



The Association of Christian Ministers of Clayton County

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

Monthly Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2025

Host & Location:

Pastor EJ Childs

United Christian Fellowship

1004 GA Highway, Fayetteville, GA 30214

Present: Dr. Robert Burton, Pastor Terry Woodard, Pastor Derek Griffin, Dr. Keith Horton, Pastor Keith Barksdale, Pastor Emeritus Harry Riley, Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Burton, Minister Shirley J. Moore, Pastor EJ Childs, Pastor John Landrum, Attania Jean-Funny, Bro. Johnny Coleson, Pastor Thomas Simpson, Pastor Willie Jones, Ms. Regina DeLoach, Rep. Robert Flournoy, and Pastor James Whitley.

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, Dr. Emmett McCord, , Minister Vanessa Battle, Rep. Eric Bell, Bishop JD Guthrie, Bishop Wesley Greene, Dr. Rose Marie Greene, Apostle/Dr. Ollie Richardson, Pastor Robert Taylor, Pastor Teresa Pugh, Pastor Arthur Powell, Dr. Georgj Lewis, Elder Nancy Howard, Chief Apostle/Rev./Dr. Arlene Williams, Dr. Keith Reynolds, and Pastor Terry Baskins.

Visitors: Pastor Ernest Turner, Lady Jill Childs, Mrs. Jamilia Nikki Flournoy, and Lady Sylvia Harris.

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** Dr. Robert Burton - Start Time: 7:09 PM
 - Formal Welcome by Pastor EJ Childs
 - Scan QR Code in order to access meeting minutes and agenda.

Praise & Worship:

- Pastor EJ Childs
- Song Sang – Down At The Cross Where My Savior Died

- 2. Scripture Reading and Prayer:** Pastor/Chaplain Thomas Simpson **Scripture:** Psalms 118:24

- 3. Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed and adopted. The body of the ACMCC attendees adopted the agenda Pastor Terry Baskins motioned to accept the agenda and Pastor EJ Childs second.

- 4. Introduction of Speaker:** Dr. Robert Burton

5. Inspirational Word: Pastor Charles Westmoreland, Restoration Community Ministries

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:20

Message: Theology of Promises

- Pastor & Life Coach
- Pastoring can result in burnout, isolation and trauma
- Pastors do not always admit that they have trauma
- Challenge pastors and leaders to sit back and take a personal look at self to acknowledge that they too have trauma
- Where do pastors go when they are hurting, their marriage is in trouble, their children are going astray
- When you do not have anywhere to unload or release, the world becomes cloudy
- God help us.
- Praying about it does not cause it to miraculously go away.
- A double minded man is unstable and let not that man thinketh that he receives something from the Lord.
- Pastors tend to believe that they are unworthy because of what has happened in ministry
- Sit down and allow someone to work you through trauma
- Some pastors cannot move the ministry forward because they are having trouble believing God
- Unrealistic expectations for pastors that the member/s are willing to uphold themselves to
- Regret from passed decisions or feeling like one has missed God
- God has given us all promises.
- On the worst day, God still loves you.
- 2 Corinthians 1:20 – For all the promises of God are “yes” and “amen”.
- Disappointments all over as it relates to promises but GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!
- God, Thank You for not changing Your mind.
- Things come up and plans have to be changed
- As the pastor, you may be doubted, and you may doubt others, but the promises of GOD will always be “Yes” and “Amen.”
- Everything that God has promised me is “sure” and “certainly.”
- You must understand the theology of God’s promises.
- The situation may say one thing, but God’s Word says another
- The WORD works.
- Do not dare quit. God has not changed His mind about the promises that He has spoken to you

6. Presenters Comments

❖ **Pastor Derek Griffin – Countdown to Medicare 2025**

- Open enrollment season
- Lots of changes occurring right now
- 2 of Pastor Griffin’s team members present to help answer questions
- Please be the voice for your parents to ensure that they are well taken care of
 - Pastor Terry Woodard had that honor of receiving the Legacy Legend Award on behalf of Pastor Dr. Robert Burton.

