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EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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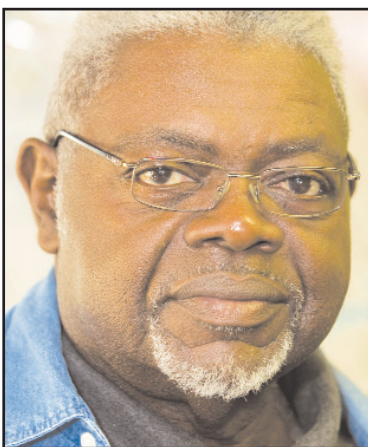
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BERNEST HEWETT

GETTING ALONG

BY BERNEST HEWETT

Last week, I was asked to attend a meeting that involved leaders of our surrounding area and counties. I was told it was a coming together of the minds and cultures we face today. It was supposed to fur-

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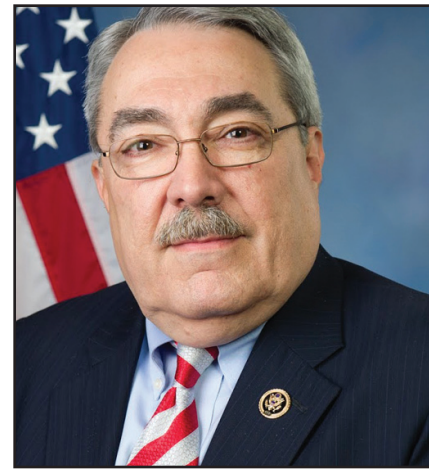
BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Even though the Trump Administration says it will not legally require voting records from North Carolina until next year, all three of North Carolina's Democrat congresspersons have expressed outrage and promise to fight the request.

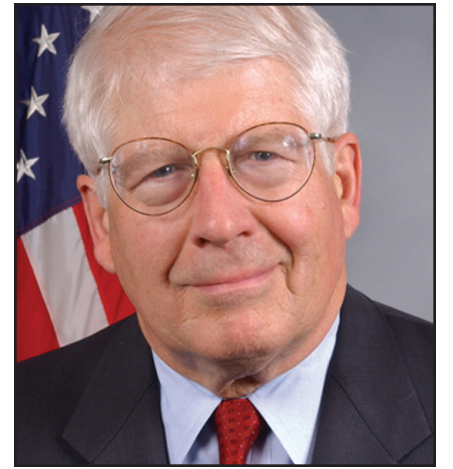
North Carolina Congressional members, Alma Adams (D-NC-12), David Price (D-NC-4), and G.K. Butterfield (D-NC-1), the only Democrats in the State's thirteen member congressional delegation, say they see political shenanigans in the federal subpoenas from the U. S. Dept. of Justice [DOJ] and, specifically, from U. S. Attorney for the Eastern District Robert Higdon, demanding voting records from 44



CONGRESSWOMAN ALMA ADAMS



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Eastern North Carolina counties and the State Board of Elections. Many of those counties have significant Black voter populations.

The records would cover an eight year period and literally millions of pieces of documented voter data, North Carolina election officials

say. The federal subpoenas are reportedly part of an investigation

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ANOTHER BLACK GIRL ROCKS



NIA FRANKLIN IS AN OPERA SINGER AND A NATIVE OF WINSTON SALEM.

Nia Franklin wins Miss America

BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR @StacyBrownMedia

The genius, intelligence, beauty and spirit of Black women, which continues to transform the world, shined brightly again Sunday as Nia Franklin became the first Miss America in the post-swimsuit era.

"It took a lot of perseverance to get here," Franklin, the freshly crowned beauty queen, said after her win. "I want to thank my beautiful family, my mom and my dad, who is a survivor of cancer."

An opera singer, Franklin is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and earned her master's degree in music composition from UNC School of the Arts, according to her biography as reported by CNN.

She moved to New York after being accepted at the Kenan Fellow program at Lincoln Center Education in Manhattan.

During the competition, Franklin described how music helped her find her identity.

"I grew up at a predominately Caucasian school and there was only five percent minority, and I felt out of place so much because of the color of my skin," Franklin said. "But growing up, I found my love of arts, and through music that helped me to feel positive about myself and about who I was."

Her win set Twitter and all of social media ablaze.

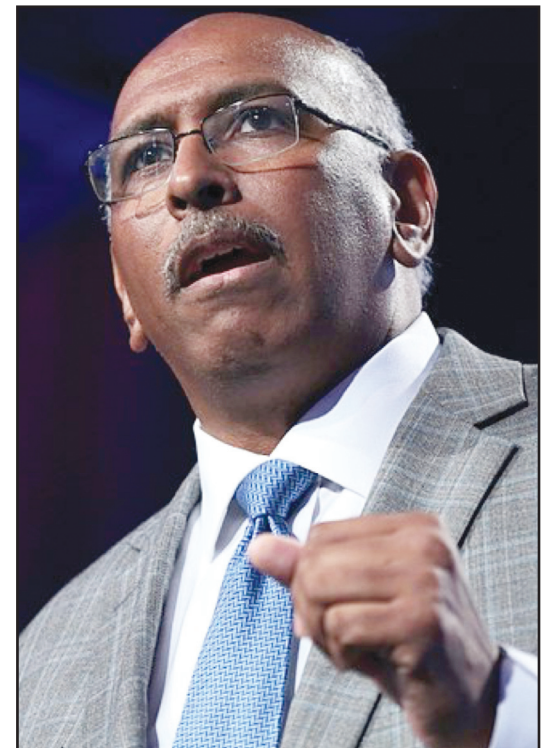
"Congratulations to our new Miss America," famed radio and television personality Donnie Simpson said. "Nia Franklin represented New York and won the crown last night. She's obviously very smart, very talented and absolutely stunning. I'm so proud."

Another popular radio show host, Michael Lyle, Jr., also couldn't contain his joy for Franklin.

