**LENT Under The Centering Light of God:** ***“Living Greater in God”***

The mission and ministries at Florida Avenue’s Baptist Church is the church’s commitment to the Lord’s Great Commission in making disciples of Jesus the Christ (*Matthew 28:19-20*). The church’s ministry foundation is built on five pillars: Stewardship, Education, Evangelism, Missions and Social Justice. We are faithful in our ministry…

* To raise up faithful women, men, and youth who will be able to teach others, 2 Timothy 2:2
* To present every believer perfect in Christ. Colossians, 1:28-29
* To fulfil the Lord’s calling to His inaugural message, Isaiah 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19
* To prepare each believer for their personal mission calling, Acts 1:8

We will transition from our discussion and dialogue focusing on *“Discipleship Under the* *Centering Light of God”* to “*Lent Under the Centering Light of God.”* Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. We keep the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus at the center. It is a time to reflect on Christ’s sacrifice and how we can follow his example in our own lives. Jesus sacrificed his will when he came to earth as a human, he sacrificed his comfort for the sake of his ministry, and he sacrificed his life on the cross. He gave up everything for us. When we focus on all that Jesus the Christ has done, it should make sacrifices in our own lives easier. But many of us fall short and the reminder can sacrifice more.  **Our** s**acrifice is an act of obedience that always leads to spiritual growth.**  **Spiritual growth to do what and for whom will be the centering question.**

This Lent, you can experience growth through sacrifice and discover that greater in God is our call to do more and be more in God’s righteousness now. God has begun a great work in us as God’s prized creation. We were created in the image and likeness of God to do great things in God. God is faithful to perform great things through us. The Lord through the prophet Micah asks what the Lord requires from His people, *“To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.”*  ***Living*** ***Greater in God*** is a 40-Day Lent Spiritual Journey to help us grow deeper in our understanding and commitment to doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly individually and collectively in a deeper relationship with Christ as we journey together from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. We will focus on six spiritual disciplines to master as we experience the connection between sacrifice and spiritual growth as growing and developing disciples of Jesus the Christ!

KNOW CHRIST MORE THROUGH THESE 6 SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES:

1. Prayer
2. Rest
3. Study
4. Fasting
5. Generosity
6. Praise

**Our 40 day faith journey is TO GROW in our personal and community RELATIONSHIP as growing and developing disciples of jesus the christ in spirit and truth!**