❖ **Pastor Terry Woodard – 2025 Thanksgiving Giveaway**

- Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive Away
- ACMCC – One Voice In The Community
- Help The Least, The Loss and The Less
- Help, One, Prosper, Everyone – Fixing The Broken Pieces
- Meeting You Where You Are And Loving You To Victory
- This organization is what God wants the church to be.
- Completing and not competing.
- 1000 Families Serves in 2024
- Political climate has created more barriers
- The ACMCC has the power to bring churches, politicians, business, communities and more together.
- Self-Preservation is the first law of nature
- If we help meet the needs of those in need, we help to minimize crime in our communities
- God’s Word is working for you.
- With 40 Churches/Ministries, Businesses and more, we can make a greater impact.
- The need is greater now than before
- Goal for impact for 2000 families
- Average price for turkeys, per google, is about \$20
- The need is great, but it can be accomplished
- Do not feel like you have to give the donation on your own, ask your companies, neighbors, friends, families, and other organizations
- Please put in the subject line “Thanksgiving Distribution”
- Presentation – Included on ACMCC Website

7. Old Business:

- ❖ Appeal for 2025 Dues and Donations - Pastor Derek Griffin
- Some members still have not paid dues.
- Dues help to keep the organization running
- Pastor Terry Baskins has taken care of the dues on behalf of another
- Help encourage each other to get dues paid
- All forms have payments are accepted.
- Please put names on the envelope and/or ministry
- Please do not write credit card information on the envelopes

Financial Report:

Pastor Robert Burton provided one 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 Pastor Terry Baskins and Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Burton second.

- Pastor Keith Barksdale
 - ❖ After Action Report (online) – ACMCC and Burning Hearts Community Outreach World Homeless Day at Calvary Refuge Center, Forest Park, Ga
- Lots of gifts were sown into Calvary Refuge, both physical donations from the list of needs and monetary
- A lot of attention was brought to calvary refuge.
- Many donations were received because of this.
- Thank you, ACMCC, for your donations

- I would love for churches to consider volunteering time and contributing donations.
- Burning Hearts Community Outreach has started Clayton at Work
- This is a community development initiative
- Kicking it off with 3-day work readiness training
- Employers on site to talk about what employers are looking for in a candidate
- Transportation stipend offered
- Limited to 20 seats
 - ❖ Dr. Horton – Thank You to Pastor Barksdale for arranging World Homeless (Unhoused) Day
- Calvary Refuge is the only emergency shelter on the Southside
- We as an organization have a responsibility to support
- It is important to develop a relationship with the shelter
- Individuals and families are able to stay there up to 21 days.
- They receive veterans as well.
 - ❖ Update: 12/5/2024 @ 7:00 p.m.: ACMCC Scholarship/Award Banquet
- Dr. Robert Burton & Pastor Derek Griffin
- Guest speaker is already secured
- Everything is in order
- 47 Seats have already been sold
- In Fayetteville, this year. 120 seat capacity – 105 McIntosh Way
- Eventbrite is available on November 1, 2025
- Dr. Horton – This is the ACMCC signature event and when the most funds come into the organization; Used as a springboard for the following year's events
- \$800 for the table
- Good Food, Fellowship & Word.

8. New Business: Reminder: TABLED AGENDA ITEMS FROM 9/15/2025!

- ❖ Review of Minutes dated 8/18/2025; Minutes dated 9/15/2025
- Correction to attendance for that meeting as Brother Johnny Coleson was present.

Pastor Thomas Simpson Dr. Horton second

The minutes from the previous Meeting (Dated: 8/18/2025 & 9/15/2025) were emailed and presented to the body for review. The body of ACMCC attendees approved the minutes. Pastor Thomas Simpson motioned to accept the minutes as shown, and Pastor second.

- ❖ Review: 2025 ACMCC Calendar of Events – Available Online (QR Code)
- Next Meeting on 11/17/2025; Hosted by Dr. Horton
- 11/22/2025 – Thanksgiving Giveaway – DONATIONS are NEEDED; Volunteers are needed as well
- 12/5/2025 – Scholarship Awards Banquet at 7pm
 - ❖ Invitation – The Dr. Alika Anderson-Henry Foundation, Inc. (January 10, 2026)
- Asking ACMCC to buy a table to her event
 - ❖ ACMCC Chaplain Report (Pastor/Chaplain Thomas Simpson)
- Grateful for Chaplain who has stepped into his role and is doing an exceptional job
- Has prayed with and for members, including Dr. Burton during the bereavement of the passing of his brother in September.
- Pastor Simpson reached out to Commissioner Reeves and spoke with her.
- Present at Calvary Refuge event
- Prayed with the Mayor of Jonesboro

- ❖ Nominations for the ACMCC 2025 Banquet Award Recipients
 - ACMCC Community Impact Award – Keisha Zimmerman
 - ACMCC Religious Impact Award – Dr. T. Lynn Oliver
 - ACMCC Education Impact Award – Dr. Georj Lewis
 - ACMCC Legacy Impact Award – Pastor Harry Riley
- Recommendation: We would like a spreadsheet to be developed to help keep track of the yearly awards.

9. Adjournment and Prayer: The Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm and Dr. Diane Rodriguez-Burton rendered the prayer.

Next Meeting: 11/17/2025@7:00 p.m. **Location:** Christian City 7345 Red Oak Road, Union City, GA 30291 **Host:** Dr. Keith Horton