"Huge congratulations. Well-deserved and another reason why Black Girls Rock," Lyle said.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association - the trade organization that repre-

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FORMER GOP CHAIR MICHAEL STEELE

Former GOP Chair Steele says he knows identity of op-ed writer

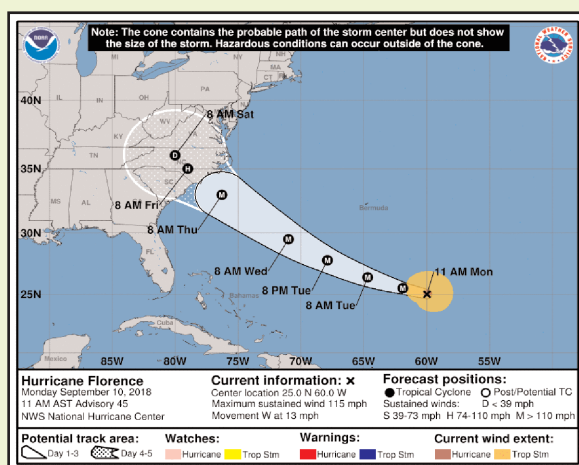
BY STACY M. BROWN NNPA NEWSWIRE CONTRIBUTOR @StacyBrownMedia

Former Republican Party National Chairman Michael Steele goes on the record with NNPA Newswire and it turns out there are more resisters inside the White House - a high-level group of Republican resisters to President Donald Trump, not a single individual, but a large and still growing group.

In an NNPA Newswire exclusive, Steele said the damning New York Times op-ed by a senior Trump administration official was likely written by a team of the president's trusted hierarchy and it's a clear signal that

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AT PRESS TIME

This issue of The Wilmington Journal went to press on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 because of Hurricane Florence. We hope to be back on regular schedule next week and pray for safety for all.

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**HOW TO SURVIVE A HURRICANE**  
(COURTESY OF THE FARMERS' ALMANAC)

If a hurricane is likely in your area, you should:

- Stay informed by monitoring the storm via radio, TV, and internet.
  - Secure your home, close storm shutters, and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors. Objects such as lawn furniture, trash barrels, hanging plants, toys, and even awnings can be broken and picked up by strong winds and potentially become a projectile.
  - Turn off utilities if instructed by authorities to do so. Otherwise, turn the refrigerator thermostat to its coldest setting and keep its doors closed.
  - Turn off propane tanks.
  - Avoid using the phone, except for serious emergencies.
  - Have a certain amount of cash available. If power is lost, ATMs may not be working.
  - Moor your boat if time permits.
  - Ensure a supply of water for sanitary purposes such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water.
- You should evacuate

under the following conditions:

- If you are directed by local authorities to do so. Be sure to follow their instructions.
- If you live in a mobile home or temporary structure-such shelters are particularly hazardous during hurricanes-no matter how well fastened to the ground.
- If you live in a high-rise building-hurricane winds are stronger at higher elevations.
- If you live on the coast, on a flood plain, near a river, or on an inland waterway.
- If you feel that you are in danger.
- If you are unable to evacuate, go to your safe room. If you do not have one, follow these guidelines:
  - Stay indoors and away from windows and glass doors.
  - Close all interior doors-secure and brace external doors.
  - Keep curtains and blinds closed. Do not be fooled if there is a lull; it could be the eye of the storm-winds will pick up again.
  - Take refuge in a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the lowest level.
  - Lie on the floor under a table or another sturdy object.

**RECOVERING FROM DISASTER**

Recovering from a disaster is usually a gradual process. Safety is a primary issue, as are mental and physical well being. For specific health, safety, and rebuilding guidelines regarding recovery, please see the FEMA Web site.

**SUBPOENA**

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by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in association with a Wilmington grand jury probe that recently charged 19 foreign nationals with voter fraud in the 2016 elections.

Nine of the defendants were charged with falsely claiming U.S. citizenship in order to register to vote.

Those records were originally required to be turned over from the State Board of Elections by Sept. 25. However, after a major uproar from North Carolina officials, especially given that the Nov. 6 midterm elections are less than 60 days away, DOJ backed off that date, later saying that compliance with the federal subpoenas could wait until January 2019.

DOJ added that it is not interested in who North Carolinians voted for on their ballots, and, in fact, may not need completed ballots for its probe.

Still, the federal request is

not going over very well

"These subpoenas are overly broad, request private voter information, and appear to target voters of color," a letter last week from Congressional members Butterfield, Price, and Adams, along with other Democratic House members, to the inspector general of the U. S. Dept. of Justice, stated. "Accordingly, we respectfully request that you undertake an investigation to examine the circumstances by which these subpoenas were issued, the scope of the subpoenas, and the seemingly political motivations behind them.

The letter continued, "It is no surprise that the subpoenas target North Carolina's voter rolls, as the State has a history of voter suppression. In 2016, a federal appeals court struck down North Carolina's voter identification law, finding that the law "target[ed] African Americans with almost surgical precision" in order to lower turnout among African Americans. Despite this decisive ruling, Republicans in North

Carolina are continuing to push a constitutional amendment that would require photo identification at the polls."

"At a time when DOJ should be investigating voter suppression, it appears that the Department is instead supporting it," the congressional missive maintained. "In the subpoenas issued here, there is again an obvious targeting of minority voters. The 44 counties that received subpoenas account for approximately 46% of the North Carolina's registered Black voters, 39% of registered Hispanic voters, and 36% of registered White voters.[6] This appears to be an effort designed to disproportionately target minority voters and depress voter turnout. At a minimum, this apparent disproportionate targeting of minority voters may raise potential equal protection and due process concerns."

"The subpoenas may have additional legal implications. Under the National Voter Registration Act, each state must "ensure that the identity of the voter regis-

tration agency through which any particular voter is registered is not disclosed to the public. Presumably, the massive data set requested by DOJ would reveal the agency where a voter was registered. Moreover, the request for absentee ballots, which are potentially traceable to the specific voter who cast the ballot, is a violation of every voter's right to cast a secret ballot."

"Though DOJ has delayed the production deadline until after the November election, the subpoenas still raise many questions about their legality and true motivations.

The letter concluded, "Given what we know about the scope of the subpoenas and the counties that were targeted, we are concerned that this could be part of the Trump Administration's dangerous and anti-democratic strategy of voter suppression and intimidation to limit equal access to the ballot box.

"We hope that you will promptly launch an investigation to determine the legal implications of and rationale for these subpoenas."

