to extend to you our sincerest appreciation for your unwavering support of our programs and outreach initiatives. Our donors, volunteers, and community partners are the lifeblood of our organization. Without you, we could not impact the lives of the 20,000 people served across the Midlands each year.

Thanks to you, The Brookland Foundation's Midlands Gives campaign achieved remarkable results, receiving generous contributions from 101 unique donors, who together contributed a total of \$16,140. Additionally, our efforts were recognized with a \$1,000 *Give Black Prize* received from CCCF's African American Philanthropy Committee. This prize is awarded to black-led and black-benefitting nonprofits that attract the most unique donors, highlighting our strong community support and engagement. We appreciate your commitment to our cause and for believing in the power of community transformation. Together, we are indeed "Moving Mountains for Community."

### The Road Ahead

As we look ahead to the remainder of 2024 and 2025, The Brookland Foundation is committed to deepening and expanding our impact across several key areas. Your continued support plays a critical role in this journey, enabling us to address urgent needs while working to proactively identify solutions to meet future challenges. The following priorities will guide our efforts as we move forward:

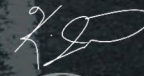
- Expand our rental assistance programs by providing more long-term solutions to help low-income individuals and families achieve and sustain stable housing over longer periods.
- Our C.A.R.E.S. program is set to revamp, reenergize, and revitalize its efforts with a new strategic focus. In our effort to address HIV/AIDS, we will host quarterly workshops within the faith-based community to share knowledge while leveraging the influence and reach of our partners to mobilize a collaborative effort.
- Advancing our fight to end hunger will continue to serve as a cornerstone of our mission. We aim to provide consistent access to nutritious food, address food insecurity head-on, and ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.

- Our Health and Wellness Program will continue to provide services and outreach to the uninsured and underinsured while exploring and implementing more innovative approaches to closing the gap in health disparities.
- Our Homeless Outreach Program will continue to forge strategic partnerships that enhance our approach to meeting the existing needs of the unhoused. Our objective is to connect clients with our community partners who can provide case management and other supportive services that help them transition from homelessness to stable housing.
- Our Tutorial Program has transitioned to a virtual format and continues to provide academic support to students in grades K-12. This strategic shift enables us to improve accessibility for the students who participate in the program.

Your gifts help us to expand our programs and outreach initiatives while continuing to provide essential services to those who need us most. You make it possible for us to reach more people and ensure they have the resources and support needed to live quality and productive lives.

We are excited to invite you to our next major event! Join us at the 27th Annual Charity Golf Tournament, on Friday, June 14th at The Wildewood Club. This event is not just a fundraiser; it is a gathering of community members who are passionate about making a difference. The tournament promises a day of comradery, fun, and most importantly, the opportunity to directly contribute to the sustainability of our programs. We anticipate a fantastic turnout and hope to see you there. Consider this another opportunity to support The Brookland Foundation. Visit us at [brooklandfoundation.org](http://brooklandfoundation.org) for more information on how to register or become a sponsor. As we plan for the future, your continued support is crucial.

Sincerely,




Kristopher J. Jones  
Development Director



# Thank You!



**\$16,140**

Raised by 101 donors

**Match Met**



**\$1,000 Awarded from CCCF'S  
African American Philanthropy Committee**

# \$17,140

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**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 9**  
**2024**  
**10** AM  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE

*Honoring students  
promoted from  
5th grade & 8th grade  
and graduates of  
High School, College, Graduate  
& Post-Graduate School*

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE:  
SUNDAY,  
MAY 26, 2024**



**BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH NORTHEAST**  
1203 SUMMIT PARKWAY  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29229

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Pamela Felder at 803-369-1070 OR EMAIL  
bnecapandgown@brookland.cc





**CLASS OF 2024**



*Scan me*

*All Levels & Grades*  
**CAP & GOWN  
SUNDAY**

**BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH  
NEXT GEN WORSHIP SERVICE  
JUNE 16, 2024 AT 11 AM**

SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL [VIBeatBrookland@gmail.com](mailto:VIBeatBrookland@gmail.com) TO REGISTER!

