



The Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County

“Let brotherly love continue” (Hebrews 13:1-3)

Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2026

Host & Location: Pastor Keith Barksdale

Valley Hill Baptist Church

351 Valley Hill Rd. SE, Riverdale, GA 30274

Present: Elder Geraldine Andre, Pastor Keith Barksdale, Dr. Terry Baskins, Dr. Robert Burton, Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Burton, Judge Deitra Butler, Pastor Derek Griffin, Dr. Keith Horton, Mrs. Attania Jean-Funny, Bishop Wesley Greene, Dr. Georgj Lewis, Minister Shirley J. Moore, Dr. Keith Reynolds, Pastor Thomas Simpson, Pastor James Whitley, Pastor Saun Ware, and Pastor Terry Woodard.

Absent: Pastor Gerry Anderson, Pastor Devita Parnell, Dr. Geffrey Tate, Dr. Frederick Zak, Dr. Coach J. Livingston, Dr. C.H Braddy, Pastor Robert Mack, Bishop Donald Battle, Mr. Michael Glanton Jr, AD Daryle Smith, Rep. Robert Flournoy, Bishop JD Guthrie, Dr. JD Holmes, Minister Vanessa Battle, Rep. Eric Bell, Dr. Rose Marie Greene, Apostle/Dr. Ollie Richardson, Dr. Emmett McCord, Rev. Charlotte McCord, Pastor Teresa Pugh, Dr. Arthur Powell, Pastor Mildred Simpson, Elder Nancy Howard, Pastor Robert Taylor, Pastor Rita Hardy, Pastor EJ Childs, Pastor John Landrum, Bro. Johnny Coleson, Ms. Regina DeLoach, Rep. Rhonda Burnough, Pastor Emeritus Harry Riley, Mr. Anthony Watkins, Mr. Sylvester Johnson, Dr. Willie Jones, Dr. T. Lynn Oliver, Mr. Alvan Quamira, Pastor Charles Westmoreland, and Evangelist Melissa Zeigler.

Visitors: Utrophia Robinson – Running for Superior Court Judge, Judge Atha Pryor – Probate Court – Re-Election, Aaron Mason - Clayton County Superior Court – Re-Election, Aukesha Cherry – Silverton Mortgage, Mrs. Terri Madden

Call to Order and Welcome: Dr. Robert Burton - 7:19 PM

Praise & Worship: Judge Deitra Butler – 'Where Do I Go; I Go To the ROCK'

1. **Scripture Reading and Prayer:** Chaplain Thomas Simpson
2. **Scripture:** Psalm 92
3. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Dr. Terry Baskins
4. **Introduction of Speaker:** Dr. Robert Burton
5. **Speaker & Inspirational Word:** Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Burton
- ✓ **Scripture Reading:** James 2:14–17 (KJV)
- ✓ **Message:** We Are Called To Help

- ✓ We must live a surrendered Christian life.
- ✓ Be true Christ followers and seek the Lord God.
- ✓ Get to your job – people need help.
- ✓ People must know they can do nothing without God.
- ✓ Ask God: 'Lord, what can I do?'
- ✓ In 10 words or fewer: 'You were made in the image of God, act accordingly.'
- ✓ You have the capacity for goodness.
- ✓ Jeremiah 17:9 – The heart can be deceptive.
- ✓ You have a choice – what will you do?
- ✓ James 1:22 – Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.
- ✓ We must apply the Word of God.
- ✓ It is time to be bold and help somebody live.
- ✓ Let the world see the fruit of the Spirit in you.
- ✓ Eternal life begins now.
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Additional Scriptures Referenced:

- ✓ Romans 5:8
- ✓ Luke 15:7
- ✓ Matthew 18:12
- ✓ Luke 19:10
- ✓ James 2:13
- ✓ 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