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## OUR VOICE

GUEST EDITORIAL

### We must stop destroying our children

Joseph Miles is 51 years old, but says he spends a lot of time today thinking about this quote by Winston Churchill because it helps him understand everything that was missing in his own childhood. Joseph is currently incarcerated and serving a life sentence. He is a regular participant and leader in SALT: Schools for Alternative Learning and Transformation, a participatory educational community inside Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, Tennessee. Many SALT classes include students from local universities coming into the prison to learn alongside students who are residents of Riverbend. Rev. Janet Wolf, a Children's Defense Fund organizer, is one of SALT's founders.



Marian W. Edelman

In a recent workshop Joseph joined others in discussing the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) research which tracks the impact children's stressful and traumatic experiences can have on their adult health and opportunity including future violence victimization and perpetration. These experiences are an important public health issue, too often ignored. Many incarcerated students spoke about how difficult it is for any studies to fully capture the trauma and terror that defined many of their childhoods. And as importantly, what if the right resources had been available to help them then? Several shared their stories. This is Joseph's.

Joseph's father left his mother while she was pregnant with him, claiming the baby wasn't his. As he says, "It is my belief that my daddy's disloyalty to their marriage left my mother broken and blaming me for ruining their marriage. Over time, I believe she developed a hatred for me." His father alternated between refusing to see him at all and taunting him: "He would trick me by talking nice to me, and once I went to him with that little boy smile on my face, he would say to me 'you little ugly mother\*\*\*, get away from me, I ain't your goddamn daddy,' and he would continue that verbal assault until I was standing there crying and shaking in fear. Just imagine this big man with this strong voice yelling those words down on the little friable boy . . . The only time my mother ever hit me was when I cried after my daddy or for something he had promised me and did not do, and that was every time he picked up [Joseph's older siblings] and left me standing there crying. Eventually, to hear my daddy's voice would start my little body to shaking with fear."

As a child Joseph tried hard to stay on his best behavior because he thought that might make both parents finally love him. But he says everything changed on Christmas Eve, 1980, when he was 13. "My daddy had never given me anything but a hard time, and a promise that I knew he would not keep. Nevertheless, he was promising to buy me a bike for Christmas, a bike that I wanted very much . . . My mother told me to stop talking about that damn bike because he was not going to get it, but I was so excited about it because he had bought my sister a bike, and I could not stop talking or thinking about my bike, or wait for Christmas Day. I needed to see my bike before I went to sleep." Joseph went to his father's house to try to peek at the gift he was so sure was waiting - but there was no bike, just his drunk, enraged father.

"He woke up and saw me through eyes red as fire and his voice was louder than I had ever heard it before and his words were terrifying as he called me all kinds of little ugly nappy head mother\*\*\*. Those words cut through my little heart unmercifully, paralyzing me with fear; I stood there shaking with tears streaming down my face. He got up off the bed, took me by my arm, walked me to the front door, opened it, and pushed me out of his house."

Then Joseph's mother found him walking home distraught. "I got in the back seat of the car and momma said to me, 'Shut your mother\*\*\* mouth!' I tried my best to stop crying but I could not. We got home and she told me to go to the back room and shut the door . . . My mother had a club that she carried around in her pocketbook. It was approximately 13 inches long and about 6 inches round at the bottom and it got smaller as you moved up to the top of it; it was shaped like a baseball bat. (How do I remember it so well? That night is forever etched in my mind) . . . Now, one would have thought this is where my mother would have consoled me as her child, but she attacked me as if I were her enemy.

"Momma said, 'Didn't I tell you to shut your mother\*\*\* mouth?' Before her words ended, she had hit me twice with that club. I crawled to the corner of the bed, and put my arm up to block the blow and she beat it down. I lay on that bed with my head taking every blow. 'Pop, pop, pop' was the sound the club made inside my skull as it struck my head. My sister stood in the door yelling for my mother to stop. The club continued striking my head, 'pop, pop, pop, pop . . .' My eyes locked with my sister's eyes, and whatever she saw in me caused her to let out a loud piercing scream, and she grabbed the club from my mother's hand."

He says: "I realize now that all of my mother's rage toward me came out in that room that night, and if my sister had not followed my mother down that hall to that room that night, there is not a doubt in my mind that my mother would have beaten me to death. That beating left me traumatized and afraid of my mother, and determined to never again be anyone's victim."

In an instant Joseph's response to a lifetime of rejection

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## Visual Voice



## YOUR VOICE

### TIME TO BREAK

If you are a pastor considering retiring but don't want to leave your church without a leader, I have a solution. Many pastors hold on until the bitter end simply because they love their church, and they don't want to leave it.

However, the truth is that you cannot hold on forever, and you need a break. So now is a good time to think about who will hold the church together when you are no longer able. I have seen this situation more than once.

So, if you are a pastor and would like to have some time off, why not start introducing

potential leaders while you are still in charge? The feedback would be invaluable. Besides, if you have been the same church for many years, you deserve a vacation. You might want to take a trip around the world or just reach out to a new congregation.

Just as a pastor might need

a break, let us consider our deacons, trustees, ushers, and choir members, who serve the church year after year without ever taking a break.

God bless them all.

Ruth Johnson  
Wilmington, NC

## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Black political excellence

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Senators Corey Booker (D-NJ) and Kamala Harris (D\_CA) used their time wisely in their questioning of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, the elusive man whose hidden documents would perhaps disqualify him from the court. Both (along with Senator Dianne Feinstein and others) raised important points in grilling Kavanaugh, and Booker went on a limb to defy Senate protocol and release so-called confidential emails from Kavanaugh. He earned a warning from one of his colleagues, and praise from embattled Democrats who are likely to lose the fight to keep Kavanaugh off the court because the numbers just don't add up.

Harris also pushed Kavanaugh hard, and left him speechless when she asked him if he knew of any laws "that the government has the power to make over the male body?" I whooped when she asked the question, appreciating the point she was making. Kavanaugh could not answer. He simply mumbled and fumbled. Most of the Democrats brought their "A" game to these hearings, but I'm lifting up Booker and

Harris because they are examples of Black political excellence. The two are also chairing the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, the annual September gathering of African American legislators, activists, and others. Both stand out because of their preparation, excellence, and connections to the African American community.