REGISTRATION ENDS JUNE 3, 2024

1066 SUNSET BLVD, WEST COLUMBIA, SC 29169

**\*\*ALL GRADUATES ASKED TO WEAR THEIR CAP & GOWN/REGALIA,  
BLACK & WHITE ATTIRE FOR OTHER GRADE LEVELS\*\***

**REV. DR. CHARLES B. JACKSON, SR., PASTOR  
REV. CHARLES B. JACKSON, JR., CO-PASTOR  
ELDER MARK RICHARD, YOUTH & TEEN PASTOR**





**BROOKLAND**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

*"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.  
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". James 5:16 KJV*

## *The Prayer Chapel Is Available For You*

- ★ Weekdays during the church office hours
- ★ Starting every Wednesday beginning August 10th-  
An Intercessor will be available "in-person" from 1pm-2pm
- ★ Intercessors are also available to you after each service on Sundays
- ★ You may also call the prayer request line 24 hours at (803) 796-8380



Ministry Director, Reverend Marilyn Bassfield





# CORPORATE

# *Prayer*

(IN-PERSON)

**6-7  
P.M.**

**1ST MONDAY  
OF THE MONTH**

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH NORTHEAST  
1203 SUMMIT PARKWAY  
WEBSITE: [www.brooklandbaptist.org/northeast](http://www.brooklandbaptist.org/northeast)





# We Are Grilling and Fishing On FATHER'S DAY

PREPARING DAD'S  
BACKYARD FAVORITES BBQ;  
RIBS AND CHICKEN, BBQ  
PULLED PORK AND HASH,  
SMOKED BEEF BRISKET AND  
FRESH WATER FISH ALONG  
WITH ALL THE BROOKLAND  
FAMOUS MENU SELECTIONS.

- Breakfast Bar
- Made To Order Omelet
- Carving and Waffle Stations

**SUNDAY  
JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>  
2024  
9:30AM-3:00PM**

Adults: \$21.99  
Seniors (65 & Older): \$19.99  
Children (5-12 Years): \$9.99  
Children 4 and Under Eat Free

Blessed Plate To-Go Available:  
1 Entrée and 2 Side Items \$10.49

**THE CAFÉ @ THE BROOKLAND BANQUET  
AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

1066 Sunset Blvd  
West Columbia, SC 29169

*Reservations Suggested.  
Reservations end on Friday, June 14th at 3pm  
Call 803-744-7920 or 803-744-7956*

*White Tablecloth Service and  
Professional Service Staff for an  
Impeccable Dining Experience.*



The JB Adams Seniors are hosting their

# Masquerade Ball

## Adult Prom

**Live Entertainment**

**Buffet Style Dinner**

**Tickets \$25**

**Friday - June 7, 2024**

**6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

*Have your photos taken on  
The Red Carpet*

**Bogan Hall**  
1218 Batchelor Street  
West Columbia, SC 29169

RHONDA JONES - DIRECTOR  
JB ADAMS SENIOR CENTER

*Formal Attire*

Purchase tickets  
@ Eventbrite by copying link below to your browser  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jb-adams-seniors-81019563583>

Designed by Denise 347.228.4774

# Birthdays

Bridgett Anderson  
Monica Brock  
Devon Brownlee  
Torah Dukes  
Joan Faust  
Annette Johnson Folks  
Nia Frink

1

Shawn Bacote  
Charles J. Capleton  
Dale Dingle  
Antionette Elliott  
Allen Etheredge Jr  
Timothy Gaskin  
Ricky Gillins  
James L. Gladden  
Shirley Graham

2

Taylor Blassingame  
Ashlee Darby  
Stephanie Dawkins  
Talisha Fason  
Princess Green  
Mary Griffin

3

Shakeiva Coleman  
Randy Davis  
David J. Edmond  
Chester Frazier  
Willie L. Gardner  
Martha L. Haywood  
Lewis C. Hicks  
Myles Keels

4

Austine Gantt  
Toya Gray  
Nyah Leveretter  
Mike-Aylie Mars  
Eric Sampson  
Keith J. Shands  
Demetrius Thomas  
Mona Wells

William Green Jr  
Edward Holmes  
Ausha N. McKnight  
Michelle McPhony-Barnes  
Mahogany Payne  
Chantel Pringle  
Romeo Randolph  
Diane Richburg  
Sandra Sutton  
Betty Williams

