



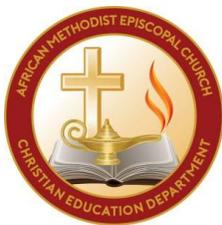
**"BUILDING FAMILIES FOR CHRIST"**

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHRONICLES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

Terence Renard Gray I, Senior Pastor  
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 Patricia Goodwin, Secretary  
 Sharon Butler  
 Donald Goodwin  
 Faye Hogan  
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 Antar Rivers  
 Lee Rushin

## Christian Education Month September 2021 THEME: "HOPE – Harvest Observe Pivot Enliven"

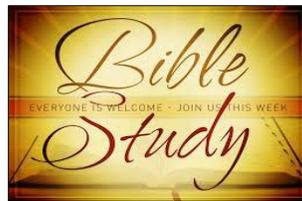


### Vision Statement

The Commission of Christian Education will inspire the congregation to become committed disciples. Through a holistic approach to Christian growth and religious education, the congregation will be empowered by the Holy Spirit with the ability to envision the future, elevate stewardship, and be fully equipped to be witnesses for Christ's ministry.

### Goals

- (1) To provide interpretation and guidance to persons regarding the Christian way of life.
- (2) To provide training for the leadership in Christian Education.
- (3) To provide a unified and coordinated program.
- (4) To make policies to govern the work of Christian Education.
- (5) To ascertain the needs, concerns, and ministries necessary to accomplish goals and objectives.



The CEC invites you to Bible Study each Wednesday during the month of September at 7:00 PM. Our theme H.O.P.E. - (Harvest - Observe -Pivot -Enliven) will help ordinary people do extraordinary things in their mission in the Kingdom of God. Every believer has the God-given ability to reach people whom the Holy Spirit has already prepared.

**Join Via Zoom @ 7:00 pm**  
**Meeting ID 899 2986 4206**  
**Password:868705**

### "HOPE – Harvest Observe Pivot Enliven"

- September 1: Harvest** – "Matthew 9:37 "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."  
**September 8: Observe** – "Psalm 37:37 "Consider the blameless, observe the upright."  
**September 15: Pivot** – Acts 3:19 "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may

be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."

**September 22: Enliven** – Ezekiel 37:3 "He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

**September 29: Hope** - Jeremiah 29:11 "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."

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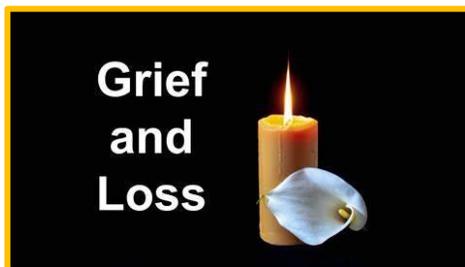
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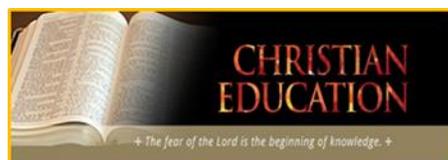
## Grief & Loss Workshops

Many people are experiencing **grief** during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Grief** is a normal response to loss during or after a disaster or other traumatic event. **Grief** can happen in response to loss of life, as well as to drastic changes to daily routines and ways of life that usually bring us comfort and a feeling of stability. Common **grief** reactions include:

- Shock, disbelief, or denial
- Anxiety
- Distress
- Anger
- Periods of sadness
- Loss of sleep and loss of appetite

Some people may experience multiple losses during a disaster or large-scale emergency event. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, you might be unable to be with a loved one when they die, or unable to mourn someone's death in-person with friends and family. Other types of loss include unemployment, or not making enough money, loss, or reduction in support services, even our children transitioning in and out of face-to-face schooling and back to home schooling and other changes in your lifestyle. These losses can happen at the same time, which can complicate or prolong grief and delay a person's ability to adapt, heal, and recover.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month the Christian Education Commission conducts workshops on grief & loss featuring local experts via Zoom from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. See featured topics below and please join us this month.



