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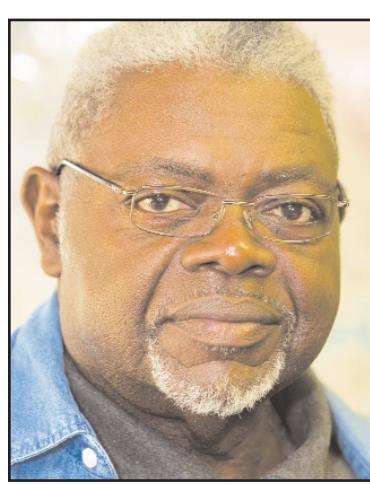
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BY BERNESTER HEWETT

This year, for the first time in my life, I find that Brunswick, Pender, Columbus, New Hanover and Robeson counties have had bad luck with the storms coming so close together. The winds and water have destroyed houses, stores, and farms, leaving people without homes, cars, food

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## BARBER, SPEARMAN WARN: DON'T TRUST LAWMAKERS ON VOTER ID

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As the NC General Assembly reconvened in yet another special session Tuesday, two prominent North Carolina civil rights leaders warned not to trust any new laws establishing photo voter identification emanating from it, despite a constitutional amendment passed by voters recently mandating it.

"Don't you compromise on our rights [Democrats]," warned Rev. Dr. William Barber, President of Repairers of the Breach, and Co-chairman of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Revival, during a protest demonstration across the street from the Legislative Building on Jones Street in Raleigh Tuesday.

"Let them do it only with extremist Republican votes, because if you do, [Democrats, Gov. Cooper] you become complicit in discrimination."

Barber, like several other speakers there, called the NC General Assembly "unconstitutionally constituted" because the federal courts have ruled that they were previously elected by unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered voting districts.

"They cheated," Barber summed up.

Dr. Barber indicated that voter photo ID, as "...extremists who call themselves Republicans," are intending to pass, "...has already proven to be unconstitutional in the courts" because it targets African-Americans for voter suppression "with surgical

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CASH MICHAELS PHOTO  
Dr. Barber makes a point during remarks at protest outside of the NC Legislative Building Tuesday, as NCNAACP President Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman approves.

### Marian Wright Edelman stepping aside from Children's Defense Fund

BY STACY M. BROWN  
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**M**arian Wright Edelman, a trailblazer, freedom fighter and champion of causes that affect the nation's young, has announced that she's stepping aside from the Children's Defense Fund, an organization she founded 45 years ago.

"Dear colleagues, supporters, partners and friends, after 45 years as President of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), I have decided to transition into a new role as President Emerita in the Office of the Founder," Wright wrote in a letter posted on the organization's website.

"I will step away from CDF's day-to-day responsibilities and will focus all my energies towards building a lasting movement for children to end child poverty and inequality through servant leadership development at key spiritual retreats and conventions at CDF's Haley Farm and continue to provide a moral compass for CDF," she said.

Born on June 6, 1939, in Bennettsville, South Carolina, Edelman was the youngest of five children and credits her father with instilling in her an obligation to right wrongs.

When African Americans in Bennettsville were not allowed to enter city parks, Arthur Wright, her father, built a park for African American children behind his church, according to her biography on The History Makers website.

A graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, Edelman became the first African American female admitted to the Mississippi State Bar while working as director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund office in Jackson.

She also became nationally recognized as an advocate for Head Start, according to her biography.

In 1968, Edelman moved to Washington, D.C., and subsequently became counsel to the Poor People's Campaign that was organized by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

She founded the Washington Research Project (WRP), where she focused on lobbying Congress for child and family nutrition programs and expanding the Head Start program. In 1973, the Washington Research Project became the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), the United States' leading advocacy group for children.

As president of the CDF, Edelman has worked to decrease teenage pregnancy, increase Medicaid coverage for poor children, and secure government funding for programs such as Head Start.

Edelman also has served as the Director of the Center for Law and Education at Harvard University and is the first African American female to have been on the board of directors of Yale University.

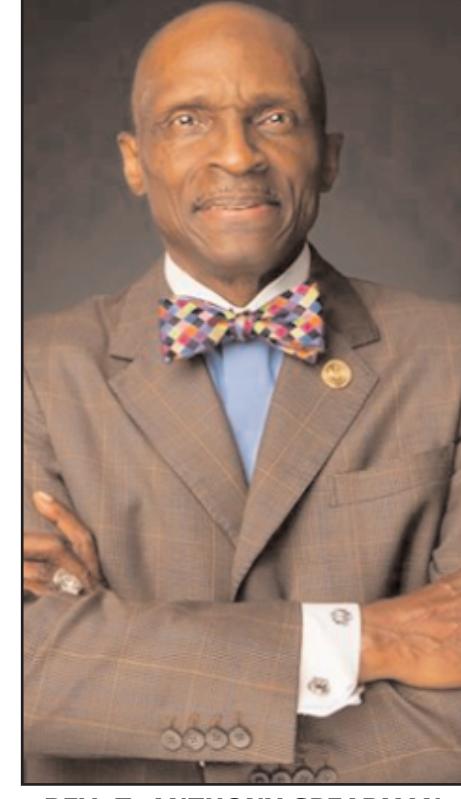
She's written many articles and books, including the autobiographical New York Times best-seller, "The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours."

To get just a sense of what Edelman has meant to her countless admirers, one need only look at the tributes that have flooded social media before and since her announcement this week.

Most of the tributes contained motivational



MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN



REV. T. ANTHONY SPEARMAN

### Progressives rally forces against Farr judicial nomination

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With strong signals that the Republican led US Senate may very well vote to confirm President Trump's re-nomination of Raleigh Attorney Thomas Farr, 64, to the federal bench as early as today, everyone from progressive activists like the NC NAACP to the Congressional Black Caucus to North Carolina's Democratic Congressional Delegation have mobilized to stop the

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and a place of comfort for their families. These storms have wiped out a lifetime for some and destroyed a course, or plan, of life for others. We find that most of the people's lives are coming together and trying to pull others with them, even though they have little for themselves. We see and hear all the hate being produced in our society. We still get our joy from giving and sharing with others. This being a fact of life and the spirit of the people around us, we must not let race, ethnic background, color, or personal agendas change this spirit that has begun in a time of need.

God has brought us together through times of trouble. Now let us stay together through the good times that are coming. We must be true to the cause of our people, "God's children," and keep His word in our hearts. We need help. Feed the hungry! Help the sick! Pray with the brokenhearted! Give counsel to the unsaved!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.

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vote.

Two bus loads of NCNAACP activists from across North Carolina, led by State conference president, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, traveled to Washington, D. C. Wednesday to lobby senators on Capitol Hill to either vote against Farr's controversial judicial nomination to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina or let the nomination die with this outgoing Congress.

Farr was already approved ten months ago by the Senate Judiciary Committee, but, concerned about the midterm elections, Trump pulled the nomination temporarily. Now that the elections are over, observers expect Sen. McConnell to try to get as many of Trump's judicial nominees confirmed as possible, with Farr heading the list.

What makes Farr's nomination to the lifetime post so controversial is his documented history as an election campaign attorney for the late conservative U.S. Senator Jesse Helm (R-NC) during the 1990's. Farr is alleged to have helped engineer a Republican so called "ballot security" program in 1990 that attempted to suppress the Black vote statewide when Helms was first challenged by Black candidate, former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt.

In addition, all three of North Carolina's Democratic congress per-

sons, Alma Adams (13th), David Price (4th), and G.K. Butterfield (1st), wrote a letter to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) Monday, asking him to "cancel all votes" on the Farr nomination and "allow his nomination to expire in the 115th Congress..." because of troubling questions about Farr's alleged racial past.

"Mr. Farr's hostility to African-American political participation does not end with his time with Senator Helms," the letter to McConnell stated. "Mr. Farr was also responsible for advising the North Carolina General Assembly while it drew federal congressional districts that packed African-American voters into Districts 1 and 12, a move the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed was unconstitutional. Additionally, in 2013, Mr. Farr defended North Carolina's discriminatory voter ID law, which targeted African-American voters "with almost surgical precision," according to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Eastern District of North Carolina is comprised of 44 out of the North Carolina's 100 counties and has had the nation's longest judicial vacancy, but, even though the district also has a Black population of over 25 percent, it has never had a Black judge. In fact, Pres. Obama nominated two Black female candidates for the post before he left office, but North Carolina's Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Burr 'blue slipped' or blocked the nominations from getting Senate confirmation.