Christine Jackson  
Loyd McClary Jr  
Todd Montgomery  
Sallie Nicholson  
Linda J. Palmer  
Kai Sheffield  
Matthew Wright

Arnett Klugh Jr  
Dionne Loudon  
Deborah McDaniels  
Christopher Pierce  
Yasmine Zhane'j Romey  
Jessica Skelton  
Divine Talley  
Robyn Watson

Ja'Nia Davis  
Cynthia Davis  
Sandra McGee Dodd  
Forbes Elam

5

Keyirra S. Aiken  
Darin Carr  
Connie Chisolm  
Rolonda Coaxum  
Lamonte T. DeWitt  
Arsenio Hamilton  
Eldridge Herrin  
Deneitra Jackson

6

Mardell Belton  
Natasha Bethea  
Peggy Theresa Brown  
Horace Cannon  
Keith Davis  
Christi Fletcher  
Taborus Green  
Kymber Lee

7

Marilyn Bassfield  
Andre Mitchell Brantley  
Zaylee C. Butler  
B. Charmeka Childs  
Damien Ward Harris  
Jatyra Holmes  
Angela Jordan

8

Anthony Brooks  
Nadia Vurrows  
Bridget Campbell  
Grayson Chatman  
Meshelle Davis  
Toinette Drayton  
Harley Haynes

9

Chrystal Finney  
Lenwood A. Greene Sr  
Dana Martin  
Marnie N. Robinson  
Isaac Sheldon Shine II

Marie McGruder  
Ralph Posey  
Mia Richardson  
Brandy Robinson  
Mardell Y. Venson-Whyte  
Avery Wiggins

Carla McKenzie  
Courtney C. Reddick  
Frances Richardson  
Tiffany Thompson  
Janice Williams  
Burnes Wilson  
Gloria Wilson

Simquita Leveretter  
LaMondre Rumph  
Kayla Shine  
Antonio Streater  
Zaradia Webber  
Gabriel Wright

Marilyn Hopson  
Winifred Kearney  
Pearl Mansel  
Brandon Platts  
Darius Rice  
Harry Thompson  
Kelvin D. Walker



# Birthdays

13

Brittany C. Alston  
Deborah Byrd  
Terry Capone  
Shellie Childress  
Shaquilla Hicks  
Shaquetta T. Hilton  
Christopher Howard  
Shatisha Hutto

10

Joyce Louis-Jean  
Brad Makins  
Kenai McFadden  
Lonnie McIntee Jr  
Shaquille Richardson  
Rico Snell  
Tarence Tyler  
Jermaine Wright

Richard H. Bennett  
Johnny Ethridge  
Helen General  
Brent Harris  
Mia Hughey  
Taylor Elizabeth Jackson

11

Teedra Johnson  
Marlena Jones  
Charles R. McKnight  
Dana Simpson  
LaShonka M. Spencer  
D. Emmanuel Washington

Elaine Brown  
LaFaye Brown  
Glenda Faye Coleman  
Shimere Cooper  
Gwendell Fogg  
Tabitha Gaffney  
Crystal A. Garrett  
Tanya Gary  
Betty Gortman  
Dorian Holmes  
Derwin Isaac  
Raheem T. McCloud

12

Victoria McKnight  
Tammie Mims  
Angela Parker  
RanShonda Patterson  
Patrick Reid  
Tobe Rice  
Akil Ross  
Deborah Jordon Ruff  
LaChaska Salmoond  
Mark Sellers  
Araminta Trowell

Jawanna Anderson  
Austin Brooker  
Loretta Coleman  
James Daniels Sr  
Erica Edwards  
Tyrone Ellis

13

Jada Furtick  
Shalonda Hayes  
Sina Holloway  
Samuel Jones  
Robin McConnell  
Shevawn Rivers

Tiffany L. Banks  
Cynthia B. Brown  
Susan Burroughs  
Taji R. Caughman  
Melvin Chisolm  
Nicole Cyrus Green  
Dameon Hopkins  
Keith Johnson  
Willinda Johnson

14

Pearlie Jones  
Makenzie Lytton  
Jacqueline Minor  
Jaylen Orr  
Breanna Rivera  
Willie Sells  
Freddie Shelton  
Freddie S.W. Simmons  
Rick Watson

