

"God Has A Plan For You!"

"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 (NIV)

From the Desk of Senior Pastor, Larry D. Weaver



Atherton Family and Visitors,

Church its 2020 and a great time to begin the year right. The beginning of the year is a great time to set goals that you can monitor your year's progress. I find that which is not inspected is that which is not expected. Are you expecting more of yourself this year than last year, then set some goals.

Goals can help us invigorate and stimulate our spiritual, personal or professional lives. According to a recent survey, there are some consistent topics people tend to address with goals each year: 1. **Health / Weight**. 2. **Relationship with God**. 3. **Use of Time**. 4. **Relationship with a Family Member**. 5. **Doing Better in the Area of Finance / Stewardship**. These are good areas for setting goals. May of us will once again make a few of these as we turn the corner into 2020.

As you look ahead to 2020 and you desire to set some New Year goals, what will you choose to do to breathe new life into your life? What will you focus your attention too? How will you choose to invigorate and improve your life's journey? Let me challenge you to think about what you choose and as you choose challenge yourself to make **SMART GOALS**. Here is an acrostic that can serve as a guide for making **GOALS** that are **SMART**:

- **Specific:** Make goals that count. Be SPECIFIC.
- **Measurable:** Make Goals that are measurable. You need to know if you're winning or not.
- **Attainable:** Ask yourself are your goals reasonable?
- **Relevant:** Is your goals relevant towards your purpose in life.
- **Time-Sensitive:** Set target dates to create a sense of urgency. Set some deadlines.

Finally, as you consider all these things start with prayer and ask God to lead you into a season of life that will glorify Him in all that you attempt to accomplish.

Blessings and know I'm praying for your growth and success.

Because He Lives,

Rev. Larry D. Weaver

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ATHERTON
BAPTIST CHURCH

January Events

At A Glance

Week of January 6th:
All ABC Bible Studies Resume from Winter Break

January 9th:
Women's Ministry:
Monthly Prayer Gathering

January 11th:
Pastor Weaver's 2020 Leadership Gathering Meeting

January 14th:
7 Wk. Marriage Class Begins

January 18th:
Atherton Fitness Ministry: 90 Day Fitness Challenge Sign-Up Event

January 20th:
ABC Offices & Preschool closed in observance of M.L.K. Holiday

January 24th:
Scholarship Min: 2019-20 Applications are due

January 25th:
Women's Ministry: Annual Women's Breakfast

January 27th:
Christian Ed. Ministry: Teacher's Training Begins

PASTOR'S INSIGHTS

HAPPINESS HABIT: KEEP A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

“What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys when sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record.” ~ Psalm 32:1-2 (TLB)

Feeling guilty or ashamed can cause us to lose our happiness. You've got to get rid of guilt and maintain a clear conscience if you want to be happy, because you cannot feel guilty and be happy at the same time.

Philippians 2:15 says, “*Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.*” (NLT).

You might say, “I'd like to be happy, but how do I keep my conscience clear when it's not clear right now?” Do what Psalm 32:1-2 says: “What happiness for those whose guilt has been forgiven! What joys sins are covered over! What relief for those who have confessed their sins and God has cleared their record” (TLB).

Happiness, joy, and relief are three things everybody's looking for in life. We all want to be happy. We all want to enjoy life. We all want relief from our pain. The Bible says it all comes from purity, and purity comes from forgiveness through God's grace.

How do you keep a clear conscience?

At the beginning and at the end of every day, do a spiritual inventory. Talk to God about anything that is standing between you and him, and then deal with the junk from your day. You practice what's called spiritual breathing—you breathe out your sins in confession and you breathe in God's power and cleansing: “*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness*” (1 John 1:9 NIV).

Talk About It

- What do you need to talk to God about today so that you can clear your conscience?
- How can you restructure your life to make time each day for a spiritual inventory?
- How are you living as a “bright light” in the world for Jesus Christ? What does your happiness in Christ say to the rest of the world?