Guest Presenters Comments

1. **Introduction of Guest** – Pastor Terry Woodard Sr.
2. **Guest Presenter:** Mrs. Terri Madden – Silverton Mortgage
 - ✓ Help families get into their first home
 - ✓ Building wealth through homeownership
 - ✓ Stability for families
 - ✓ Long-term wealth building and legacy creation
 - ✓ Strong, rooted communities
 - ✓ The Wealth Gap Reality – renters build landlords' equity; owners build personal equity
 - ✓ Appreciation + Principal = Generational Wealth
 - ✓ Common myths: 20% down payment required, perfect credit needed, previous denial means no options
 - ✓ Education removes fear
 - ✓ Financial stability strengthens the ministry
 - ✓ Seminar Information:
 - ✓ 60-minute educational webinar or 120-minute onsite seminar
 - ✓ 30-minute Q&A
 - ✓ No obligation and no credit pulling during the seminar
 - ✓ FICO Score 10T discussed
 - ✓ Topics include credit readiness, down payment assistance, mortgage myths vs. reality, and wealth-building strategies

- ✓ Zero financial commitment to the church
 - ✓ Turnkey materials provided
 - ✓ Flexible scheduling
 - ✓ Optional follow-up workshop
 - ✓ Host one seminar at a designated location and evaluate engagement before expanding to additional churches.
 - ✓ Scripture Reference: Proverbs 21:5
3. Elected & Running Candidates
- ✓ Utophia Robinson – Running for Superior Court Judge
 - ✓ Judge Atha Pryor – Probate Court – Re-Election
 - ✓ Judge Deitra Butler – Clayton County Superior Court Judge - Running
 - ✓ Aaron Mason - Clayton County Superior Court – Re-Election
 - ✓ Election Information: Early voting begins on Monday. Voting Day: March 17.
1. Old Business:
- ✓ Calvary Outreach Dinner
 - Voted on two dinner options.
 - Pastor Whitley announced ACMCC will sponsor two dinners for families.
 - One meal plan: Wednesday nights from 6:30–7:15 PM with a \$250 starting menu.
 - The ACMCC voted on the two meal plans presented. It was agreed that ACMCC move forward with the \$250 option for the first dinner. Dr. Keith Horton motioned for the approval of this, and Pastor Thomas Simpson seconded.
 - ✓ ACMCC Membership Committee
 - Appeal for 2026 Dues and Donations (Pastor Derek Griffin)
 - Annual dues
 - Please pay dues so that we can continue to make an impact
 - ✓ Hunt for 100 campaigns announced.
 - Clayton State is serving as the title sponsor.
 - Churches are encouraged to sponsor scholarships.
 - New logo created for the 20th Anniversary.
 - We are hoping that Regina Bell will provide entertainment.
 - 15–20 scholarships planned for July Prayer on the Courthouse steps.
 - Seven letters sent to seven mayors.
 - Clayton County Public School System is being contacted for a partnership.
 - Morrow Convocation Center considered for 20-Year celebration.
 - Website update in progress.
2. New Business
- ✓ **Motion to Approve the Minutes:**
The minutes from the previous Meeting dated 1/30/2026 were emailed and presented to the body for review. The body of ACMCC attendees approved the minutes. Pastor Keith Reynolds motioned to accept the minutes as shown, and Chaplain Thomas Simpson seconded.
 - ✓ **Financial Report:**
Pastor Robert Burton provided a handout for the Monthly Financial Report per table,

also available online via the QR code. Pastor Derek Griffin reviewed with the body. The body of ACMCC attendees approved the financial report. Motion to approve Dr. Terry Baskins and Dr. Diane Burton second.

- ✓ **2026 ACMCC Calendar Review**
 - National Day of Prayer
 - Date: May 7, 2026
 - Time: 7:30 AM
 - Guest Speaker: Dr. Luke S. Hall, New Vision
 - Location TBD
- ✓ **Chaplaincy Report:** Chaplain Thomas Simpson
 - Calvary Refuge in need of food
 - Dr. Emmett McCord is ill. Keep him in prayer.
 - Spoke with Minister Vanessa Battle 3 times for prayer
 - Pastor Emeritus Harry Riley – Keep him in prayer as he is recovering
- ✓ Dr. Robert Burton – Dr. Anthony Smith to be presented with the ACMCC Impact Award
 - All ACMCC members who are present will be asked to stand and be a part of the presentation.

Introduction of New Member: None.

Adjournment and Prayer: The Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM, and Pastor Terry Woodard Sr. rendered a prayer.

Next Meeting: 3/16/2026 at 7 pm **Location:** Christian Fellowship Baptist Church, 1500 Norman Drive, College Park, GA 30349 **Host:** Dr. Keith Reynolds, Senior Pastor.