Dates	Topics - Facilitators
December 13, 2020	Finding Hope and Healing – Carolyn Doherty
January 17, 2021	Disenfranchised Grief in a Pandemic: New Problems, New Strategies - Carolyn Doherty
February 14, 2021	"Love & Lost; Matters of the Heart" – Pastor Jason Cooper
March 14, 2021	"Spring into Action: Cultivating a Healthy Lifestyle" – Dorcas M. Cepeda
April 11, 2021	"Meaning- Making in Grief & Loss: A Biblical Perspective" – Chaplain Belinda Plumbly
May 16, 2021	"Rising from the Ashes: Meaning-Making from Grief & Loss from Practical Perspectives" – Tonier Caine/Freedom Neen
June 13, 2021	"The Loss of a Father" – Lee Rushin, Dan Smart & Kim Hill
July 11, 2012	"How Men Grieve" – Rev. Dr. Randolph Bracey Jr. and Ronald Diltz, II
August 8, 2021	Part 1: "Returning to School & The Delta Variant: Mitigate and Mental Health Strategies" – Carolyn Doherty
September 12, 2021	Part 2: "Returning to School & The Delta Variant: Mitigate and Mental Health Strategies" – TBA

Join Via Zoom @ 1:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays  
Meeting ID: 820 1539 3138  
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## "It's a Family Reunion" YPD Community Event

**SAVE-THE-DATE**

Saturday, September 18,  
2021

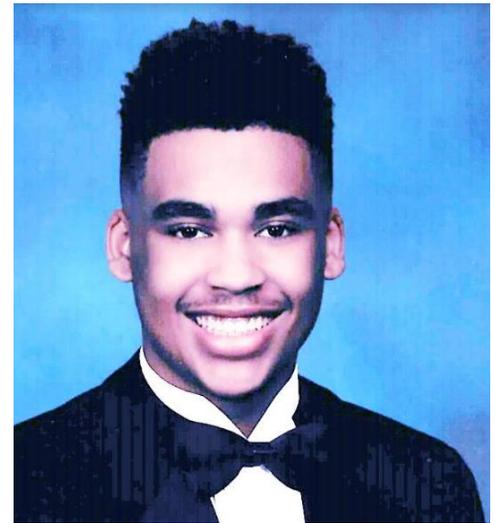
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
St. Mark AME Church  
1968 Bruton Boulevard  
Orlando, FL, 32805

There will be:  
Free Giveaways  
Voters Registration Drive  
Job Fair  
Church Information  
Food and Fun





*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and [or even] when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)*



**Jaylen Christian Butler**  
 Graduated from: Timber Creek High School  
 Attending Florida A & M University  
 Major: Business



**Jasmine Morehead**  
 Graduated from: Florida A & M University  
 Bachelor of Science Social Work



**Kyndall Johnson**  
 Graduated from: Dr Phillips High School  
 Attending Southern Methodist University  
 Major: Business



**Najah Goosby**  
 Graduated from: Dr. Phillips High School  
 Attending Florida A&M University  
 Major: Pre-pharmacy



**Naysa Smith**  
 Graduated from: Florida A&M University,  
 Magna Cumme Laude



**Ta'Niyah Rene Darisaw**  
 Graduated from: West Orange High School  
 Attending Florida A & M University  
 Major: Political Science





**Alexis Watson**

Graduated from: Oviedo High School  
 Attending Florida Memorial University  
 Major: Social Work



**Nosharai Harris**

Graduated from: Windermere High School  
 Attending Spelman College  
 Major: Biology



**Gabriel Ferguson**

Graduated from: Windermere Preparatory School  
 Attending Vanderbilt University  
 Major: Medicine, Health & Society



**Mikayla Jenkins**

Graduated from: Apopka High School  
 Plans to attend college to study Biology and then Med School.



**Angela Watson**

Graduated from: Oviedo High School  
 Attending Bethune Cookman University  
 Major: Elementary Education



**Octavia Rushin**, received an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies from Valencia Community College.





## SAINT MARK EAST CAMPUS GRADUATES



**Jaylen Beacham**

Graduated from: Integrity Christian Academy. Jaylen plans to focus on building and assuming a management role in his family's detailing and pressure washing business. He aspires to learn a trade in Mobile Tinting to expand the family business portfolio. His honors include: Honors cord and certificate for the Presidential Award of Educational Achievement.



**Danielle Durant**

Graduated from: Lake Nona High School. Danielle plans to attend Valdosta State University and major in American Sign Language/English Interpreter. She graduated with a 3.8 GPA and 15 college credit hours as a dual enrolled student. Danielle has received numerous scholarships for her achievements as a stellar student.