Both Burr and Thom Tillis, North Carolina's junior Republican senator, not only back Farr enthusiastically, but defend him vigorously, saying that the "left's attacks" on Farr are "unwarranted."

Allowing Farr to become a federal judge, not only because of his history with Helms, but his later efforts on behalf of the NC Republican Party to establish voter ID and racial gerrymandering, would be unthinkable, says Dr. Spearman.

"Tom Farr in the Eastern District with the legal authority to decide the fate of African-Americans - hear me somebody - is tantamount to Adolf Hitler's wreaking havoc among our Jewish sisters and brothers and Saul, who later became the Apostle Paul's, breathing out cruelty to Christians," Spearman told reporters last March after going to Washington to protest after Pres. Trump first nominated Farr.

When he went to D.C. earlier this year, Spearman was hopeful that Republican senators, Susan Collins, of Maine, Jeff Flake, of Arizona, and Tim Scott, of South Carolina, might buck their party and join the 49 Senate Democrats in voting against Farr's nomination.

On Tuesday, a number of national civil rights leaders, including former NCNAACP president, Rev. Dr. William Barber, joined the Congressional Black



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**STATE BRIEFS**COMPILED  
BY CASH MICHAELS**DURHAM CONGRESSMEN ALLEGUE ICE ENTRAPMENT**

[DURHAM] Two North Carolina congressmen who represent parts of Durham

allege that agents with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) lied to a Mexican immigrant who was living at a local church, convincing him that he should leave the church, and travel to Morrisville in order to deal with his ordered deportation. When the man, Samuel Oliver-Bruno, left the church, Friday, he was arrested by ICE, and taken away. In a statement, Congressmen David Price [D-NC-4] and G.K. Butterfield [D-NC-1] noted

that Bruno had been living in the United States for over 20 years, and had been following the law per his legal petition. He had come back to the US because his wife was ill, and his son depended on him.

**FORMER WAKE REGISTER OF DEEDS, CONVICTED OF EMBEZZLEMENT, SUES FOR PENSION**

[RALEIGH] The current Wake Register of Deeds calls it, "...hubris incarnate, man-

ifested audacity laced with temerity." But former Wake Register of deeds, Laura Riddick, maintains that even though she is now a convicted felon, having pled guilty in August to stealing nearly \$1 million from her public office over a seven year period, and spending it on lavish trips, she is still entitled to her full pension, and resents having to forfeit over \$120,000 of her pension in the process. Riddick is suing the state Treasurer's Office to retain

her pension.

**TATA DEFENDS TRUMP'S MILITARY TROOPS AGAINST ASYLUM SEEKERS**

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Former NC Dept. of Transportation Secretary Anthony Tata - who is also a retired brigadier general - defended Pres. Donald Trump's ordering 5200 military troops to the Mexican border to repel Honduran refugees seeking asylum in

the United States from crossing the border. ON "Fox and Friends" on Sunday, Tata was asked his reaction. "President Trump is a man of his word, he said he was going to be tough on the border and he is tough on the border," Tata replied. Later that afternoon on Twitter, Trump thanked Tata for his support. Tata, who once endorsed Sarah Palin for president, served as NC Transportation Secretary under Gov. Pat McCrory for two years.

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precision."

Barber added that, even though voters approved the voter ID amendment to the North Carolina Constitution, that means little if it contradicts the federal Constitution. The same elected officials who vote for voter ID in the South, are the same, Dr. Barber said, who vote against women, expanding health care, living wages, labor rights, public education, the LGBTQ community, and immigrants.

"So voter ID isn't just about Black people, but about

America itself," Dr. Barber maintained. "This is a fight about all of us, and when you touch Black people, you touch all of us. That means all of us must stand together!"

"We've fought and won before....we'll fight and win again!"

Like other speakers on program, Rev. Barber also warned that lawmakers should be devoting most of the estimated two weeks this special session is expected to take towards helping flood victims still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Florence.

"We are drifting back towards "Jim Crow," Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President

of the NCNAACP told the crowd, accusing the Republican led NC General Assembly of "...intentionally disenfranchising voters of color to ensure political gain..." for White supremacists.

Spearman called it "...the height of fraud."

"Every time the Berger-

Moore all-White caucus comes up with a trick to disenfranchise our rights, we will use it to make North Carolina bullet-proof against the voter suppression tricks of the White caucus, the NCNAACP leader vowed.

"We will not retreat! We MUST not retreat," Dr.

Spearman exclaimed to cheers. "We WILL be heard! We MUST be heard!"

At press time Tuesday neither chamber of the NC General Assembly had passed any voter ID legislation. Senate President pro tem Phil Berger told reporters Monday that lawmakers would take their time with passage, seeking input from Democrats and citizens.

Tentatively, the Republican majority wants voter ID legislation that allows for college identification to be used, in addition to driver licenses and free ID cards issued by the N. C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

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## OUR VOICE

### Criminal justice reform long overdue for Black America

**A**s a member of the infamous Wilmington Ten case in North Carolina from 1972 to 2012, I witnessed firsthand why the criminal justice system in the United States needed to be thoroughly reformed. We had been unjustly sentenced in 1972 to a combined total of 282 years in prison for standing up for equal quality education for Black students in the public school system in Wilmington, NC in 1971.

For 40 long years, until North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue signed "Pardons of Innocence" documents for each member of the Wilmington Ten, the issues of unjust and disproportionate mass incarceration, bail reform, racism in the judiciary, prosecutorial misconduct, and reentry challenges were not matters of partisanship, but were matters of fundamental civil and human rights.

Thanks to the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the United Church of Christ (UCC), the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Repression (NAARP), Amnesty International and millions of people across the U.S. and throughout the world, we finally received a modicum of justice with the Pardons of Innocence being issued on December 31, 2012.

In the wake of the recent 2018 Midterm Elections, there now appears to be a more bipartisan interest and commitment in the achievement of significant criminal justice reform in America. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives finally passed the First Step Act with bipartisan support. The legislation establishes the initial steps for criminal justice reform at the federal level. Just last week, even President Trump announced his support of the First Step Act. However, what the U.S. Senate will do is still an open question.

The U.S. Congress should expedite passing the First Step Act as well as other criminal justice reform legislation. For Black America in particular, this remains an urgent and crucial public policy objective.

Of the current 2.2 million people incarcerated in the nation's prisons and jails, a disproportionate number are African Americans and other people of color. According to a 2018 Pew Research Study, in 2016 African Americans represented 12 percent of the U.S. adult population but 33 percent of the sentenced prison population. The ACLU reports that African American men are six times more likely to be incarcerated as White men in the U.S.

According to the NAACP's Criminal Justice Fact Sheet, African American women are imprisoned at twice the rate of White women. The Federal Bureau of Prisons reported in 2018 that 38 percent of prison inmates are African American.

But we need to do more than merely stating the statistics of criminal justice that bear witness to the racial, social, and economic inequities and injustices. We need solutions. We need more research about the successful programs and projects that can prevent mass incarceration while we emphasize the urgency for criminal justice reform legislation at both the federal and state levels. We also need more effective programs for the hundreds of thousands of incarcerated people preparing to reenter society without the counterproductivity of recidivism.

I have served on panel discussions amicably with Mark Holden, general counsel of Koch Industries, who also supports the First Step Act, a bill grounded in evidence-based and data-driven practices that we know keep communities safe and provide people with the second chances they need to lead productive lives. The bill specifically provides programs to help reduce the risk that prisoners will recidivate upon release from prison. Mark and I are on the same page on the issues of reentry and the need to reduce systemic reincarceration.

In fact, Koch Industries has been funding criminal justice reform efforts for more than a decade and was one of the first major corporations in the U.S. to "ban the box" by removing questions about criminal history on its employment applications. Other corporate leaders should also "ban the box."