We are honored that you have come to Atherton today, and the entire church family is praying for God's best to be yours; and you're personally invited to come back again to worship God in the supernatural. ~ **Pastor Larry D. Weaver**

We would like to wish all ABC Members & Visitors born in the month of **January** a very:



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TITHES AND OFFERINGS CAN BE MADE THROUGH:



JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ABC BIBLE STUDIES ANNOUNCEMENT:** all ABC Bible Studies will resume back from Winter Break the week of **January 6th**.
- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Women of Atherton**, join the Women's Ministry for their monthly Prayer Gathering on: **Thursday, January 9th** from 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. in the Chapel rm. 111 and you're welcome to stay for Sis. Weaver's Thursday Night Bible Study starting at: 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **2020 LEADERSHIP GATHERING W/ PASTOR WEAVER:** ABC Leaders and Co-Leaders, Pastor Weaver is hosting a mandatory Leadership Meeting on: **Saturday, January 11th** from: 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please, R.S.V.P. with Dana @: athertonbaptist@sbcglobal.net.
- **MARRIAGE CLASS:** the Atherton Marriage Ministry Class will begin a 7-week study entitled: "The Model Marriage" on: **Tuesday, January 14th** @ 7 p.m. in Rm. 109. In the Model Marriage, consider the roles of courage, strength and nobility in a healthy and thriving marriage. Sign-Up on: **1/5** and, **1/12** in the Courtyard after each service. Facilitators are Terrence & Sherron Joseph.
- **ATHERTON FITNESS MINISTRY:** join the Fitness Ministry as they host a sign-up event for their 90 Day Fitness Challenge on: **Saturday, January 18th** at: 8 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can also pre-register in the Courtyard on: **1/5** and, **1/12** after each service.
- **ABC OFFICE CLOSURE:** the Church Offices and ABC Preschool will be closed on: **Monday, January 20th** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and, will re-open on: **Tuesday, January 21st**.
- **SCHOLARSHIP MINISTRY: Atherton Parents and Students**, just a friendly reminder that your 2019-2020 Scholarship Applications are due by or before: **Friday, January 24th**. To complete, access the Atherton Website @: www.athertonbc.org.
- **2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Your **2019 Financial Statements** are available this month. To request a copy, please contact and leave a voicemail message for Kim Greene in the Business Office at: 323-757-3113 ext. 111.
- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY: It's Prayer Time Women of Atherton**, Join Us on: **Saturday, January 25th** at: 8 a.m. here at **Atherton** for our annual Women's Day Breakfast. Our topic this year is, **"Faith Works."** And, the cost will be **\$5.00 / person**. Register in the Courtyard or in front of the church after each worship service and, online @: www.athertonbc.org. Don't miss out! And, bring a friend!!!
- **CHRISTIAN ED. MINISTRY:** the next Teacher's Training Course will begin on: **Monday, January 27th through May 18th**. Classes will be held every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. in Rm. 106. For more details or to sign-up, visit the Christian Ed Office, Rm. 103. A **\$35.00 books / materials fee is required at sign-up**.
- **BUILDING STRONG MARRIAGE CONFERENCE:** Join Pastor & First Lady Weaver as they host Building Strong Marriage Conference 2020 on: **Saturday, February 8th** from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. here at Atherton. The 2020 theme is: **"Kingdom Marriage."** All married, engaged couples and singles desiring to be married are encouraged to attend. The cost is: **\$60 / couple and, \$30 / single**. You can register in the Courtyard for the entire month of January after each worship service or, online @: www.athertonbc.org.
- **WOMEN'S MINISTRY:** Women of Atherton, for 2020 we are moving our ABC Women's Conference to the beautiful Double Tree Hotel. Join Us and some dynamic speakers at our Retreat on: **April 24th - 25th**. The cost is **\$260 per person** with Double Occupancy. A **\$60 non-refundable deposit** is due upon registration and, the final balance is due **March 22, 2020**. Space is limited! Select a roommate and sign-up at the Women's Ministry table in the Courtyard for the entire month of January or, online @: www.athertonbc.org.