**Eric Grier**

Graduate from: University High School. Eric plans attend the University of Central Florida and major in mechanical engineering. He graduated Cum Laude with high honors in the esteemed Global Tech Program. He aspires to participate in research and design during his tenure achieving his Bachelor of Science degree and own his own firm or business in the future.



**Tyrese Olton**

Graduated from: Oak Ridge High School. Tyrese will be taking a 'gap year' before attending college.



**Paul Singleton**

Graduated from: Colonial High School. Paul enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and left for Bootcamp in June. Achievements include: Graduating while achieving honor roll as well as an unmanned aircraft certification from Embry Riddle



**Justin Joseph**

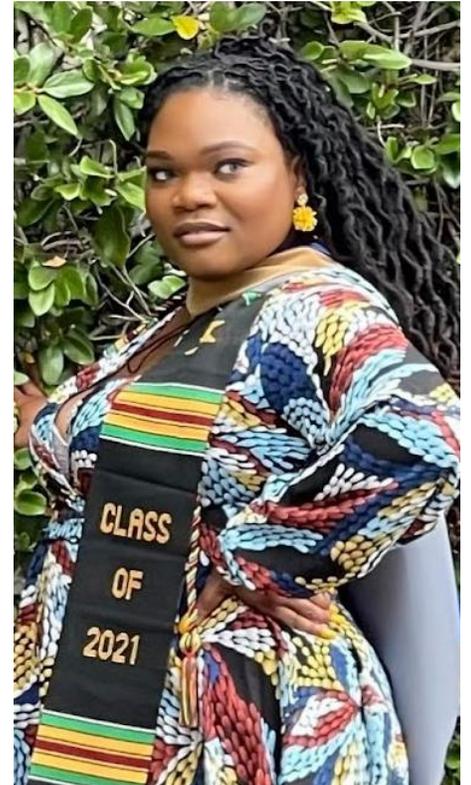
Received an Associate of Arts degree from Valencia Community College. His major is Pre-Medicine, and he plans to further his education at the University of Central Florida.

In the immediate future, Shaylyn will be pursuing a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University, where she will conduct research pertaining to cancer treatment development.



**Matthew R. Lucas**

Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art from Florida State University. Achieved the honor of graduating Cum Laude in his graduating class. He plans to hopefully become a cartoonist for Pixar animation.



**Asheera Bruno**

Master of Science degree in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University. She plans to continue to help her husband run the landscape design business and create another small startup business.



**Shaylyn Grier**

Bachelor of Science graduate in Biomedical Engineering from Florida International University. She is the proud president of the Biomedical Engineering Society at her university and the outreach coordinator for the undergraduate research society.



**Jaylen Christie**

Master of Science degree in Communications from the University of Central Florida. He has been recognized by Black Enterprise Magazine as a 2019 Man of Distinction, a recipient of the 2020 Orlando Business Journal 40 under 40 accolade and a finalist for the Diversity Leader Award by PR News in 2021. Considering furthering his education by achieving a Ph.D.



**NOTABLE MENTIONS**



**Rev. Josie Deamus Goodman**  
 Ordained Itinerant Deacon  
 Central Conference 11<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District – AMEC



**Dr. Kathleen "Kat" Gordon**  
 Retired Educator  
 Orange County Public School – 25 years  
 Osceola County Public School – 25 years  
 Orange County School Board – 25 years  
 Charleston, SC School District – 1 year



**Faye Hogan**  
 Retired Educator  
 Orange County Public School – 35 years



**Jacob Cuthbert III**



Programs of Religious Activities with Youth, also known as P.R.A.Y. Programs, is a Bible-based religious emblems program for Protestant and Independent Christian churches designed to bring youth and families to Christ. The P.R.A.Y. program [God & Me (Grades 2-3), God & Family (Grades 4-6), God & Church (Grades 6-8), and God & Life (Grades 9-12)] has impacted the lives of thousands of youth nationwide. The Jesus & Me (K-1) curriculum has recently been added to the series. The P.R.A.Y. Four Star Award is a very prestigious one. Candidates must start in the first, second, or third grade, and as the name implies, they must earn all four P.R.A.Y. awards. Less than 1% of the P.R.A.Y. recipients in any year receive this prestigious award.