Earlier this year at the NNPA's Mid-Winter Conference, we were pleased to welcome Brother Lamont Carey, a former prison inmate, noted author and founder of Contact Visits, a nonprofit 501(c) 3 organization that he established to assist people preparing to reenter society from prison. It was reassuring to see how Lamont was able to break free of the stigma of incarceration and make a positive and productive contribution to help others transform their lives, families and communities.

Lastly, on the related issue of bail reform: There are nearly a half million people, most of whom are people of color, who are sitting in jail today only because they cannot afford to post a monetary bail. Google and Koch have also teamed up to raise awareness about the necessity for bail reform in America. They believe that individuals accused of a crime should not be required to provide bail unless deemed a threat to public safety or a flight risk, because freedom should not hinge on a person's financial worth.

The time is now for action, not more partisan debate. No more postponements. No more excuses. The U.S. Congress should pass the First Step Act. We want equal justice.

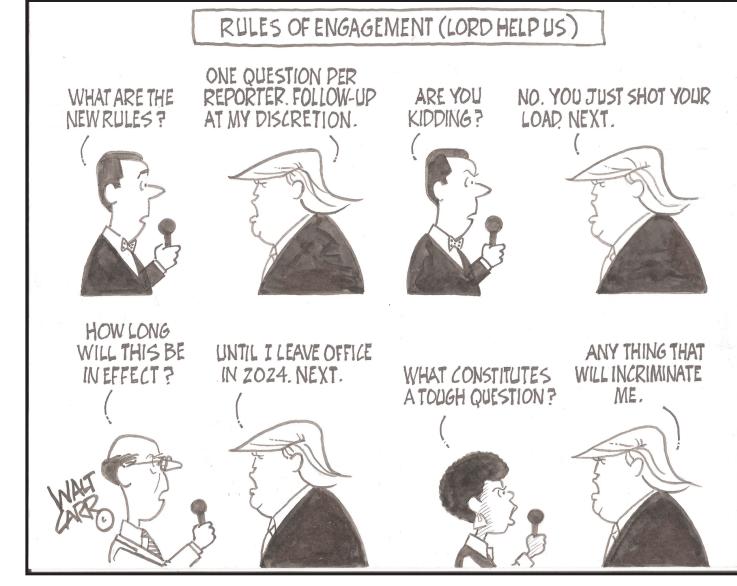
Criminal justice reform for Black America is long over-

due.

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## Visual Voice



## MATTERS OF OPINION

### Scandal

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**F**or several years many of us were consumed by the night on which the popular television program called Scandal, starring Kerry Washington, came on television. Well, it seems that the program was our preparation for what's going on in our country today. Unfortunately, it didn't prepare us for some of the things that happened.

In Georgia, we've just witnessed one of the worst cases of voter suppression to prevent Stacy Abrams and other Democrats from having a fair chance in their election bids. Brian Kemp both ran for governor against Stacy and made the rules to favor him when he disqualified over one million voters and scandalously decided the rules of the race.

As soon as the key parts of the election are over, #45

decided to fire Attorney General Jeff Sessions after continuously humiliating him when he actually did the right thing in recusing himself from handling the Mueller Investigation. It's clear that firing Sessions was strictly for the purpose of undermining the work of Robert Mueller and his team. Shortly after firing Mr. Sessions, we learned that #45 had made an attempt to prosecute Comey and Clinton -- two persons he claimed to be his enemies. It's obvious that Number 45 had corrupt intent when he fired James Comey, and he knows that Hilary Clinton was far more favorable to more people than he was when she received more votes than he did. I guess he didn't like that so he has railed against her since he's been in office--second only to his blaming President Barack Obama for everything!

Once Mr. Sessions was out, Number 45 quickly brought in Matthew Whitaker to become Acting Attorney General. Many brilliant lawyers have agreed that Mr. Whitaker did not meet constitutional requirements to hold

such a position because he had not been Senate confirmed. Add to that all of the biased comments Mr. Whitaker had made about the Mueller Investigation at various times proving that he could not be fair in his judgments. We need to know how and why he became the U.S. Attorney General. One can only assume Whitaker was brought on to undermine the investigation.

Moving on with scandals, Number 45 dismissed the CIA's report on Saudi Arabia and proclaimed what's obviously his all-out support of Saudi Arabia over our Intelligence community.

It's hard to believe, but he actually picked a fight with retired esteemed Four-Star Admiral William McRaven who was the architect of the Osama bin Laden successful raid. He attacked the Admiral for not capturing bin Laden earlier, despite the fact it was not his job! This criticism comes from a President who claims to love the military so much, and who claims to have done so much for the military. Now, we learn he is afraid to go to a war zone to visit soldiers

who live in those war zones.

There were more scandals from Number 45. He jumped into a disgraceful criticism of the 9th Circuit Court, charging the circuit was made up of Obama appointees, and therefore unfair to him. So, that led Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Roberts, to inform #45 that "We do not have Obama judges or Trump judges, Bush judges or Clinton judges. What we have is an extraordinary group of dedicated judges doing their level best to do equal rights to those appearing before them. That independent judiciary is something we should all be thankful for." That should be obvious to a sensible president! Unfortunately, we haven't had one of those lately!

Number 45 is still erasing all the goodwill that his predecessor, President Barack Obama, built around the world. When will our system allow us to end these daily scandals?

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### Two years until the 2020 elections - Time to get to work

**M**ost readers will be familiar with this scenario. A white politician that you have not heard from in two years starts to show up at Black churches, glad-handing the pastors, reciting for the congregation his or her accomplishments that you've never heard of and reminding you to vote for him or her in the upcoming elections.

It's a scenario that is played out in most political districts where Blacks make up a significant portion - but not the majority - of the electorate. We know very little about these absentee politicians except that they are "the lesser of two evils" - the choice offered to those Black folk allowed to vote, since the end of the Reconstruction.

The question is: Why are we consistently faced with only being able to choose between the lesser of two evils each election cycle? Or put another way: "Why can we not have more options when selecting who will represent us?"

The answer is that we do have more options. We simply must constantly stay politically "woke" and not wait until the last minute to

pay attention to who the potential candidates are. Politicians interested in running in 2020 already are lining up at the starting gate. People aspiring to become the next president of the United States already have advance people in Iowa and other key states in preparation for the primary elections. Those eyeing congressional seats, state and local offices are organizing their political teams in order to hold on to those offices or to unseat an incumbent.

2016 has shown us that if we do not get engaged, we are in danger of being saddled with a lying racist, bent on erasing all of the gains people of color have made during the last five decades.

2018 has shown us that when people organize, they can overcome many of the obstacles that are strewn in our paths to equal justice and the freedoms promised to us by the U. S. Constitution. 2018 also has shown us that there are those who would deny people of color justice and freedom by blocking us from our guaranteed right to vote.

The Georgia governor's race shone the light on how bigots and racists will go to any lengths to tilt the vote in their favor by removing voters from the rolls and by making it more difficult for voters to get to the polls to cast their ballots. Republican Brian Kemp ran for governor

of that state while refusing to step down as its secretary of state, the office that oversees elections in Georgia. Over the years, Kemp systematically removed Black voters from the rolls through various questionable means, giving himself a clear advantage by increasing the percentage of would-be voters who were white.

There are those who will try to cheat us out of our rights, including our right to vote. There are those who will try to steal elections in the way that Trump did in 2016 with the help of Russian interference. These people can be stopped, however.

They can be stopped by you and by me. They can be stopped by your parents and your voting-age children - and by your aunts and uncles and cousins and friends. They must be identified and then encouraged to run for office. And when they run, we must support them. We must support them with our time, our labor and with our money. There may not be many of us that can give much of any of these things, but we can each give something.

If we make more of an effort, we can get more elected officials of the type we want and deserve. The proof is in the pudding. 2018 saw a record number of women of color elected, and it is expected that these women will work to steer America back on the correct course to fulfilling the promises of our Constitution.

According to the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, women of color now will occupy:

38 seats in Congress  
9 statewide elective offices  
456 state legislative seats and

10 mayors' offices in some of the nation's 100 largest cities.