They weren't the only recent examples of Black political excellence. In Florida, the underfunded Andrew Gillum, the only non-millionaire in the race for governor, pulled out an unexpected victory as Democratic nominee. While he didn't have the money that his rivals had, he had an army of amazing volunteers who combed the state mobilizing voters. The Tallahassee mayor who backed Hillary Clinton in the 2016 Presidential race was boosted by a late endorsement from Senator Bernie Sanders and critical campaign dollars from billionaires Tom Steyer and George Soros. His victory was close, but it wasn't a squeaker. And he vanquished former Congresswoman Gwen Graham, daughter of a former governor and part of a political dynasty.

What has been most impressive about Gillum, though, has been his eloquence and self-possession in the wake of his victory. Congressman Ron DeSantis, the despicable Trump sup-

porter who won the Republican nomination, followed the example of his patron in using racially coded language against Gillum, urging voters not to "monkey up" the state. When asked about DeSantis' ignorance in interviews, Gillum asked voters and others to focus on the issues, not the racism. He appeared unruffled in these exchanges, and indicated exactly the kind of principled governor he will be. Excellence.

In Boston, City Councilor Ayana Pressley defeated 10-term Congressman Michael Capuano. With no Republican opposition, she will be the first African American woman to represent Massachusetts in Congress. Pressley also demonstrated excellence, resilience, and persistence. Ignoring advice that she should "wait her turn" before running for Congress, undeterred by the fact that many members of the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed her opponent, Pressley remained focused on her message and amassed an amazing army of volunteers to earn a stunning victory. Excellence.

Stacey Abrams, the Democratic nominee for governor in Georgia is also an example of this excellence. She pulverized her opponent, Stacey Evans, back in June, and is now waging a campaign against another Trump-type opponent. Her excellence stands out and makes her a role model for

other African American women who seek higher office, often against all odds. She has used her personal story to galvanize people, much in the same ways that Ayanna Pressley and Andrew Gillum have. Their stories are persuasive to voters because they assure voters that they may be able to better understand their hardships than others can.

What is exciting about the Black political excellence is that it also represents a generational changing of the guard. Gillum is 39, Pressley and Abrams, in their early 40s. Booker is 49, and Harris is in her early 50s. This is quite a change from the entrenched political leadership that endorsed Pressley's opponent. It doesn't suggest that the entrenched generation needs to "step aside"; as some have said, but it does suggest that they will have to find ways to work together and learn from each other.

The awful outcome of the 2016 election has emboldened young African Americans to seek public office, against all odds. It's an exciting development in an otherwise gloomy political time, and it ought also be motivation for people to vote in the midterm elections!

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### OUR VOICE

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and abuse switched from that of a child desperate to please to a young man determined to harden and protect himself at all costs. It was a life-altering moment - and one that put him on a destructive path for the next 15 years that ended with his incarceration and life sentence at age 28. That was 23 years ago.

Joseph looks again now at Winston Churchill's words: "That statement helped me to understand why there was so much trouble in my life as a child. Moral excellence was not taught in the house I was raised in . . . As a child [I was] beaten by my mother and bullied by my daddy for no other reason than loving my daddy. My parents' actions left me deeply scarred in my heart. I would carry this pain and

suppress it with any and all other adversities that touched my young life. Eventually, that pain would be unleashed on the people in those streets and I would be judged as a bad child, with no one understanding, not even myself understanding that pain that was destroying me from within.

"I wish I could have met the person that coined this phrase: 'Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never hurt me.' I would like to tell him or her how detrimental that phrase became to many children, children who really needed help from people or the person who was bullying them, children who consciously or unconsciously, verbally or silently, to no avail, called on that rhyme as if it had some kind of mystical power that would fend off the verbal assault that was being inflicted upon them. Many children lost

their way because of words that were so emotionally damaging and penetrating much deeper than a child understands, and in some cases, those words were directly responsible for children committing suicide, or the taking of human life. Sticks and stones will break your bones; however, words used in a destructive manner have and will continue to destroy lives."

How many children's lives are being destroyed right now without attention and help from any caring adult? How many children face teachers who don't know their students or stop to explore what they may be experiencing and instead focus only on their behavior, leading them to suspend or expel children from the classroom for days or weeks at a time? How many social workers or detention staff who welcome new children in their caseloads have

the expertise and take the time to look at experiences that brought children into what we at the Children's Defense Fund call the Cradle to Prison Pipeline™ and then find them the help they need? How many of us as parents see friends of our children who we sense are hurting but don't ask why or try to get them help?

We must never give up on any child. It is never too late. Caring and love are always needed.

Marian Wright Edelman is President of the Children's Defense Fund whose *Leave No Child Behind* mission is to ensure every child a *Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.* For more information go to [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org).

**"When a school child remains unchallenged, he or she will shut down and lose interest in learning altogether".--BESSIE HOGAN**

## Ain't that peculiar!

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

So much goes on these days that one hardly knows where to begin with what else could possibly be happening when a network stops everything and says, "BREAKING NEWS!" These days, we almost have to assume it's something about the White House and #45's something else. That's just the way it is, but before we go to that, I hope you've been watching Brett Kavanaugh turn completely red as he's facing another question from Senators Kamala Harris, Corey Booker, Sheldon Whitehouse, Diane Feinstein, Richard Durbin and Richard Blumenthal. They had their work cut out for them while questioning Kavanaugh who had many memory lapses. They proved to be up to the



Dr. E. Faye Williams

challenge. It's really peculiar that he thought #45 would be his saving grace to breeze through his examination. It's been anything but that. He may still be confirmed, but I'm sure he's had a lot of second thoughts about whether he bargained for the battering he's faced just to get him to tell the truth. Meanwhile, at the White House, #45 is learning the meaning of "The Resistance." The New York Times published an anonymous op-ed article indicating that someone in the White House is "working diligently from within to frustrate parts of #45's agenda and his worst inclinations." Since he doesn't know who this person is, he doesn't know who he should fire! He's probably searching under his bed at night, looking in his closets and listening in on telephone calls trying to figure out this one. Meanwhile, Kaepernick just had a commercial released by Nike. I can just bet #45 got an upset stomach over that. Now #45's friends and supporters have gone ballistic burning

their Nike shoes to protest that move. I guess protesting is okay if you are one of #45's buddies who thought it was all wrong when Colin did it. Of course, he was protesting for a good cause called justice. #45 wouldn't know about that. Not only is Colin getting paid for his work, he's actually the new face of Nike's "Just Do It" campaign. The comedians have had fun with Nike's decision to do the right thing by Colin. Jimmy Fallon said that #45 was so upset that he told his staff to throw away all of his Nike workout gear. His staff rightly told him, "Sir, you don't have ANY workout gear." That seems pretty obvious as he tugs at his coat to hide his eating sins, but he wouldn't let it go. He said, "Look, just buy it and throw it away!" Guess he didn't realize how happy that makes Nike. I doubt that Nike cares what #45 does with his products once he pays for them. The more #45 and his friends buy, the more they can put in Colin's paycheck! That was probably a bit too difficult for #45 to figure out! According to Jimmy Fallon,