Avery Allen  
Brittany Boyd  
Pamela Brackett

15

Romelle Brailty  
Sheila Branch  
Ratisha Brisbon

Barrbara Brown  
Emily Brown  
John K. Brown  
Alice Crowner  
Kenneth Dukes  
Stephanie Gregg  
Charity Jones

15

Kenneth Jones Jr  
LaToya Matthews  
Elaine Murphy  
Muriel Neal  
Sandra Richards  
Isaac Shine  
Trey Simpson

Jesse Akins  
John B. Baden  
Ronald Kingston Best  
Doretha Bolton  
Daria Bosket  
Curley Brown  
Suzette Childress  
Lemuel Darby Jr  
Sylvia Davis  
Ernestine Fogle  
Theodore R. Foster III  
Constance Franklin  
Tina Gidron  
Leroy Green Sr  
Faith House  
Danyel Hudson  
Jesse Jefferson

16

Pamela Johnson  
Alliyah Rivers Lipscomb  
Braxton Daniels McDuffie  
Wilbert McGraw  
Chris Minick  
Crystal Minick  
Koskkoke O'Neal  
Brandon Samuels  
Derrol Shuford  
Deborah Simmons  
Leilani Stringer  
Dorothy L. Strouble  
Gwendolyn M. Thomas  
Tania Turner  
Courtney Wilson  
Charles T. Wright

Carolyn Bostick  
Delores E. Carter  
Ratesha Davis  
Alaysha Graham  
Ashley Haigler  
Shawan Hall  
Devita Hampton  
Marlena R. Harris  
Latise Irving  
Carly McGregor

17

Nicole Metts  
Chandra Morris  
Randolph Nimmons  
Vonetta Pinckney  
Sammy Profit  
Brandon A. Robinson  
Myala Keshon Smith  
Nyala Keshon Smith  
George Williams

Herbert Addison  
Nolan Brackett  
Erika Brown  
James E Brown Jr  
Aysia Burley-Randall  
Anita Brewer Dantzler  
Kevin DeBarr  
Valerie W. Dreher  
Linda M. Epps  
Shawn M. Glover

18

Jerna' Huutchinson  
Shnita Lee  
William K Lloyd  
Jacqueline Luckett  
Korrealle Morning  
Chyna Myers  
LaTeasa Reed  
Tori Rolack  
Josiah Sands  
Norman Venyah Jr  
LaTarsa Reed Williams

# Birthdays

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.

Lewis Barr  
Donald Belton  
John Benjamin Jr  
Robert L Geter  
Mary J. Graham

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Shirley Grant  
Tenise Johnson  
Alicia Shanta Lyles  
Barbara Richardson  
Pearlean Sanders  
Dorell Spann

Christina Coleman  
Gayle Cross  
Taron Davis  
Christian Hughes  
Deirdre Jackson  
Jon McClary  
Peggy McFadden-Elmore  
Jermaine McIntosh

20

Brittany Mims  
Geraldine G. Moss  
Keeana Ross  
Keirra Sells  
Damon Smith  
Sharon Walker  
Tiana Washington  
Corban Williams  
Dolores Williams  
Marlette Williams

Gertie Alston  
Zachary Cartledge  
Virginia S. Chapman  
Christopher Copeland  
Avery Dean  
Courtney Etheredge  
Anthony Farr  
Byron Gipson  
Allen Green

21

June Harth  
Charles Hill  
John Jefferson  
Ebony L. Johnson  
Shiral Moss  
Virginia Risher  
Leota Rivers  
Queenie Whitmore  
Lillian E. Herrington

Jeff Brown Jr  
Cameron Everson  
Payton Henderson  
Tre'Von Howell  
Wendy Johnson  
Cheryl Kelly

22

Stephanie Robinson  
Eric Schlueter  
Dawayne Shanabarger  
Clarence E. Sumpter  
Josiah Washington  
Deborah Wilds

Mildred Allen  
James Anderson  
Anthony Cabbagestalk Sr  
Erin Greene  
Ryan C. Harris  
Aria Hill  
Angela S. Jackson  
Toddiyah S. Jones

23

Karen Kelly  
Nakia A. Linen  
Myra S. Lippett  
Willie Mayfield  
Makeda Reeder  
John A. Walker  
Brenda Weeks  
Kim Williams  
Deborah F. Wilson