We, as people of color, are in a pitched battle for our rightful place in this nation. And it is a battle that we will not win if we do not enlist as many people as possible in the fight. If we do not identify, enlist and support candidates who champion our best interests, then we deserve the callous and unjust treatment that we receive from elected officials who do not respect us.

The clock is running and so are the same tired old politicians. It is time we bring some serious champions into the fight.

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## Trump, the Republicans and the Neo-Confederate objective

**I**t became very clear to anyone who was watching that in the lead up to the November 6th elections, Trump and his allies focused on two things: putting their hands on your wallets and, in order to do that, reinforcing the idea that the USA is a white republic (and keeping white people thinking about that and only that). To put it another way, they want to restore the Confederacy.



**Bill Fletcher**

Confederacy

Trump had many tactical options in the weeks prior to the election as a way of inspiring his base. He could have played to the economy which has continued to grow, largely as a result of decisions made during the Obama era but claimed by Trump. The problem is that the results of the economic improvements have

been very uneven and working-class people have largely stagnated. Despite that, he could have made the argument. Trump regularly fudges the truth.

Trump and his Republican acolytes chose a different route, one with a long history in US politics. They first used the Justice Kavanaugh hearings to reaffirm male supremacy, making it appear that men are under attack in the USA and that women's concerns about sexual assault are misplaced. This rally the white men challenge was followed by an equally nefarious tactic: a call for an all-out mobilization against a mythical, so-called immigrant invasion coming from Central America. Facts to the contrary, Trump—and repeated by some of his key allies—argued that the several thousand REFUGEES in Central America were threatening the USA way of life.

The response was truly remarkable and clarified that Trump's messages are not for

the US electorate but for the white American electorate. When he and his followers suggest that their way of life is being threatened, they mean that the privileged status of whites and men—compared with people of color and women, respectively—has been called into question by those of us who believe in democracy and justice. Thus, Trump plays not to an abstract fear but a specific fear among large numbers of whites; a fear of the future.

What do Trump and his supporters want? The critical image that is now materializing is that of the Confederate States of America. Right-wing populists have for decades seen in the Confederacy the iconic moment when white supremacy and male supremacy held sway and when forces of dissent—forces for justice—were literally and figuratively chained.

The right-wing fear of the future is a fear of not only the demographic changes in the USA, which will render white

majority rule by the middle of the 21st century, but there is a broader fear that successes on the road toward a consistent democracy will mean a change in the relations between men and women, but also changes in the economy as wealth polarization along with the environmental catastrophe will necessitate a different set of economic priorities.

Trump and his allies have played to fears that have existed in the white electorate since the 19th century. He achieved considerable success via this demagoguery. But the results of the election showed that millions more see no future in the past but believe that another way forward is not only possible, but essential.

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## CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

### The Revelation of the real face of American evangelicalism

**I** was troubled beyond words when I read that American evangelicals recently asked people to pray for the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, Mohammed bin Salman, allegedly responsible for the vicious murder and dismemberment of Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

A delegation of evangelicals apparently traveled to Saudi Arabia and were welcomed into the Saudi palace and they were heartened by the reception they received. (<https://mavenroundtable.io/theintellectualist/news/us-evangelicals-ask-americans-to-pray-for-saudi-arabia-s-murderous-crown-prince-xaezMhfaH0SQwRo7rcnMrw/>)

Their visit to the country and to the palace of the alleged mastermind behind Khashoggi's murder was troubling in

and of itself, because of the heinous and horrific way that Khashoggi was murdered; America has historically taken the high road and advocated for human rights of people in other countries, even as it has denied those same rights to American citizens.

They reflected the mindset of the president, who refused to honor the conclusion of the United States intelligence community, which concluded that the crown prince was behind the murder, and instead decided that since the crown prince had denied his involvement that the United States should not do anything to negatively affect its economic relationship with Saudi Arabia. ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2018/11/15/trump-administration-is-trying-hard-not-to-lame-s-audacious-prince-khashoggi/?utm\\_term=.c3357184499b](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2018/11/15/trump-administration-is-trying-hard-not-to-lame-s-audacious-prince-khashoggi/?utm_term=.c3357184499b))

While much of America cringes at this president's apparent idolization of autocratic rulers of other nations, however, the evangelical community has seemingly accepted his autocratic tendencies; it has said little to nothing about his sexual indiscretions, about his embrace of white nationalists, about his sexism and racism and complete disrespect of American institutions, including the judiciary and the legislative branch of the American government.

Evangelicals believe that God sent this president, that it was and is God's will that this man dismantle the government as we have known it. (<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/01/27/millions-of-americans-believe-god-made-trump-president-216537>) They believe that this president is doing God's will in all the policies, no matter how damaging they are to "the least of these," a serious observation in that Jesus the Christ commanded those who believe in him to work for the well-being of that group of people.

While in the past evangelicals have asserted themselves as the moral voice of America - advocating for family values and a sort of unattainable purity of those who call themselves Christian, they have seemingly abandoned all of that as they have elatedly supported all that this president does, has done, and stands for.

Highly critical of sexual indiscretions of politicians in the past, they have all but kissed the feet of this man who has a slew of accusations of sexual assaults that have been leveled against him. It doesn't matter. The Rev. Franklin Graham chided Americans for even paying attention to the charges. What happened between the president and other women is nobody's business, he said in speaking of the Stormy Daniels' case.

<https://friendlyatheist.patheos.com/2018/05/05/franklin-graham-trumps-affair-with-stormy-daniels-is-nobodys-business/>

What?

Evangelical Christianity has long been problematic because it has been ineffective in denouncing racism, sexism and all of the other "isms." Its positions on racial and sexual bias has led some black theologians to question who God really is. The late Rev. Dr. James Cone developed the genre of black liberation theology because the theology posited by white theologians, a theology he taught, did nothing to quell the anxiety of black and brown people caused by an apparent indifferent deity. Cone struggled with how to reconcile the notion of a "good God" with the Anglo version of God and Christianity which seemed to support racism.

William R. Jones likewise struggled with the Anglo evangelical notion of God, and sought to define the notion of divine racism. The two words together seem ill-placed; how could a "good" god be racist? Black theologians and later, female theologians, white feminists and black womanists, likewise rejected this Anglo god which seemed perfect for the evangelical mind.

What we are seeing today is the exposure of the latent racist core of evangelicalism. We are seeing its sexist core as well; the evangelical mind seems to promulgate that the woman's place is behind her man, having his babies and staying in her place. What evangelicals are revealing is the weakness of their argument about the nature of God. The Bible doesn't support the idea that God is racist and sexist, but evangelicals have touted that belief system for years.

Recently, I learned about something called the Slave Bible, written by whites who believed in the rightness of slavery. In that Bible, which is on display at the Bible Museum in Washington, DC, the story of the Exodus is omitted; many of the prophets, found in the Hebrew scriptures have been eliminated, and in the Book of Revelation, all references to a "new heaven and a new earth," where all of God's children would be free, have been likewise eliminated.

It was a stunning revelation, but also helpful in trying to understand American evangelicalism. Its "conservatism" is devoted to protecting white interests and preserving white power, but that devotion is anti-Biblical, if the Bible is to be believed. The Bible was written under six different periods of oppression: Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian, Persian, Greek and Roman. Jesus the Christ lived under Roman oppression. The words in the Hebrew scriptures repeat, chapter after chapter, the will of God for there to be justice for everyone.

That is an image of a god the evangelicals do not accept, and if ever we doubted that their notion of God is different from the God many of us learned about in Sunday School, our doubts can be laid to rest as we watch them proclaim the holiness of a man in the White House who honors nobody but himself - with their blessing.

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## RAINBOW COALITION

### Contrast between Obama and Trump has become clear

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**D**onald Trump began his presidency with an inaugural address that denounced the "carnage" that had preceded him. He vowed to Make America Great Again, and set about systematically trying to deep-six virtually everything that his predecessor Barack Obama had accomplished.

**Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.**

Now, after two years, the contrast is stark and clear. Barack and Michelle Obama came from middle-class families and worked their way up to the White House. Donald Trump was born into a fortune that he eventually inherited. Barack Obama put together a coalition across lines of race and won the majority of votes in two presidential elections.

Trump stoked racial and nativist fears to consolidate a base of white voters. Obama inherited an economy in free fall that was losing hundreds of

thousands of jobs a month. He saved it, and began what is now the longest recovery in history. Trump inherited that recovery and pretends it was his own.

Under Obama, 26 million people got health care coverage who did not have it before, despite implacable Republican opposition. Under Trump, about 4 million and counting have been deprived of health insurance. Under Obama, taxes went up on the wealthy, in part to pay for extending health care to low-income people.

Trump slashed taxes on the rich and corporations, and blew up the deficit. No drama Obama led a remarkably clean administration, with no high official embarrassed by indictment or scandal over eight years. In less than two years, Trump's administration is already established as one of the most corrupt in history. When Obama traveled the world, throngs gathered to hear him.

Respect for America rose. When Trump travels, he goes late, leaves early and is greeted with protests. Respect for America has plummeted. Obama listened to scientists warning about global warming and brought the world together

—including China—in a Paris Accord to take the first steps at meeting the challenge.

Trump calls catastrophic climate change a hoax, has tried to purge any mention of it across his government and has pulled the U.S. out of the Paris Accord, making this country one of only two to spurn it. Obama brought leading nations of the world together to force Iran to agree to dismantle its nuclear production facilities and to submit to intrusive inspection.

Trump pulled the U.S. out of the accord unilaterally, and now is trying to enforce sanctions on Iran that our own allies deplore. Faced with Republican obstruction, Obama used his executive powers to protect the Dreamers — migrants brought as young children to the U.S. who know no other country. Faced with bipartisan agreement on comprehensive immigration reform, Trump walked away and used his executive powers to rip babies from parents and put them in cages. Obama generally leveled with the American people.

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Obama says America must move forward, and he praises progressive Democrats for advocating Medicare for all, a \$15 minimum wage, tuition-free college and more. With Obama and then Trump, Americans have elected two diametrically opposed leaders leading into two very different directions. Over the next two years, Americans will have to choose once more.

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(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

**I** have had about enough of some white women! First, fifty-three percent of them vote for an odious genital-grabber. Then, they organize a woman's march with momentum from the #MeToo movement, founded by Tarana Burke, but co-opted by white women like the wanna-be activist Alyssa Milano.

**Dr. Julianne Malveaux**

Milano who was a mediocre actress back in the day. Then, bunches of them support Roy Moore, an Alabama pedophile who would be Senator. Then the majority of them vote against progressive candidates like Georgia's Stacy Abrams and Florida's Andrew Gillum. Meanwhile, the four women who lead the Women's March - Bob Bland, Tamika Mallory, Linda Sarsour, and Carmen Perez - are organizing for a January 19 march, and the self-proclaimed "founder" is demanding their resignation. Really?

Theresa Shook is the Hawaii grandmother who put an idea on Facebook in the wake of the 2016 election. "We should march," she said. She did little else, and activist Bob Bland picked up the baton and ran with it. She recruited other women, seasoned activists in their own right. Tamika Mallory had led a march from New York to DC to stop gun violence. Carmen Perez has worked on criminal justice reform and has worked on Harry Belafonte's Gathering for Justice, now serving as its Executive Director. Linda Sarsour, a former executive

director of the Arab American Association of New York, has worked with Black Lives Matter and on police brutality issues. The four co-chairs of the Women's March are the very picture of intersectionality and multicultural cooperation - white, Black, Latina, and Palestinian, they are the rainbow!

So where does Teresa Shook get off asking these women to step down from a movement they built? She, along with wannabe activist and has-been actress Alyssa Milano have demanded that the women's march leaders "denounce" National of Islam Minister Louis Farrakhan. Why? They object to his anti-Semitic rhetoric. They object to the fact that Tamika Mallory attended his annual Savior's Day this year. They say that anti-Semitism is hateful and dangerous, and they are right. But it wasn't the Nation of Islam that shot up the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh! White people's hatred for Minister Farrakhan is irrational and, might I say, racist. He is the only person, the only human being that Congress has censured. No David Duke, no Charlottesville murderers, none of the hatemongers that have caused the racist tension in our nation.

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With the fraught history between Black and white women, with their complicity in our rapes, and in the lynchings of Black men, white women have no right to demand anything of Black women, let alone that leaders like Tamika Mallory "denounce" Minister

Farrakhan. For the record, the Minister, a man who has the unique power to galvanize Black people, especially Black men, really doesn't care what people outside of the Nation of Islam, think of him. He understands this nation so well that he would accept any "denouncement" and keep it moving. But anyone demanding a denunciation of Farrakhan has no knowledge of American history, of African American history, of context, or of the unequal treatment that African American people experience that is a constant in our nation. And white women have consistently had little empathy for the way history has treated Black women.

Shook and Milano remind me of antebellum white women, hoop skirts and all, stomping their feet when they don't get their way. Milano says she won't speak if Tamika Mallory doesn't denounce Farrakhan. So stay home, Alyssa. We won't miss you. Other white women say they won't march. Hundreds of thousands of others will. And Teresa Shook, the so-called founder, says she is demanding resignations. What is she going to do if she doesn't get them?

Shook and Milano are the antitheses of coalition building and intersectionality. In an intersectional world, we come together to work on issues we agree on, in this case, the treatment of women. We decide to disagree on other matters. And sometimes, we agree to walk a mile in another woman's shoes. Black, white, Latina, Asian, Native, Palestinian and other women have starkly different experiences. We are joined by our gender but separated by the status of the men in our race, and by the differential

privilege that some women experience. Miss Ann knew that enslaved women were being raped. She didn't care. Now the descendants of enslaved women are willing to work with them, not FOR them, but with them. And the descendants of enslaved women have had enough foot-stomping white woman privilege. No more.

There will be no women's coalition if there is no mutual respect. Alyssa Milano and Teresa Shook and the other white women making foot-stomping demands have shown the hard-working Co-Chairs of the Women's March a corrosive disrespect. They set the notion of a women's coalition back decades. But they have also moved us forward because they have reminded us how important it is to consider history and context before we attempt to build a movement. White women, after all, are the mothers, daughters, sisters, and wives of the white men who practice oppression. Those who consider themselves "woke" need to check their sisters who are not.

Meanwhile, Tamika Mallory, Linda Sarsour, Carmen Perez, and Bob Bland need to stand their ground. They built something powerful and beautiful, even though there were fissures beneath the surface. The struggle to dismantle patriarchy, racism, and predatory capitalism continues.

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## New Hanover County

The New Hanover NAACP Winter Meeting and Officer Installation will be held Thursday December 13th at 6:00 p.m. at the Temple of Truth & Light, 2166 Kent Avenue, Wilmington. There will be a potluck supper prior to the meeting and installation. Members and friends attending are encouraged to bring either a hat, scarf, or gloves to donate to those in need. For more information, call 910-508-9414 or email nhcnaacp@gmail.com.

## Community Briefs

The New Hanover County Board of Education's Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 29, 2018, has been cancelled. The New Hanover County Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board of Education Center, located at 1805 S. 13th Street. The only item on the agenda is a Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11 (a) (1) and 115c-402.

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**Vacancy on CFCC Board of Trustees**

The New Hanover County Board of Education is accepting letters of interest and resumes for a vacancy in one of the four positions appointed by the Board of Education to serve on the Cape Fear Community College Board of Trustees. The term of office is until June 30, 2019. Regular meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 4:00 p.m., in the Board Room at Cape Fear Community College.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume to:

The New Hanover County Board of Education  
6410 Carolina Beach Road  
Wilmington, NC 28412  
Attention: Tabitha Adams  
Tabitha.Adams@nhcs.net

The deadline to submit the required documentation is noon on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Please include in your letter of interest the reason(s) why you aspire to be appointed and the skill(s) you will bring to the office. The Board will review the documentation and select candidates to interview.

**O**nce I complete my household duties for the day, it's then time for me to relax but not by watching TV. I like relaxing with songs that our grandparents would enjoy. That feeling of comfort comes as I listen to music because soon it will be time for the children to come home from school.

