



Showing Up to Win: Why Your Presence at the CAJM Celebration Matters



Hey CAJM family,

We've been saying it all year, and it's proven true time and again: When we show up, we win. Now, it's time to show up to our CAJM Celebration on June 2nd at Greater St. Luke AME.

[Register by clicking here!](#)

Arrive at 6:00pm to buy food and relax, before we start our program at 6:30pm. Scroll towards the bottom of this email for more logistical information!

What exactly is the Celebration?

The CAJM Celebration is our annual gathering where we come together to reflect on our victories, share powerful stories from the frontlines of our work, and recommit to the justice journey ahead. It's an evening of food, fellowship, and inspiration featuring behind-the-scenes updates you won't hear anywhere else.

Even if you've already invested financially or plan to mail in your investment, your physical presence matters deeply. **The Celebration is where we strengthen the relationships that form the foundation of our power.** It's where we connect face-to-face, share our stories, and build the trust that sustains our movement through challenging times.

This isn't just another event. This is resistance.

In a world that tries to wear down grassroots movements like ours, celebration is an act of resistance. Joy is resistance. Coming together to laugh, eat, dance, and rejoice in our victories is how we refuel our spirits for the road ahead.

Remember how it felt standing together at the Nehemiah Action, our voices united as one? That's the feeling of real people power. When community leaders looked out and saw us showing up for our community, they couldn't ignore our demands. That's the power of showing up. Now imagine channeling that same energy at our Celebration, honoring our collective victories while gathering the strength we'll need for the journey ahead.

INVEST in our shared future!

The Celebration isn't just all fun and games; we STILL have work to do! Part of that work is your investment. When you **invest** in CAJM, your **return** is the change we create in our community:

- Better school governance for our children
- Affordable housing for our neighbors
- Police accountability for our families
- Healthcare access for our community
- And more!

Every win we've celebrated started with your investment. When officials recognize us as "the 5th board member," that's our collective return on investment. When leaders say "yes" at our Actions, those victories belong to all of us.

Find rest to press forward for change.

This work is hard. There's no sugar-coating it. Fighting systems of injustice takes its toll on even the strongest among us.

That's why our Celebration isn't just about raising money, it's about raising spirits. It's where we catch our breath together, share stories, laugh, and remember why we're in this fight.

Come to be restored. Come to be rejuvenated. Come to find the strength to press forward for change.

DO RIGHT by showing up.

You made commitments in your house meetings. You pledged to be present. Now is the time to do right by those promises.

Show up not just because you said you would, but because your presence matters. Your joy matters. Your resistance matters.

When we celebrate together, we build the power to win even bigger next year.

The bottom line...

June 2nd. Greater St. Luke AME. CAJM Celebration.

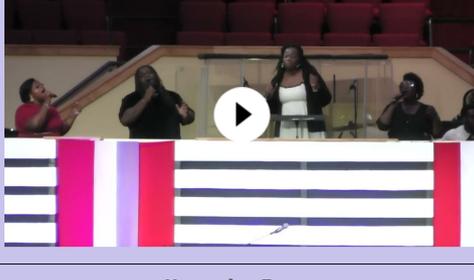
Be there not just to give, but to receive. Be there not just to celebrate past wins, but to fuel future victories.

When we show up, we win. When we invest, we transform. When we celebrate, we resist.

See you there. Let's show up, together.

[Register by clicking here!](#)

See the Action video below if you didn't make it, or if you just want to re-live the experience!



Upcoming Events



What: THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION!
When: Monday, June 2
Arrive at 6:00pm to get your food and have a seat - our program starts at 6:30
Where: Greater St. Luke AME Church (78 Gordon Street)
RSVP: [Click here to RSVP](#)



What: CAJM Board of Directors Meeting
When: Thursday, June 12
5:30pm
Each congregation should have a representative attend.
Where: TBD
Please RSVP with your organizer.



What: Juneteenth - CAJM Office Closed
When: Thursday, June 19
Staff will be delayed in their responses to emails, calls, and texts.

COMMUNITY CALL FOR DONATIONS!

SUMMER FREE STORE MUTUAL AID STOCK-UP

We're collecting essential items from the list below for the Gadsden Green community now through June 8th!

- Toilet Paper (individually wrapped or packs of 4 or 6)
- Trash Bags (13-30 gal.)
- Bars of Soap
- Dish Soap
- Bleach
- All-Purpose Cleaner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dish Rags
- Sponges/Scouring pads
- **PLUS:** Any School Supplies Are Welcome!

For questions or drop-off info, email us at friendsofgadsdencreek@gmail.com

More Celebration Details...

Celebration

register here!

MONDAY JUNE 2ND 6:30PM

GREATER ST. LUKE
78 GORDON ST.

Let's have some fun!

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When: Monday, June 2, 6:30pm

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Coming together as a joyful, united, diverse community so that we can refresh and rejuvenate? **That's a powerful act.**

This is our time to CELEBRATE! We will have food, music, activities, and awards. Will you be there?? [Click here to register!](#)

We will be outside, and we will have tents for shade! Tables and chairs are provided, but feel free to bring beach/camping chairs or picnic blankets if you'd like to spread out and relax!

And here's an insider tip for those of you who read this far - you might want to check out this YouTube tutorial... [click here!](#)

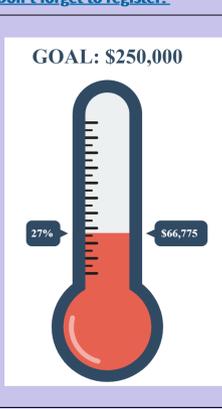
[Click here for a PDF version of the flyer.](#)

This also an opportunity to win the JUSTICE CUP, our newest annual tradition! Last year, Parkside Church took the prize. Who will rise to the occasion this year?

The Justice Cup is based on (1) what percentage of your Network Members come to the Celebration, and (2) what percentage of your 2025 investment drive goal is raised by the Celebration!

The winning congregation or organization will be announced the following week.

Don't forget to register!



We've already raised **\$66,775** this year in congregational investments. We look forward to your continued support this year as we reach our goal of \$250,000!

[Click here to invest](#)

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