## The Grove Zone Newsletter



## February 1, 2024

#### Mark Your Calendars Monthly Events

**3rd Saturday:** Family Conference Meeting at 10am

**3rd Sunday**: We will celebrate Black History Month during Youth Sunday. Join us in celebrating by wearing your African attire.

#### Weekly Events

**PRAYER:** Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 3pm via the conference line

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 7pm via conference line

Conference Line Info (978)-900-5000 Access Code: 655019# Don't forget to mute your phones.

#### Snapshots of The Grove

One of the premiere attributes of the Grove Zone is that of familial love. Send us your congregational photos from worship services, ministry outings, conferences, etc. We would love to feature them in our newsletters.









Send Us Your Pictures WGBCmedial@gmail.com



#### A Message from Pastor Stroud

During the family conference meeting held on January 20, 2024, I told those in attendance that I want Walnut Grove to be I) cutting edge 2) a learning and loving congregation and 3) a ministry that lets go of keepsakes. I will spend the next two newsletters explaining the latter two as I want to begin with a mini lesson on what I mean by cutting-edge.

Merriam-Webster defines cutting edge as, "the foremost part or place: vanguard" (2024). This simply means something or someone that is at the forefront of an action or movement (Merriam Webster Online Dictionary 2024). Cutting edge to me includes us being trendsetters, endeavoring to do kingdom business at the highest level of relevancy.

I want to see lives changed from a holistic approach as we strive to reach areas of people's lives that are often lost or overlooked because of traditional, ritualistic principles. Additionally, I want us to be a congregation known for being innovative but sticklers to the Word of God in all that we do. Although others may be doing similar things, we will remain true and steadfast to the Scriptures with our hope lying in the desire to touch the community in which we serve in ways almost unheard of.

We cannot do this without God revealing to us what that means to Him. Please join us in prayer as we seek God for the wisdom in how to tap into being cutting edge in this dispensation of time for the benefit of Walnut Grove, but more importantly, the body of Christ at large.

### A Word of Wisdom from Lady A

James 1:4-8 reminds us of the power of prayer and the reassurance that God is standing on ready to answer the prayers and supplication that we request by faith. We learned on third Sunday that we can ask freely for wisdom and that it will be given unto us liberally. This should be reassuring to us as believers because we all live lives that can sometimes be wrought with our needing to make tough decisions on a consistent basis.

If you have been keeping up with our Sunday School lessons, you may have correlated the current and previous lessons on Jehoshaphat and how his life in 2 Chronicles is an excellent example of someone who sought the wisdom of God and was rewarded freely with insight. When faced with opposition from the enemy, Jehoshaphat commanded the entire kingdom to pray and fast because as king he wanted to lead the people in the correct way (2 Chronicles 20:3-4). God answered him with instructions and comfort by saying, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's (2 Chronicles 20:15).

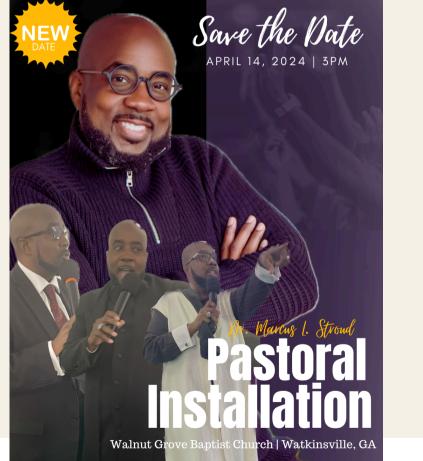
Be reminded as we begin a new month that the battle always belongs to God. When we are in hard places and we lack wisdom on what to do, we can ask God and it shall be given unto us when we ask in faith, nothing wavering (James 1:5-6).

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS Pastoral Installation





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