Singing and music started with early settlement of England. It is easy to think there was singing and musical instruments on the ships that were handmade. Music is an art of organizing tones. We may produce a sequence of sounds and have some degree of rhythm, melody, and harmony. This could be the

beginning of a person's skills to have musical ability. They could possibly become outstanding persons in the field of music.

The bell is a metal instrument usually cup shaped and it has a metallic tone. This bell is used to indicate the time by striking on the hour. It is useful in the home.

We can go back as far as the 18th century to the shofar/shophar. It is a trumpet made of a ram's horn. It is blown for warning and was used by the Germans. The sound was recognized in the community.

An ophicleide is a musical wind instrument made of brass and has a bent tube. It has keys and is used in many of today's parades. There is also a wind instrument made of brass called a French horn. There is also the trumpet. Some have devices that produce a sound similar to that of an

animal horn. The saxophone is a wind instrument also and has a single reed mouth piece and keys for the fingers. It is used for musical entertainment.

The art of dancing is a series of rhythmical motions and steps that go with the music. One can dance and listen to music at the same time for short or long periods of time. This could come from a favorite record that refreshes old memories and brings to mind past experiences with old classmates, etc. Music will always have its place in the hearts of American citizens.

Jazz originated in the Southern states and was first played by Africans. The dance and music were known to become very popular. Clapping hands is more enjoyable when it is done in a group. We enjoy the orchestra and are able

to recognize the sound of a guitar, drum or organ. It makes it an enjoyable situation for a group of old and young.

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## 46th Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour

(November 20, 2018)- For many, Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday season; however, for the 12 sites on the 46th Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour, December 1st & 2nd, preparations have long been underway.

At the Latimer House, headquarters of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society, volunteers and staff have been preparing to transform the fully furnished Victorian mansion into a turn of the 20th century Christmas. "Last year we received a donation of clothing belonging to the Latimer's granddaughters, who were Edwardian beauties, and we were able to learn more about the Latimers during the Edwardian period, 1900-1914. Since the Edward Latimer house, where these girls grew up, is on the tour this year, it

seemed fitting that we highlight this period in the house's history," Rachel Rhine, Manager of Operations explained. The Latimer House's decorators were also excited to feature a time where more ready-made ornaments and electricity would have been common. Fans of Downton Abbey will also appreciate the volunteers' turn of the century costumes, supplied by Debbie Scheu.

While the Latimer House always serves as major feature of the tour, another home on the tour is creating the most excitement. The Mitchell-Angus house, 1740, the oldest house in Wilmington, will be on this year's tour. Saved and restored in the 1970s by Mr. and Mrs. Wright, founders of the Historic Wilmington Foundation, the home has been

transformed into a modern office and has undergone another recent restoration. "It is a fantastic example of adaptive reuse, maintaining a historic building while changing its purpose. This will be the first time we have the home on the tour," states Rhine. It's neighboring Anderson Cottage, festooned in holiday garland, will also be on the tour.

The tour will feature three historically African American churches that show a rich architectural and religious history over a hundred year period: Chestnut Presbyterian, 1858, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 1871, which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year; and Shiloh Missionary Baptist, originally built in 1871 and rebuilt in 1960.

Along with festive decora-

tions, attendees can expect live music at the Latimer House, Mitchell-Angus House, and all three churches. The society is also reviving an old tradition- Caroling by Candlelight. "The tour kicks off the Wilmington holiday festivities and how better to start the tour than with caroling? Our Candlelight Choir will start at the Latimer House on November 30th at 6:00 p.m. and carol through the streets ending at City Hall. We welcome the public to join us for a festive evening" declared Rhine. When asked what her favorite part of the tour is, Candlelight Tour Chair Linda Snider explained "When children enter these rooms and their faces just light up- that's magical to see."

Proceeds from the Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour benefit the Lower Cape

Fear Historical Society, Inc. Incorporated in 1956, the mission of the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society is to disseminate knowledge of the region's rich historical significance. In addition to maintaining the Latimer House as a historic site interpreting life in the Victorian Era, the historical society maintains a local history archive and plans educational programming throughout the year. To purchase tickets, please visit lcfs.org.

Candlelight Tour will be Saturday December 1st 4:00-8:00 p.m. and Sunday December 2nd 1:00 -5:00 p.m. Caroling by Candlelight Friday November 30th, 6:00 p.m. is free to the public.

This year's sites are:  
1- The Latimer House - 126th South 3rd Street, 1852  
2- Latimer House Slave Quarters- 215th Orange St, 1838

3- Edward Latimer House - 208 South 3rd Street, 1882  
4- Mitchell/Angus House - 102 Orange Street, 1740  
5- Dr. Anderson Cottage - 104 Orange Street, 1870  
6- Front Street Inn - 215 South Front Street, 1924  
7- St. Mark's Episcopal Church - 601 Grace Street, corner of Grace and 6th st. 1871  
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9- Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church - 719 Walnut Street, 1871, rebuilt 1960  
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**Eugene Van Quick**

Eugene Van Quick was born to the late Janie Quicke Barnes and the late Samuel Jefferson Robinson, Jr. on March 17, 1947 in Wilmington, NC. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Quicke Moore and three brothers: Robert Edward Quicke, Leonard Bernard Quicke and Zeader Barnes.

Eugene attended New Hanover County Schools and was a very proud graduate of Williston Senior High School, Class of 1964. He joined the United States Air Force in 1968. His military training was conducted at Fort Gordon, Georgia as an MP: Military Policeman. He received an Honorable Discharge at the end of his service.

He relocated to Atlanta, Georgia but eventually returned to Wilmington, NC. He was member of Gang #2, International Longshoremen Association - Local 1426, until his health failed.

One word could describe Eugene: "opinionated". He defended his opinions and thought with passion. He was loyal and loving. He had style: his strut, his fashion, his inviting conversation and his charming ways. He enjoyed his music, especially loud, and old movies, especially old westerns.

An independent and caring man, Eugene grasped our Savior's hand and entered into eternal rest on Friday, November 2, 2018. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure." Treasured memories are left with daughters: Camille Q. Howard (the Rev. Joseph Howard, Sr.) and Candice Quicke of Stone Mtn., GA; four grandchildren of Georgia; brothers: Nathaniel Quicke, James E. Robinson (Carolyn), Samuel J. Robinson, III, Waymond Robinson (Angela) of Wilmington, NC and Jerald Robinson of Florida; sisters: Janie Jenkins, Sandra C. Robinson of Wilmington, NC, Gwendolyn Buchanan, Gloria Pitts of California; sister in law, Lila B. Quicke of Wilmington, NC; one uncle, Dr. James Waymond Robinson (Carol) of North Myrtle Beach, SC; a loving friend and companion, Lillie Wilson of Winston-Salem, NC; very dear and close friends, Alfred Hall, Mr. & Mrs. Alton Moore, and Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland Herring; a special cousin "sister" Ms. Marie Hillian; and in addition, many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 9, 2018, 2018 at Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Gregg Antonio Cephus**

Gregg Antonio Cephus was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on June 12, 1961 to the late Sylvia Cephus Smalls. He entered into his final resting place on November 4, 2018.

Gregg joined Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina at a very young age and served in various capacities of the church.

He attended Ephesus Junior Academy and continued his education in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School in 1979. After graduation he attended Cape Fear Community College where he studied Diesel Engine Mechanics.

Gregg served his country by

joining the U.S. Army in 1982 and was honorably discharged in 1994. Because of his interest in trucks, shortly after his military discharge, he began his career in truck driving.

Gregg was preceded in death by his mother, Sylvia Cephus Small, his adopted mother and father, Ernest and Geneva Cephus, Sr., an aunt, Doris and an uncle, William Cephus, a niece, Chantel White and a nephew Derrick Smalls.