Pamela L. Alford  
Candace M. Blair  
Gregory Bodrick  
David Caldwell III  
Eddie Findley  
Betty Franklin  
Ahmer Fajhaun Heatley  
Aaleeyah Housey  
Shardaya S. Jackson  
Melvin Anthony James  
Sherri Johnson  
Tamia Lloyd  
Odessa Martin-Edmonds

24

Sybil McKnight  
Medley  
LaVina Morris  
Whitney Napper  
George Pearson  
Calaundra Reed  
Ivery Rice  
Ire Thornton

D'Andre Allen  
Dalya Beckett  
Cassandra Brantley  
Willie J. Briggs  
Erika Cartledge  
Denise Coleman  
Marcus Coleman  
Travis E. Cooper  
Kindel D. Fakorede  
Altovise Goodwin

25

Karen Henry  
Valerie Jones  
Adia Loudon  
Reinata Outen  
Tonya Payne  
Shane Thomas  
LaShante' Williams  
Titus Williams  
Tracye Williams

Alana Alamon Scott  
A. Cassaundra Anderson-Rhinehart  
Patricia Dobson  
Portia Fulton  
Audrey Harris  
Dwayne Mazyck

26

Labreshia Nelums  
Diane Rice  
Courtney Smalls  
Charles M.L. Stephens  
Deanna J. Thornton  
Otha R. Dillihay

Courtney Banks  
Angela Murry Blake  
Mary Ann Campbell  
Beatrice Cook  
Amber Gibbs  
Miah Glover  
Reginald Glover  
Rhonda Hill  
Linda Hough-Hicks

27

Elease Johnson  
Shiral B. Jones  
Marie McKinney Lancaster  
Darlane McClerklin  
Lillie Moses  
Trina Offing  
Elmer Polite  
Rhonda Preshea

Delores Anderson  
IzuchuKun I. Emetu  
Tamarille Jackson  
Syniah Jennings  
Kenneth Laury  
LaTosha A. Neal  
Mary L. Neumon

28

Mya K. Porter  
Isiah Russell  
Gloria Smith  
Israel J. Snowden  
Shantrice Washington  
Christy Wilder  
Michael Williams  
Angela Pryor Young

Aniya Beaty  
Lawrence Brown  
Emma Corbin  
Perrene Henry  
Teddy B. Mack  
Hope P. Martin

29

Lisa Maynard  
Billie Pharr  
Ethan Roary  
Jessica Simpson  
DeVell Williams  
Shelton Wilson

Kenneth C Brown  
Todd Caldwell  
Lori S. Cook  
Wanda Gary  
Connie Harrison  
Jennifer Howard  
Ashlei Jackson  
Melissa Jenkins  
Michelle Johnson  
Sonji Leach  
Clarence Lewis

30

Gethro Martin Jr  
Lauren T. Payton  
Marlon Rush IV  
Bridgette Segars  
James Shuler  
Sharon A. Struman  
Tre'on Trowell  
Michael Vaughn  
Jimmy Vereen  
Evelyn T Williams  
Mariah Williams  
Ryan Williford



# *Fresh* **PRODUCE**

**GROWN LOCALLY**

**OPEN NOW!**

## **South Carolina Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**

Fifty dollars (\$50) in vouchers will be given out to Lexington County Senior Citizens aged 60 and older who meet income guidelines.

**Location:** Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center,  
Bogan Hall 1218 Batchelor Street West  
Columbia, S.C. 29169

**Times:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**Thursday, June 6, 2024**

**Friday, June 7, 2024**

**For more information, please contact Rev. Mardell Whyte or Ms. Serenity Pusher at (803) 744-7943 or via email at [mwhyte@brookland.cc](mailto:mwhyte@brookland.cc) or [spusher@brookland.cc](mailto:spusher@brookland.cc)**

## **Lexington County Authorized Farmers' Markets Locations:**

**LIVINGSTON FARM (THE SHACK)**  
**1424 Southbound Road, Swansea**  
January - December  
Monday - Saturday • 9 am - 6 pm  
Contact: James Livingston  
803-530-3169

**MARKET AT ICEHOUSE**  
**107 West Main Street, Lexington**  
May - September  
Saturday • 9 am - 12 pm  
Contact: Walker Brewer  
803-358-7275 • [wbrewer@lexsc.com](mailto:wbrewer@lexsc.com)

## Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center Holds Ceremony for Graduates in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program

Brookland-Lakeview Empowerment Center (BLEC) recently held its annual graduation celebration for students attending Lexington School District Two Northside Middle School and East Point Academy Middle School and participating in its extraordinarily successful 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) program.