**Jacob Cuthbert, III has been certified by P.R.A.Y. for this special commendation.** The Four Star pin features four gold stars on a red, yellow, blue, and green background. The four colors represent the four levels in the series, but the stars are reminiscent of Matthew 5:16: Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Saint Mark's Christian Education Commission celebrate Jacob's accomplishments today because they are for the glory of God. It is our prayer that he will continue to live his life in such a way that others will see Christ in him and give God the glory.

If your youth is interested in completing one or all of the P.R.A.Y. Program series, please make contact at <https://www.praypub.org/pray>.



"I believe my AME Church School must grow and grow, and that I must make it a top priority to make it so. Every member a Christian, every Christian a worker, every worker trained so that a worker need not be ashamed. This we ask in Jesus' name."

Join us, the Church School schedule is below!



**ST. MARK A.M.E. CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE  
2021-2022**

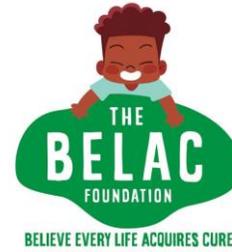
Class Name	Age Group	Day and Time	Meeting Space	Teacher/Facilitator
<b>Unity</b>	(Couples) 18+ years old	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Zoom.us Meeting ID: 984 0393 3994 Password: Romans828	Stan Overton
<b>Family Matters</b>	All ages	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Zoom.us Meeting ID: 851 6692 2873 Password: amefamily	Milton McCrone Lee Rushin Fitz King Kim Hill Veronica Yates-Riley
<b>Bible Explorers</b>	All ages	Sunday 8:15 a.m.	Zoom.us Meeting ID: 837 8037 8416 Passcode: 921624	Catherine Butler Tahir Rivers Carla McKinney Gail Ridgeway
<b>Youth Prayer Call</b>	12-19 years old	Sunday 7:00 p.m.	Conference Call 1-712-432-0075 code 722623#	Eric "E.B." Butler
<b>Youth Bible Study</b>	9-19 years old	Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Zoom.us Meeting ID: 531978623 Password: 282165	Pameil Rawlings Danielle Mosley-Lee Lori Maura
<b>Wee Wonders Mighty Might</b>	4-8 years old	Saturday 9:00 a.m. <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)</i>	Register at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StMarkSS2021">https://tinyurl.com/StMarkSS2021</a> to receive the access information	Brenda Cannady
<b>(Request lessons by mail or pick up from the church's control booth)</b>	4-19 years old	offline	<b>K-12 Bible Study- U.S. Mail (or email)</b> <b>Call and request lesson- (407) 422-6941</b> <b>State your- name, mailing address, child's age, and email.</b>	



### Farm Share Food Drive @ SMC



### BELAC Annual Childhood Cancer 5K Fun Run/Walk



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **September 2021 – Christian Education Month**

- Sept. 6 – Labor Day
- Sept. 10 - Farm Share Food Drive @ Saint Mark
- Sept. 11 - 122nd Central Conference Pre-Recording Session @ Saint Mark
- Sept. 12 – Presiding Elder Henry L. II & Mrs. Postell's Appreciation (via ZOOM) / Grandparents Day
- Sept. 25 - Central Conference YPD Annual Day
- Sept. 30 - Central Conference WMS Convention
- Sept 30 – Oct 1 – 122nd Session of the Central Annual Conference (11th Episcopal District – AME Church)

## **October 2021 – Couples' Month / Clergy Appreciation Month**

- Oct. 10 - Clergy Appreciation Day
- Oct. 17 – Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day
- Oct. 30 – Breast Cancer Walk - Lake Eola

## **November 2021 – Church Anniversary Month**

- Nov. 7 – Daylight Saving (End)
- Nov. 11 – Veteran Day
- Nov. 14 – Saint Mark A.M.E. Church 107th Anniversary
- Nov. 17-19 - 11th Episcopal District Planning Meeting
- Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov 28 – Advent Begins

## **December 2021 – Advent / Christmas Month**

- Dec. 24 - Advent Ends / Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa
- Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve
- Dec 25, 2021 – Jan 5, 2022 – Christmastide

## **January 2022 – First Fruit Month**

- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day
- Jan. 2 - Epiphany Sunday
- Jan. 17 – Martin Luther King Day