He leaves to cherish his memories three sisters, Leatrice Smalls, Latonya Smalls and Dewanda Baugh, two brothers, Arthur Smalls, Jr. (Melody) and Ingram Cephus, five nieces, Sharday, Keandre, Leatrice, Lakenya and Brooke, five nephews, Devin, Kenny, Sean, Jaden, and Ross, two grandnieces, five grandnephews, two aunts, Earline Miles and Patricia Rowell (Andrew), also known as his Foster Mother; two uncles, Shady Whitehead and Ernest Cephus, Jr. (Barbara), one great aunt, Lillian Alston and a host of other relatives and friends to include his special truck driving buddies, "LB" and Vernon Evans.

Gregg was an all-around "Good Guy" who loved his family. He is gone not forgotten.

A funeral service was held on Friday, November 16, 2018, at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial was in Pine Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

**Royce "Butta" McNeil Beatty**

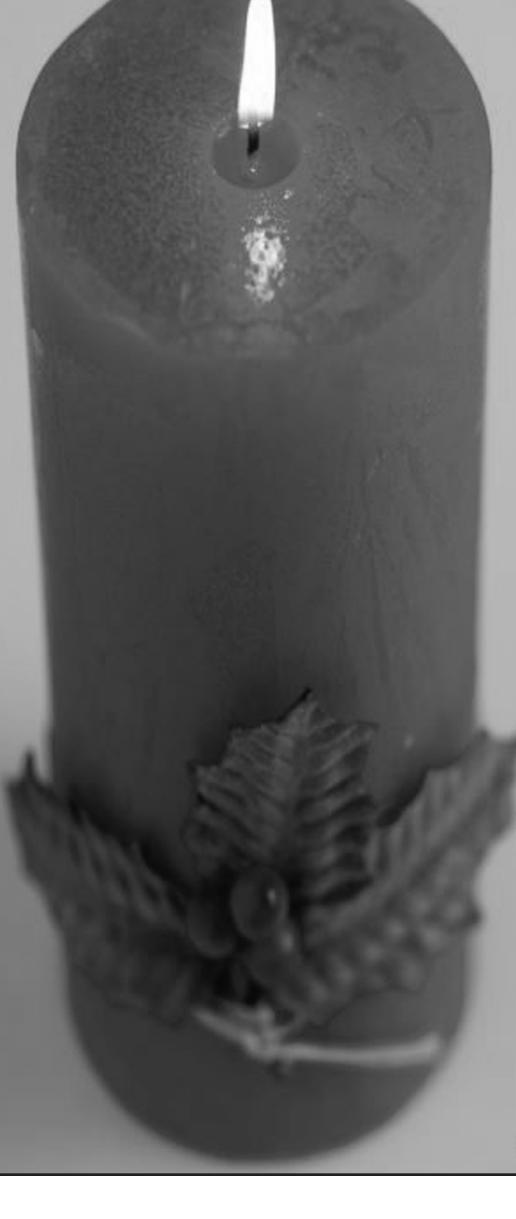
Royce McNeil Beatty affectionately known as "Johnny/Butta" was born on May 18, 1957 in Wilmington, North Carolina along with his twin sister Joyce Marie Beatty. He is preceded in death by Father Ernest McNeil Beatty, Sr. and Brother James Anthony Beatty. Royce was educated in the New Hanover County School System.

Royce loved his family and close friends with a deep passion. There was nothing too big or too small that Royce would not do for anyone. He was a loving son, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He touched all lives in unique ways. His love and concern for them was spiritual and uplifting.

We can imagine him being in Heaven now saying his favorite saying: "Well doop doop dah doo". Royce leaves his most cherished memories that will never be forgotten to his mother Ruth Morris Beatty of the city; three brothers: Ernest Beatty, Jr. (Deborah) of the city, Curtis Emerson Beatty (Senetra) of Atlanta, GA and Curtis Eugene Beatty of Charlotte, NC; three sisters, Joyce Marie Beatty of the city, Sonya Nichole Beatty of Atlanta, GA and Renee Denise Beatty of the city. Two uncles, David Morris (Yvon) of the city and Walter Ransome of the city. Two nieces Jasmine Mathia McKoy of Fayetteville, NC and Breyana Sarai Beatty of Atlanta, GA, three nephews, Jerome Beatty (Annette) of Charlotte, NC; Kevin Beatty of the city and Juwan Lamont Hairston (Peggy) of the city. One very special God-Daughter Monteria Reaves of Charlotte, NC; a very special brother in Christ, Rick Austin of the city and a host of other relatives and friends.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 515 Ann Street, Wilmington, NC. Burial was in Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Arrangements by

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**Loria Jordan Eaddy**

Loria Jordan Eaddy died November 16, 2018. Funeral services were held on Friday, November 23, 2018 at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Loria, daughter of Pearline W. Jordan and the late Robert Jordan was born on December 2, 1962, in Florence, South Carolina. Loria was educated in the Florence County Public School System, graduating from South Florence High School in Florence, South Carolina in 1982. Her love for Christ came at an early age where she attended Salem United Methodist Church. She sang on various choirs, including the S&E Choir which she loved so much. On March 23, 1993, she and her helpmate, Sam Daniels relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina where also on March 23, 2004 the union of marriage was combined. She continued her walk with Christ that brought her to fellowship and join Mt. Holly Missionary Baptist Church. She loved praising God through song. This was evident through her singing with the L H Moore Choir and Praise Team. Her real passion through Christ was for the youth of the church. She made her career along with serving others while working for Aramark on the campus of UNC-Wilmington.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: husband, Sam Daniels, Jr. of the home; son, Demetrius (Melissa) Jordan of Wilmington, NC; daughter, Laurann L. Daniels of Wilmington, NC; step-son, Torry Daniels of Florence, SC; grandchildren, Cameron N. Jordan, Demetrius A. Jordan, Jr. and Dakota A. Jordan all of Wilmington, NC; mother, Pearline W. Jordan of Florence, SC; sisters, Carol Clarkson of Columbia, SC, Sherry Jordan of Greenville, SC; sisters-in-law, Betty (Michael) Abram of Rocky Point, NC, Ruby Hunter, Rosa Barr, Jamie Daniels and Lillie Stuckley all of Florence, SC; brothers-in-law, Clifton (Sharon) Daniels of Leland, NC, Willie (Gina) Daniels, Frank (Cherry) Daniels, Christopher (Sherry) Daniels all of Georgia, Lafayette (Linda) McDonald of Sumter, SC, Eddie Daniels of Florence, SC and Leroy Stuckley of Timmonsville, SC; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends, including special friends, Alphonza (Treola) Southerland and Ernest (Jennie) Dukes. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Georgia Dixon Rhodes**

Georgia Dixon Rhodes died November 16, 2018. Funeral services were held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Wilmington National Cemetery.

Georgia, was born March 31, 1925 in Rose Hill, North Carolina to the late George and Roseanna Dixon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Rhodes; her son, Ernest Rhodes, Jr. and grandson, Quincy Rhodes. Georgia resided at Britthaven of North Chase for eight years. While a resident, she was very involved in the social activities; especially BINGO, religious services and musical programs. Georgia was known for many sayings and one of her favorite was "I'm hopping, but I'm not stopping." She believed hard work wouldn't hurt you. She said,

"silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I thee, and the solution to every problem was to just pray."

Left to cherish her memories and celebrate her life are her children: Sacaree Rhodes Jones (Benjamin) and Carolyn Welton (Ronald), all of Philadelphia, PA, and Linda Grainger of Castle Hayne, NC; grandchildren, Ronald Welton, LaTres Simpson, Lanita Jones (Dax), Kashif Rhodes and Zanetta Granger; great-grandchildren, Quincy Sakie Rhodes, Quincy Dialko Rhodes, Jr., Quinissia Rhodes, Zanaziah Jones and Izaiah Jones; sister, Carolyn Dixon (Richard) of Yonkers, NY; daughter-in-law, Dentra Simpson Rhodes; brother-in-law, Wilmer Rhodes (Mildred) of Philadelphia, PA; special nephews Anthony Boykin and William Harris; faithful friends, Carolyn Jacobs Robinson, Classie Simpson, Dorothy Maxwell and Geraldine Armstrong; and a special caregiver, Sheba Hill. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Samuel Mack**

Samuel Mack died November 16, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Stephen AME Church. Burial followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Sam, the fourth child born to the late Rev. James Mack and Clara Lewis Mack was born on December 23, 1929. Sam was a graduate of Williston Industrial School in the Class of 1949, where he was an excellent basketball and baseball player. He enlisted in the Army and served his country during the Korean War. After his military duty he returned to Wilmington and worked various jobs; from cab driver to truck driver for the Atlantic Tobacco Company to working for ILA Local 1426 on the docks until his retirement.

