



HOPE AND HELP

FOR GETTING CLOSER TO GOD

OCTOBER 23-24, 2026



CONFERENCE PACKET

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."

James 4:8

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

5:30 PM
Main Lobby
Registration

6:30PM
Sanctuary
Opening Session "Getting Closer To God"

Dr. William E. Flippin, Sr., Pastor
Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA
Guest Lecturer

*(Light Refreshments Served in Fellowship Hall
following opening session)*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

8:30AM - 11AM
Worship Center and Beulah Community
Family Life Center
Focus Tracks include:
**Singles, Marriage, Young Adults, Financial,
and Mental Health**

11AM - 1PM
Lunch, Lectures, and Presentations
1PM
Sanctuary

Closing Session
Rev. Dr. Jerry D. Black, Sr., Pastor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

**SESSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
8:30 AM & 10:45 AM**



SINGLES

SINGLE AND SATISFIED

This session will share the sentiments of a single person who has been strengthened of the Lord to live a life that honors Him as a single adult. This session will resemble the example of the Apostle Paul who lived successfully as a single.

Reverend Dr. Kim Mason

**GOD'S PURPOSE FOR
SINGLE CHRISTIANS**

This session will encourage singles to first, find their purpose in the Lord. In doing so, it is the expressed intent for singles to find fulfillment in what they do and who they serve, trusting that the Lord will meet their every need. The Hope is that they will be encouraged to find their purpose and walk in it.

Minister Ryan Greene

MARRIAGE

**THE BEAUTY OF THE COVENANT
COUPLES MINISTRY**

This session will give a peek into the growing covenant couples ministry. What's exciting isn't what couples think it is, but what it proves not to be. All Couples are invited to attend this wholesome, fun and blessed ministry.

Reverend Jackie Robinson

SELF WORTH

SELF-WORTH AND MY VALUE

It is the intent of this session to encourage single Christians to know who they are in the Lord and the value they have in the Kingdom. Regardless of their marital status, they are of great worth to the Lord and His work.

Reverend Eddie Ashley

**HOPE AND HELP FROM GOD: HE HAS ALL
I NEED, IF WE RUN TO JESUS**

This session will focus on the matter of sourcing spiritual and Godly help as we seek to get closer to God.

Rev. John H. Wooden



RETIREMENT

WILL SOCIAL SECURITY BE ENOUGH?

There are many that do not or are not able to plan, save and prepare for retirement as they should. Many are depending upon Social Security and unfortunately it may not be enough. This session should speak to what a person, regardless of age, can do right now to better prepare themselves for retirement.

Sister Bettye Davis

ESTATE PLANNING (WILLS AND TRUSTS, ETC.)

Many individuals and families need to plan for the inevitable. In this session, the intent is to share the things that must be done to protect and then ultimately distribute assets upon one's demise. For many, not all, having proper planning with the implementation of a will, trust or other legal form of asset protection is a must.

Dekalb County - Office of Aging

HOW TO NAVIGATE GAINING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

This session is intended to provide information on what an individual or family can do to get the needed and necessary access to resources for a loved one who is in need of mental health support.

Sister Portia Griffin

HOPE AND HELP TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES DEALING WITH MENTAL HEALTH

This session is intended to help families who find themselves in the midst of having a family member who has mental health issues. This session will attempt to walk families through their roles, responsibilities and what to do in the midst of working through mental health matters with a family member.

Dr. Ebony Garcia

WHY ARE VETERANS DISPROPORTIONATELY DISADVANTAGED WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH

This session will speak to the unfortunate reality that many of our nation veterans are disproportionately disadvantaged and underserved when it comes to mental health. No only will this session attempt to answer why but will also address what veterans can do to get access to Mental Health resources.

Veterans Affairs

MENTAL HEALTH

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ADULTING IS HARD!
WHAT IS ADULTING?

It's no longer just growing up. There is a progression from youth to young adult that is a challenge for many of our young adults. Some just don't know what it means to, in a timely manner, go from dependence to independence and become a self-sustaining individual in today's world with the many challenges that prior generations did not face.

Reverend Dr. Elliott Farmer, Jr

**DEALING WITH THE PRESSURES OF
LIFE THAT COME WITH ADULTING**

Today's young adults have faced unique challenges in their day and time. The issues and costs of living, debt, school loans, housing, etc. complicate life's decision making. So, how do young adults navigate these life issues in their decision-making process? But most important, how they trust God for the hope and help needed for the life they now live?

Reverend Derrick Johnson

**LUNCH
11AM - 1PM**

Lunch will be available in the Fellowship Hall, at your leisure, as the mid-morning sessions continue as scheduled.

YOUNG ADULTS

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SESSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
11:15 AM & 12:15 PM



VETERANS AFFAIRS

(VA) representatives to discuss veterans' benefits, services, eligibility, and other issues affecting veterans and their families.

MEDICARE

Resources and information will be provided on Medicare coverage, enrollment, benefits, and other important considerations for seniors.

LEGAL AID FOR RETIREMENT PLANNING

Resources and information will be provided on wills, advance planning, and other legal issues that are especially important for seniors.

MY VOTING PLAN: *KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!*

A special voter education and mobilization session encouraging everyone to develop a personal voting plan and help their family members and friends do the same.

Social Justice Ministry



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“Helping You Get Where God Wants You To Be”

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