Bob Woodward says #45 regrets criticizing white supremacists and said it was the biggest mistake he's made. Upon looking at his son, Don, Jr., he said, "Actually, second biggest mistake." If what Omarosa says about the relationship between #45 and his son in "Unhinged," that may not be a joke. It's mighty peculiar that #45 can run around at tax payer expense, pay no taxes, disrespect women (and just about everybody else), lie about everything, obey no laws and runs the country with a total lack of knowledge about what it means to be President. Thank God for people like Colin Kaepernick who is a breath of fresh air, and is finally being recognized for the great sacrifice he's made in an effort to perfect our union while #45 destroys it. Dr. E. Faye Williams, Esq., President of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. [www.nationalcongressbw.org](http://www.nationalcongressbw.org). 202/678-6788.) She's also host to WPFW-FM's radio program entitled "Wake Up and Stay Woke."

## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES To those offended by the taking of a knee

Listen with interest and anger to the people who say athletes - African American and those in solidarity with them - "taking a knee" are disrespecting the flag and, therefore, this country, even as those same people say little to nothing about the administration hob-knobbing with dictators and enemies of this country. Do they not know the history of oppression and discrimination against black people in this country in general, and about discrimination practiced against them by the military in particular? African Americans have fought in every war of this country, eager to support the country which did not support them, but in spite of that, this country treated them like second class citizens, while they fought in the wars and when they got back home. While this country waged war against fascism abroad, making it possible for citizens of other countries to have equal rights under the rubric of democracy, blacks did not have and could not expect that they would be given those same rights in this country.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

The Smithsonian Art Museum published a report in which they noted, "The discriminatory practices in the military regarding black involvement" made it clear that blacks were not valued. The report said that "prior to 1940, thirty thousand blacks had tried to enlist in the army but were turned away. In the U.S. Navy, blacks were restricted to roles as messmen; ...they were excluded entirely from the Air Corps and the Marines." In Franklin Delano Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802, also known as the Fair Employment Act, racial discrimination was banned. The order said, "It is the policy of the United States to encourage full participation in the national defense program by all citizens of the United States, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin," but in spite of that, racial discrimination was practiced.

With the contradiction of people fighting for the freedom of others while they themselves were denied the same, FDR realized that the world would look upon the US as hypocrites, thus leading him to sign Executive Order 8802. This he did in spite of the protests of the Secretary of War, Harry Woodring, who said that "the enlistment of Negroes ... would demoralize the weaken the effectiveness of units by mixing colored and white soldiers in closely related units..." It is well documented that African Americans returning from war were treated horribly once they returned home; many whites apparently resented blacks in uniform and worked hard to remind them that in America, they were to remember their "place." There is the well-known story of how African American soldiers were made to stand on a train while German prisoners of war were allowed to sit at tables in the train's restaurant. Violence against returning soldiers was common. Who can forget the tragic story of Isaac Woodard, who dared ask a bus to stop so he could go to the bathroom and was later attacked by thugs and law enforcement officers who pounded his eyes with their nightsticks until he passed out; his beating left him blind. And yes, he was wearing his uniform when this atrocity occurred. Those who balk at the athletes taking a knee, respecting the flag but protesting how, in spite of the freedom that flag represents, forget - or perhaps they never knew - that prior to World War II, 2.5 million African Americans were enrolled in some branch of the military, and 1 million of them served. (<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/what-was-black-americas-double-war/>) For the Vietnam War, at a time when blacks made up about 11 percent of the total American population, they were 12.5 percent of the soldiers on the field. ([http://www.english.illinois.edu/maps/poets/s\\_z/stevens/africanamer.htm](http://www.english.illinois.edu/maps/poets/s_z/stevens/africanamer.htm)) Regardless of how hard African Americans fought for this American democracy, full human and civil rights were denied them once they returned. They could not get the loans for housing and education that white soldiers got, nor many of the other benefits. The discrimination that is being protested now is police brutality meted against so many African American males. It is not right in general; it is even more troubling as it becomes clear that the forebears of these young people were soldiers in the military, fighting for a country which has not ever respected them. One has to wonder what white people would do and say had this been their narrative? Would they continue fighting for a country which treated them so poorly? The miracle of African American citizenship is that blacks have always fought for this country, in spite of the racial discrimination. To hear white people say that kneeling before a flag to protest police brutality is maddening, even more so when those same white people say that black people should be "grateful" for the treatment they/we have received in this country. In the present political atmosphere, it is even more troubling to hear the criticism against those who kneel when the national anthem is played even as the president is acting against the interests of this country as he works to become "friends" with our enemies, completely ignoring the now well-established truth that Russia interfered in our election. Who is the greater or lesser patriot, the African Americans who kneel respectfully as the national anthem is played, exercising their First Amendment rights, something their forebears fought to protect, or the president, who would shut them down even as his policies put America and its democracy in jeopardy? When will the masses of white Americans wake up and own America's sordid history when it comes to race? African Americans are not obliged to respect their oppressors or take their discrimination lying down. I am sure not many white people, who really do understand the need for human beings to receive justice, would have been much more vocal in expressing their anger over the violation of their rights. It is what we do in America. It is what humans should do when justice is denied them. Rev. Susan K Smith is available for lectures, workshops and preaching. Contact her at [revsuekim@sbcglobal.net](mailto:revsuekim@sbcglobal.net), or visit her page at [www.crazyfaithministries.org](http://www.crazyfaithministries.org).