Seven eighth graders earned a certificate and medallion for outstanding academic achievement. They leave the after-school program with an exciting future of enrolling in high school during the 2024 fall semester. Sixth and seventh graders also received certificates for academic achievement.

During the ceremony, students demonstrated what they learned throughout the year through English-Language Arts and creative arts to include a performance by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program Ensemble. Students also recognized their parents or guardians by providing them with a certificate of appreciation.

"BLEC is pleased to offer an after school and summer camp program as an alternative to youth potentially getting involved in gang-related activities," said Dr. Benjamin Washington, project director for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program. "Mentoring, athletic competition and positive engagement with adults are core components of the program. As a result of the program, students have shown better grades, improved behavior, less tardiness and reduced disciplinary issues."

The Brookland-Lakeview Character Building; Optimal Reading and Writing; Learning through the Arts; and Achieving Math Proficiency (COLA) initiative began in 2021. It is a free, 16-week after school program during both spring and fall semesters.

The goal of the program is to provide students with academic enrichment to improve their skills in math and reading and to improve attendance in school and reduce discipline referrals by providing character building and leadership classes for at least 75 students in grades six through eight. The program also includes a six-week summer camp that is also free. To date, more than 220 students have participated in the program.

BLEC Executive Director Dr. Cindye Richburg Cotton gives the program high praise.

"We are proud that the program is making a significant difference for participating students and their parents," she said. "The results are real and impressive, and we look forward to continuing along this path of excellence."

Another aspect of the program provides resources for parents to connect with the educational experience of their child or children. In addition, parents have an opportunity to further their own education through continuing education classes such as computer technology, mental health first aid training, sign language and more.

As a gesture of goodwill and appreciation families enjoyed a light meal and interacted with teachers, activity coordinators, parents, students and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Advisory Board members. "Each student is unique, talented, and powerful in their own way. With the help of parents, guardians, and the community, we are changing lives and making a difference," said Chrystal Finney, activity coordinator for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program.

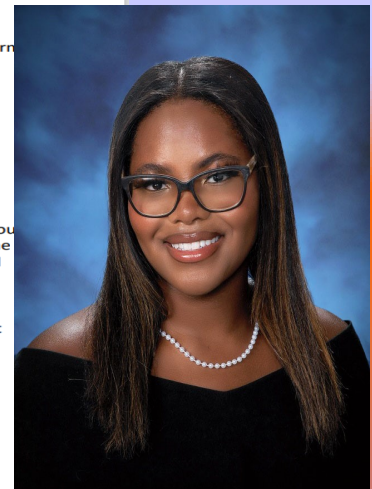
For more information about the Brookland-Lakeview 21<sup>st</sup> Century COLA Program, please contact

Dr. Benjamin Washington, project director, at 803-744-1967 or by email at [bewashington@brookland.cc](mailto:bewashington@brookland.cc)

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Jessica Boone, the daughter of Trustee Michael Boone and Dr. Tasha Boone, was awarded a scholarship from the Carolinas Credit Union Foundation. As a member of the Brookland Federal Credit Union, she was eligible for this award. She will be attending Wofford College in the fall.

## *BROOKLAND CELEBRATES BLACK MUSIC MONTH ALL MONTH!!!*

Created in 1979 by a decree from President Jimmy Carter, Black Music Appreciation Month celebrates the African-American musical influences that comprise an essential part of our nation's treasured cultural heritage, according to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The legacy of African-American composers, singers, songwriters, and musicians is an indelible piece of our Nation's culture. Generations of African Americans have carried forward the musical traditions of their forebears, blending old styles with innovative rhythms and sounds. They have enriched American music and captured the diversity of our Nation. During African-American Music Appreciation Month, we honor this rich heritage.