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

Here are just a few of the events that will take place in the month of February

1st: Scholarship Ministry: Black College Expo Trip
(Courtyard Sign-Up's for this trip will be from: 1/13 - 1/27)

2nd: Men's Ministry: Super Bowl Party
4th: Women's Ministry: My Sister's Keeper Call-In Prayer Line

4th: Church Outing to Mt. Sinai Church @ 7:15 p.m.

8th: Building Strong Marriage Conference

17th: President's Day (Office and ABC Preschool closed)

23rd: Dramatic Arts Ministry: Black History Program @: 3 p.m.

24th: State of the Church Year End Review Meeting



STAFF & MINISTRY EXTENSIONS

Pastor Larry. D. Weaver	Pastor / Teacher	Ext. 106
Dana D. McKinley	Pastor Weaver's Administrative Asst.	Ext. 107
Min. Frantwan Le Blanc	Prayer & Visitation	Ext. 113
	Facilities	Ext. 102
Kimberly Greene	Finance Office	Ext. 111
Andre Carter Chairman	Trustee Ministry	Ext. 110
Rodney Potts	Minister of Music	Ext. 101
Angela Zahran Director	ABC Preschool	Ext. 108
Amrys Magee	Media Ministry	Ext. 100
Patricia Weaver	First Lady	Ext. 202
Min. Immanuel Fears	Youth Pastor	Ext. 203
Min. Freddie Williams	Christian Education	Ext. 204
Jovetta Sconiers	New Beginnings Ministry	Ext. 301
Melyn Mays	Nursery Church Ministry	Ext. 305
Min. LaShonda Johnson	Children's Church Ministry	Ext. 308
Louida Shaw	Senior's Ministry	Ext. 310
Min. George Williams	Outreach Ministry	Ext. 312
Pauline Flanagan	Computer Lab Ministry	Ext. 315
Kenny Yelverton	Men of Atherton Choir	Ext. 317
Sherry Cox & Kimberly Johnson-Thomas	Scholarship Ministry	Ext. 318
DeAndre Harling	R.T.C. Young Adult Ministry	(323) 495-6486

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions. Call us at: (323) 757-3113 ext. 107

Administrative Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

MONDAY	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	Rm. 111
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	Rm. 104
	7:00 PM	Marriage Class	Rm. 109
	7:00 PM	Prayer Night	Rm. 111
WEDNESDAY	12:30 PM	Adult Bible Study	Rm. 111
	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study	Rm. 111
	7:00 PM	Bible Study (All Ages)	
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY BIBLE ENRICHMENT CLASS 9:45 A.M.

Age: 2-5	Toddler / Preschool	Rm. B-110
Grades 1-3	Early Elementary	Rm. 211
Grades 4-5	Upper Elementary Class	Rm. 213
Grades 6-8	Middle School Class	Rm. 209
Grades 9-12	High School Class	Rm. 206
Young Adult	Walking in Power, Love & Discipline	Rm. 207
Adult Classes	Bereans	Rm. 106
	Family Life	Rm. 107
	Unity In Christ	Rm. 111
	Examining the Scriptures	Annex
	Life's Issues	Rm. 204
	Books of the Bible	Rm. 109

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday at 9:45 a.m.	Discovering Church Membership (Adult)	Rm. 110
	Discovering Church Membership (Ages: 6-17)	Rm. 104
	Nursery Church Ages: 2 yrs - 4 yrs.	Rm. B110
	Children's Church Ages: 5 yrs - 12 yrs	Rms. 211-213
	Youth Church Ages: 13-17 @ 11a.m. (The Loft)	Rm. 205

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Saturday Before the 1st Sunday

Anointed Voices Choir	9:00 a.m.
Unity Choir	10:00 a.m.

Saturday Before the 2nd Sunday

Men of Atherton Choir	8:00 a.m.
Anointed Voices Choir	9:00 a.m.

Saturday Before the 3rd Sunday

Men of Atherton Choir	8:00 a.m.
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Saturday Before the 4th Sunday

Unity Choir	10:00 a.m.
A-Town Children and Youth Choir	11:00 a.m.

Thursday Before the 3rd & 4th Sunday

A-Town Youth Choir	7:00 p.m.
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