## TO BE EQUAL

### Breaking the gubernatorial glass ceiling

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"Now we have black and white elected officials working together. Today, we have gone beyond just passing laws. Now we have to create a sense that we are one community, one family. Really, we are the American family." - Congressman John Lewis

home state of Louisiana for six weeks, while an impeachment case against John McEnery was tried. Given this history, it is nothing short of remarkable that this year, there are three African-American major-party nominees for governor, each of whom stand to become the first Black governor of his or her state. If elected, Stacy Abrams, not only would be the first Black governor of Georgia, she would be the first Black woman governor anywhere in the United States. No stranger to the title "first," her record as a trailblazer extends to her school days, when she became the first African American valedictorian in memory at her Dekalb County high school. She was the first woman and the first person of color ever to hold the office of minority leader in the



Marc Morial

Georgia state house. Her political career, too, reaches back to her school, when she was hired as a speechwriter on a congressional campaign when she was just 17. It's a stunning record of achievement for one born into a poor neighborhood in Gulfport, Mississippi, one of six children in a family that often relied on the social safety net to make ends meet. Andrew Gillum, a nominee for Florida governor, also showed early signs of great promise, selected by the Gainesville Sun newspaper as a "Person of the Year" upon his graduation from high school. At 23, and still an undergraduate student at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Tallahassee City Commission. He became mayor of Tallahassee at the age of 35. Ben Jealous, candidate for Maryland governor, is a familiar face to the Urban League Movement. During his five years as president of the NAACP - the youngest person

ever to serve in that office - we worked side-by-side on issues of racial justice and civil rights. Like myself, the son of two fierce civil rights activists, Jealous was born into the movement. His African-American mother, Ann, faced taunts and threats as one of a handful of Black students to desegregate Baltimore's Western High in 1955. His white father, Fred, participated in sit-ins to desegregate Baltimore's lunch counters. As editor of the Jackson Advocate, Mississippi's oldest historically black newspaper, Jealous' work helped to expose corruption Parchman State Penitentiary and led to the acquittal of a farmer wrongfully accused of arson. These three candidates have compiled a stunning record of achievement, and they stand as worthy role models for a new generation of young activists and leaders. While we do not endorse candidates, we do encourage everyone to get out and vote! Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

## How did we get here and how do we get out?

While driving my daughter to school I was listening to CNN on the radio as some commentators discussed Robert Woodward's latest book, "Fear: Trump In The White House." Usually, she intentionally tries to tune out whatever discussions are taking place about national politics. But on this morning, after listening (apparently intently) to what the commentators were saying she asked me, "Daddy, why is he there?" That led me to try and explain, in terms that a first grader would understand, the electoral process in the United States and to introduce her to the concept of the Electoral College. Historically, the American people have proven to be a pretty astute judge of character of people running for the



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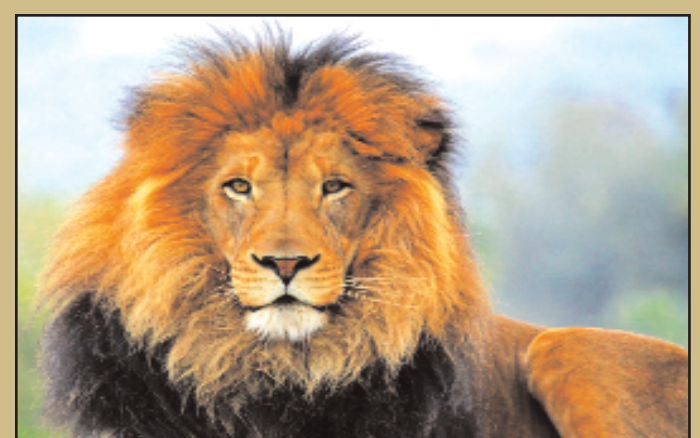
presidency. Unfortunately, the last three times when the Electoral College outcome was different from the votes cast by the American people, there have been disastrous consequences. After the election of 1876, where Samuel J. Tilden earned a majority of the votes cast, but was denied the White House, it resulted in aborting Reconstruction and launched us into an almost 100 year journey of Jim Crow/Apartheid segregation in America, that our nation has yet to fully recover from. Following the election of 2000, our country invaded a country that did not attack us, destabilized an entire region of the world, and our economy crashed. In 2016, in spite of losing by almost 3,000,000 votes, because of the Electoral College someone who was demonstrably unfit and unprepared to serve as president was given the keys to the White House and, as Woodward's book lays out in exhaustive detail, we find ourselves in the horrid position we are in today. When people who do NOT win elections are

declared the winner anyway, it deprives them of the legitimacy and moral authority to govern with the approval of the governed. This is not sustainable! Our electoral process cannot continue to acquiesce to partisan electors, in lieu of the expressed will of the VOTERS, to place into office people who will meet the demands of wealthy corporate interests at the expense of everyone else. Our deficit is exploding. The judicial appointments that are making conservatives giddy will, at the end of the day, result in greater protections for a corporate class that abuses the nation as a whole, continued attacks on our voting rights, and an increase in the excesses of the security and police state that are already very problematic. Sadly, all of this is the result of the America's original sin/birth defect of slavery. In the latter part of the 1700s Constitutional architect James Madison wrote: "There was one difficulty of a serious nature however attending an immediate

choice by the people. The right of suffrage was much more divisive in the north rather than the southern states; and the latter could have no influence in the election on the score of Negroes. The substitution of electors obviated this difficulty and seemed on the whole to be liable to the fewest objections." While that rationale might have carried the day when they were trying to form our Republic over 240 years ago, it's time has come and is way past gone! Either we get rid of the Electoral College or, I fear, the very existence of a "United" States will be at risk in the future. The Electoral College must go! Stephen Tillett, is author of "Stop Falling for the Okeydoke: How the Lie of 'Race' Continues to Undermine Our Country." ([www.stopfallingfortheokeydoke.com](http://www.stopfallingfortheokeydoke.com)) He is a retired USAF Chaplain, serves as a pastor in Annapolis, MD and is also President of the Anne Arundel County Branch NAACP.

**"If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit."**

**--AN AFRICAN PROVERB**



## New Hanover County

A Free Basketball Clinic will be held on Thursday, September 27th for Ages: 7-12. Ages: 7-9 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm and Ages: 10-12 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Pre-registration is required. Register Online at [www.wilmingtonrecreation.com](http://www.wilmingtonrecreation.com) or in person at the MLK Center, 401 S. 8th St. For questions call 910-341-0057 or 910-341-7866.