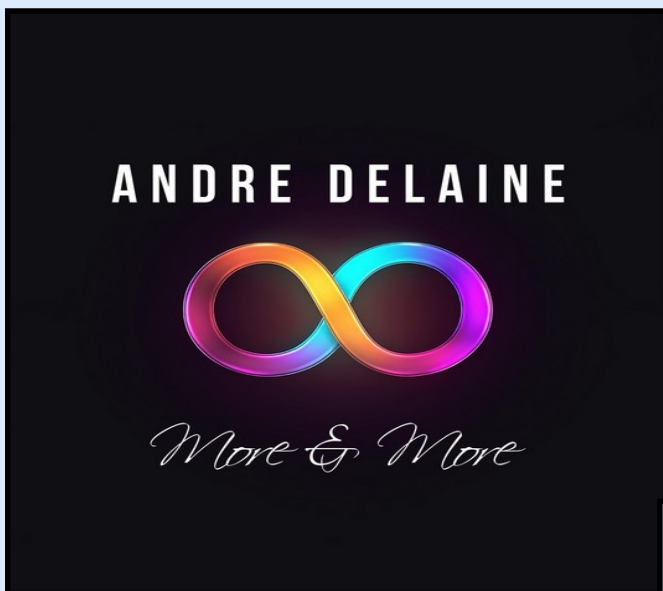
This legacy tells a story of ingenuity and faith. Amidst the injustice of slavery, African Americans lifted their voices to the heavens through spirituals. This religious music united African Americans and helped sustain them through one of the darkest periods in our Nation's history. Years later, spirituals contributed to the advent of a new form of music: gospel. Both styles incorporated elements of African music and were rooted in faith.

The African-American music tradition also reflects creativity and individualism. Blues, jazz, soul, and rock and roll synthesize various musical traditions to create altogether new sounds. Their novel chord progressions, improvisation, and mood showcase individual musicians while also creating a cohesive musical unit. In addition, African-American composers have thrived in traditional genres such as musical theater, opera, classical symphony, and choral music, providing their unique imprint and creatively growing these forms of music. All of these contributions are treasured across America and the world.

The Brookland Baptist Church Music Ministry is "second to none" and we are proud to say that we have become home to some of the most celebrated young artists in music today. **Minsiter John Lakin**, the Praise and Worship leader, has written choir songs that are song all over the world. His song, "Created to Worship" can be heard on the radio—performed by Ricky Dillard. His most recent project, the Promise has charted his song entitled "BETTER" the lyrics promise to minister to your soul. **Andre Delaine** recently released his single "More and More". Andre Delaine works in the VIBE Youth and Teens Church on Sundays. He is the creative of the arts that take place in Teen Church. **Analisha Jacobs**, the melodious songstress, can be heard on Sundays leading Praise and Worship with our Young Adult Praise Team. Analisha has written songs that are performed by Gospel Artist around the world. Analisha is one of the principal soloist for Choir Master Ricky Dillard. She loves her church and she loves ministering to the hearts of God's people.

**Terence Young**, is one of the lead musicians at Brookland and has been at the church for 25 years. He plays several instruments, but his gift of playing the lead guitar has made him one of the most sought after musicians in the world! Terence is from a small town in South Carolina, (Elko) where he started out playing with the famous quartet group, Tommy Ellison and the Singing Stars (Fun Fact: Terence played the piano while his uncle (who was the Music Director for the group) played the guitar. Terence Young has earned the reputation of one of the most talented and electrifying Lead Guitarist in the world. He has released 10 cds to date, ranging from Smooth Jazz and R&B, to gospel, Christmas, instrumental rock, and his original guitar compositions *Terence has shared the stage with countless renowned recording artists, including, The Temptations, Frankie Beverly and Maze, Patti Labelle, Gladys Knight, BabyFace, Charlie Wilson, Envogue, Morris Day and the Time, Al Jarreau, Roberta Flack, George Duke, Gerald Albright, Clarence Carter and Joe Sample. In addition to performing with these top talents, Terence has also performed with and was Music Director for the Legendary Ashford and Simpson, Lenny Williams, Aaron Hall and Angie Stone, to name a few. Terence's talent can be heard on the Earth, Wind & Fire Tribute CD with R&B Queen, Angie Stone, His CD's are available on all digital platforms, OR you can get them directly from him.*





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# MEN'S DAY 2024

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024



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