The New Hanover NAACP monthly meeting is Thursday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen AME Church, 501 Red Cross Street, Wilmington. Featured speaker is Rae Hunter-Havens, Elections Director for the New Hanover Board of Elections. Ms. Hunter-Havens plans and directs all operations of the Board of Elections for all federal, state and municipal elections. Other important community and state issues will be on the agenda, as well as information on upcoming New Hanover NAACP branch activities and events. Members and friends are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email [nhaacp@gmail.com](mailto:nhaacp@gmail.com).

## Community Briefs

The Wilmington Boys Choir invites boys age seven through voice change to Discovery Nights on Tuesday September 18th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Boys who are interested in learning more about the Wilmington Boys Choir can participate in rehearsal or just observe, meet the directors and ask questions, audition to join the choir if interested, and join the group for dinner after rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.. Parents are welcome to attend and observe. For more information contact Ronnie Wise, Music Director at 910-762-4578 or email at [wilmingtonboyschoir@gmail.com](mailto:wilmingtonboyschoir@gmail.com).

Wilmington Police Department and Maides Park are sponsoring a six week mother/daughter self-defense training Every Wednesday from September 5th to October 10th WPD officers will lead a one hour class that explores self-defense techniques, discusses situational awareness and offers tips to help protect yourself. The program is a part of an on-going effort to provide free classes to the community. Participants should wear loose fitting clothes, soft sole shoes and should bring a water bottle. Classes will be held at Maides Park, 1101 Manly Avenue. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Participants must be at least 11 years old. Register online: [www.wilmingtonrecreation.com](http://www.wilmingtonrecreation.com). Questions? Please call 910-341-7867.

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## Happenings keep on happening

There are various ways of defining "happenings." For example, we



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might say that they are those things which come to pass, things which take place or come into being. They may take place by plan or by happenstance, meaning just by chance. Happenings may bring about peace and happiness in one's life, or they may bring sadness or disappointment. It is always much better if they bring happiness rather than unhappiness. Those who grow up in, or survive in, a more peaceful environment quite understandably enjoy a brighter outlook on the future.

Even though there are happenings in life that bring about peace and tranquility, there are still many who don't enjoy too many such situations. We see too much of

"the other side of the coin." Too many families still go through horrific economic struggles, too many mothers still having to battle against all odds day and day out to survive and raise hungry children. There are too many children going to bed hungry every night and going to school without a decent meal. North Carolina school provide nutritional meals, and, for so many children, the only meals they get a day are the ones fed them at school (breakfast and lunch). Though this is a true fact, we know there are those who, given their way about it, would discontinue the "Free Breakfast/Lunch Program" for the underprivileged. God forbid that this should ever come to be!

Misfortunate happenings bring to many impoverished people so much pain and disillusionment, and, of those in this category, Blacks are still at the top of the list. African Americans still live in the poorest communities in the United States and still struggle for survival under the most impoverished conditions.

Happenings continue to happen, and, so many cases, the picture is not pretty. For example, according to the

Washington Informer, based on a recent report by a child advocacy organization, one in every five children in the United States lives in poverty, and, according to a report done by the Children's Defense Fund, one in every ten children lives in extreme, or abject, poverty.

Happenings bring alarm to those of us who are bothered by what is called the "cradle to prison pipeline," in which there is a growing number of the impoverished who get caught up in the justice system and, far too often, end up in adult penitentiaries. The prisons are much too full of African American inmates, particularly Black males.

When I think of horrible happenings, I cannot help wondering about the conditions which have driven many of the homeless to the streets. For many of them, they have been circumstances beyond their control. They have very little to eat and nowhere comfortable and secure to sleep, some on park benches and under various other uncomfortable and unsafe conditions. Some would like to have a decent job, e.g. washing dishes, etc.

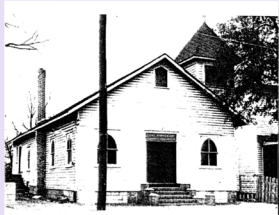
I am aware that it is questionable whether students in our public schools are receiving the basic skills for learning and becoming successful in life after school. If our young people are not acquiring "top quality" education, something is wrong, perhaps with the way we are teaching. I has been very wisely said in the educational circle that, if students are not learning the way we teach, we need to start teaching the way they learn. Our youngster will face all kinds of great challenges in the future, and it is our responsibility to see that they are prepared for such challenges.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

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Church Family Picnic  
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## "Hold it or Fold it"- Ancillary investment income

This week let me unpack a little more about this type of real estate investment that bring in big profits.

Ancillary real estate investment income includes things like vending machines in office buildings or laundry facilities in apartment buildings. Other examples are income from temp storage pods, recycling bins, outdoor concerts, pop up shops, flea market space rentals, parking spaces, cable/internet

lines, and horse riding to name a few.

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customers that can be interchangeable from time to time. Research it and consult with your accountant on the tax liabilities of the different types of revenues.

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## New Hanover County

**Bowens Chapel Church** will hold their Pastor Appreciation Program for Pastor Rev. Karen McCracken on September 16th at 3:00 p.m. the church will hold their Pastor Appreciation Program for Pastor Rev. Karen McCracken. Everyone welcome.

**Central Missionary Baptist Church**, 702 Red Cross St., will celebrate their Pastor Rev. Richard Robinson's 9th Pastoral Anniversary on Sunday, September 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Joyce Flowers of Dunn, NC will be the guest speaker. Immediately following the morning service dinner will be served. At 3:00 p.m. Minister Ronnie Williams Associate Minister of Warner Temple AMEZ Church will be the guest speaker.

## Religious Briefs

**Church Women United** will be having the Area III Meeting on Friday, September 14th at St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church. The address is 1416 Market Street, Wilmington, NC. POT LUCK. 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Sign In 11:00 a.m. Meeting. All are welcome. Further information: Contact Angel Priscilla Laster Dualeh at 910-833-0167.

**First Baptist Missionary Church** will hold their 2018 Fall Revival from Monday, September 17, 2018 - Wednesday, September 19, 2018 with Devotion beginning at 6:30 p.m. and nightly Service at 7:00 p.m. Our guest Speaker will be Rev. Gordon L. Griffen, Moore's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Currie, NC.

**Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center** will hold a "Old School Musical" on Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Celebrating Apostle Joyce I Jones 25 Years Of Ministry. Featuring: PC & Perfect Praise, Unity Gospel Youth Choir, Zion Hill Gospel Choir and many more...For more information contact: Charease Pridden at 910-297-2658. Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center is located at 4875 New Centre Dr.

**Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.**, in conjunction with the Wilmington Police Department, NHC Sheriff's Department, NHC Fire Department and area churches will host their annual "Beond the Walls-Community Taking Care of Community" Street Festival on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at Mt. Calvary Church, 812 Harnett St. from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. In need of donations of toys, household items, food and clothing. For additional information please contact Mrs. Sherry McZeek at 910-231-2243 or Deacon David Brown at 910-200-1955.

**The Missionaries of Price Cathedral AMEZ Church** will have a Candlelight Service on Sunday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Price Cathedral, 1201 Orange Street. Asking all Missionaries to come out and wear your white with your stole. Sister Cynthia McClendon, Wilmington District Buds of Promise Superintendent and member of St. Luke AME Zion Church will be our speaker.

**The Better St. Phillip A ME Zion Church** will celebrate their annual church anniversary with The Rev. Roy Lee Holmes of Canetuck Missionary Baptist Church of Currie, NC. For more information, call 910-200-4953 or 910-540-4406.

**Summerville AMEZ Church**, 2991 Dogwood Rd., will celebrate their homecoming on Saturday, September 15th from 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. with a picnec. On Sunday, September 16th during the 11:00 a.m. worship service and at 3:00 p.m. with Rev. Ronald Miller pastor of St. James AMEZ, Goldsboro NC.

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## TELL SOMEBODY

## "Peace In the Midst of the Storm"

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." Mark 4:39

Peace - Absence of war, conflict  
Inner contentment; great calm  
Storm - An atmospheric disturbance manifested in strong winds accompanied by rain, snow, and other precipitation.

We have all been caught in a storm at one time or another. As a matter of fact, we are either coming out of a storm, going through a storm or headed for a storm! Life happens. Storms are a part of life. Storms happen! When the storms come, we need to be able to have peace in spite of the storm. When storm clouds rise and the winds of adversity begin to blow, we should possess a peace that will carry us through the storm, and keep us during the storm.

In the natural, there are several types of storms. There are windstorms, sandstorms, rainstorms, ice storms, hailstorms, thunderstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, squalls and more.

Spiritually, we will face many storms as well. It is the will of God, that disciples of Christ have peace in the midst of their storm. Psalm

29:11, "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace." John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."

In the 4th. Chapter of Mark, we find Jesus teaching many things by parables about the kingdom of God. Jesus took his teaching to another level and dimension when he went from illustration and explanation to demonstration. He told his disciples, "let us pass over unto the other side." At his word, they followed him and found themselves in the midst of a great windstorm while they were in the ship on the sea.

The disciples were followers of Christ, who walked, talked, and lived with the Master. They often witnessed firsthand the miracles, signs, and wonders that he performed. Jesus knew that their faith needed to be elevated for the work he was calling them to do, so he allowed them to be "caught" in a raging storm. He noticed their panic and lack of peace when caught in the storm. He knew they would need inner peace to weather the future storms they would face in the process of teaching and preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

When they saw the supernatural, wonder working power and authority of Jesus over the winds and waves. .... shock, awe, and amazement mingled with

peace and joy should have flood their souls!

Today, in these present times, Jesus continues to work miracles, signs, and wonders and to show himself strong on behalf of those who love and trust him. Because of the presence of the Lord, we can definitely have peace in the midst of our storms.

The lesson learned was, Jesus Christ can give you Peace in the midst of the storm! You do not have to be afraid and you can exercise your faith in the midst of your storm by doing what Jesus did. He spoke to the winds and waves, and they obeyed his command. He said in Luke 18:1, that man should always pray and not faint. There are some storms that come suddenly and without warning. There are also storms that we can see coming toward us from a distance. Nevertheless, There is power in the Name of Jesus. We need to exercise our faith in God through the power and authority of the Name of Jesus.

Whether we are speaking to the winds and the waves of adversity in our lives or speaking to a mountain that is in our path, if we have the presence of the Lord with us and within us,

we can still have inner peace!

Storms do not come to stay! Storms do not come to last! Storms comes to pass! When your storm is over, you will be better, stronger, and wiser through your experience. You will be eternally grateful when you finally realize that you are not alone in your storm. Riding through the storm with Jesus will teach you how to lean and depend on him. The level of trust you have, after going through your storm will prepare you for the next storm! Your faith will increase to higher heights and deeper depths. There will be a great calm!!! So, don't complain. Be encouraged. Tell Somebody!!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International.

She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

## Shaw University Board of Trustees appoints Paulette R. Dillard president

RALEIGH, N.C. - Shaw University Board of Trustees has named Paulette R. Dillard the University's 18th president. Dr. Dillard has been serving as interim president since July of last year. She previously served as the University's vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college of arts and

sciences.

"Upon her appointment as interim president, we determined Dr. Dillard to be the ideal selection to lead this institution," said Chairman of the Board of Trustees Joseph N. Bell, Jr. "We believe her performance to date has demonstrated that she is committed to the transformative education process and more than qualified to lead Shaw University into this next era of excellence."

Dr. Dillard is a trained medical technologist certified by the American Society of Clinical Pathology and has over twenty-five years of experience working in the field of diagnostic laboratory medicine. She began her career at International Clinical Laboratories in Nashville, Tennessee. She went on to hold senior positions at SmithKline and Quest Diagnostics. She also has a rich teaching history having taught biology at various southeastern colleges and universities.

"I am honored to be selected by the Board of Trustees to continue to lead this great University," said Dillard. "I am thankful and committed to intentional leadership of Shaw University as we continuing to grow as an institutional leader in the Raleigh community and globally abroad."

A Mount Airy, North Carolina native, Dillard graduated from Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North



DR. PAULETTE R. DILLARD

Carolina. She holds a Master's of Business Administration from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee and a Master's of Science in Biology from Tennessee State University. Dr. Dillard earned her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences from Clark Atlanta University.

Dr. Dillard's appointment was unanimously approved by Shaw's Board of Trustees during a meeting on Saturday, September 8. Shaw University, located in

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