He was an organizer and member of the Wilmington Sportsmen Club, Williston Alumni and Men's Breakfast Group. "Red" as some called him, loved to cook and spend countless hours grooving to his extensive jazz collection. Sam was preceded in death by

his wife of 39 years, Gladys Mack; siblings, Annie Ward (Mother Dear), Clara Vereen (Honey) and George Mack. He did find love and companionship again with Ms. Addie Donaldson who passed in 2009. Sam leaves to cherish his memory: two sisters, Ernestine Highsmith of Wilson, NC, Elizabeth Upperman of Neptune, NJ; brother, James Mack of Wilson, NC; nineteen nieces and nephews; life-long friend, Ernest Nixon and trusted neighbor, Reggie Simpson as well as a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Joseph Lee Durant**

Joseph Lee Durant died November 8, 2018. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at St. Phillip AME Church.

Joseph, son of the late Gadson and Fannie Durant was born December 26, 1939. He was a 1957 graduate of Williston High School with honors and class salutatorian. He went on to attend the Talladega College in Alabama, where he graduated with honors, a BS degree in chemistry and pledged Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He received his Master's degree from Howard University in bio-chemistry. That led him to work for Smith, Kline and French Pharmaceutical Company in Philadelphia and his being accepted to work for the National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC. At NIH he began his work on cancer research.

Joseph is remembered by friends and family as a man of brilliance, quick wit and humor. He leaves to mourn his passing a host of nieces and nephews of which he had a hand in raising. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**James Sidberry**

James Sidberry died November 12, 2018. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Shaw Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Sidberry Cemetery.

James "Scottie" Sidberry, son of Geraldine Sidberry and James Lawrence was born on December 7,

1961, in Brooklyn, New York. "Scottie", as he was so fondly called, spent most of his life in New York. He always found something to get into. It could be tinkling with a toaster or teaching himself how to drive. "Scottie" was known for his youthful exploits. He loved music and he really loved to dance. "Scottie" was always the first to call for an outing or a family get-together. He loved his family and will be greatly missed.

James was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by two sons, Jermaine and Devon; nine grandchildren, Jovan, Jahvon, McKenzie, Kalaisa, Cheverre, Jamani, Imani, Shane and Kayin; two sisters, Sandra Sidberry of Brooklyn, NY and Melody Sidberry of New York City; three brothers, Gregory Sidberry of Florida, Nathaniel "Slate" Sidberry of Brooklyn, NY and Lawrence Vaughn of Baltimore, MD; one uncle, Joseph Sidberry of Wilmington, NC; one aunt, Rose Ann Campbell of Baltimore, MD; several nieces and nephews; his significant other, Flo Bimbo and a host of other relatives and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

**Geraldine Shepard**

Geraldine Shepard, age 78, of Hampstead, passed away Sunday, November 18, 2018. A memorial service will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Davis Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at [www.davisfuneralhomenc.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomenc.com).

**Nancy J. Wilcox**

Nancy J. Wilcox, age 76, of Wilmington, passed away Wednesday, November 21, 2018. A private service will be held at a later date. Services entrusted to

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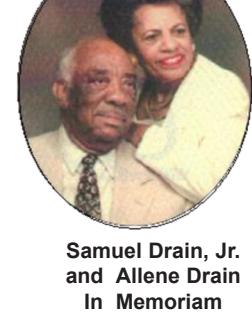
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## New Hanover County

**New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**, 701 South 12th Street will celebrate their Annual "100 Women & Men In Red" on Sunday, December 2nd at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Elder Ruthlene Freeman of New Townsend Temple Ministries. For more information contact martha Bloodworth at 910-762-69248. Also the church will present Tuesday Seniors a free arts and crafts class on December 4th from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Please contact Barbara Conyers at 910-762-7090 for registration.



## Religious Briefs

The public is invited to attend. WATCH NIGHT CELEBRATION will be held on Monday night, December 31st at 10:00 p.m. Join Faith Temple for Watch Night Service, featuring musical and dance groups, and special guest, Gospel Comedian and renowned evangelist Mother Spirit. This will be a time of rejoicing as we celebrate the "Victory at Midnight". The public is invited to attend.

**Mt. Zion AME Church**, 1111 North Fifth Ave., will hold their Annual Stewardess Board Gospel Music Extravaganza on Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m. For more information call 910-352-5581 or 910-232-1811.

## Brunswick County

**Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Church**, 4754 Blue Banks Rd., will hold their Holiday Banquet, "Holidays Under the Stars" on Saturday, December 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall. Colors are purple, white and silver.

Policies for briefs, news, & photos on page 2.

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## Mt. Olive AME Church will hold Family & Friends Day

On Sunday, December 9, 2018 Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church will hold their Family & Friend's Day. Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church is located at 7th & Wright Streets.

The Morning Worship Service will begin at 11:00 a.m. The preacher will be Reverend DeLisha Boykin Davis Pastor of Carroway United Methodist Church in Springfield, Va. Rev. Davis is the daughter of Rev. Ronald

Boykin, Williston Class of '67.

Dinner will be served after the morning service. All friends and family are invited to join us for dinner after which the afternoon service will begin at 3:00 p.m. with the choir and congregation from New Christian Chapel Baptist Church of Rose Hill and their pastor, Reverend Cameron D. Hankins preaching.



Sylvia Hooper

merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. (Psalm 103:2,5,8)

You have not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high

## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

# Over 40 years of fellowship and togetherness

BY FANNIE ALLEN  
AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

O what a beautiful morning! O what a beautiful day to celebrate our 42nd Anniversary! As usual, we were all glad to see each other; as we met with the Senior Citizens' Fellowship on Tuesday, November 2, 2018. With Mr. Lamanuel Boykin on the piano, our honorees were escorted by Mr. Harold Beatty and Mr. Odell Allen. They were Mrs. Janice Gordon, Mrs. Delma Brown, Minister Doris McQuillan, Mrs. Mary Lockhart, Mrs. Shirley Drye, Mrs. Cora Leonard, Mrs. Julia Bibbs and Mrs. Claud Martin. They were welcomed with a

standing ovation and applause. Minister Sharon Pollock presided over the program.

Prayer was given by Mr. John Green, and Mrs. Mary Greene read the Scripture. Mrs. Sadie Bunting gave the history, and the welcome was delivered by Mrs. Sandra Sloan. A poem was read by Mrs. Shirley Drye, and tributes were given by Mrs. Patricia Nixon and Mrs. Jackie McCants. Mrs. Wilhelmania Love then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Florence Warren. Mrs. Warren gave out tabs that will connect the parts of the body together. We are one body. Together we are one body. We need each other and need to work together. We are a part of

God's body. We need to pray for each other. God has given each of us a talent, and we should work together as a body. What part of the body is most important to you? No one person can do everything but together; as a body, we can get everything done. Our bodies are wonderfully made by God. God is the head.

Mrs. Warren was given an applause and a gift for giving us such a great message. We then sang "Thank You, Jesus." Presentations were given by Mrs. Margie Robinson and Mrs. Sheila Ross. Remarks were given by Mrs. Patricia Nixon. Mrs. Cherry Pearson gave recognition to the callers of our fellowship. Mrs. Gladys

Taylor and Mrs. Eloise Purdie came forth with remarks and thanked everyone. We were happy to see Mrs. Purdie, who moved out of town. She encouraged us to continue to praise God.

Our closing song was, "Bind Us Together." Prayer and blessing of the food was given by Minister Doris McQuillan. Our lunch was catered by Break 'N Bread, from Rocky Point, NC. The meal was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Joyce Hairston escorted Mr. Claud Martin, who is 95 year old.

We wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. We work with the help of the Lord. We will make it.

## TELL SOMEBODY

# "Prayer of Thanksgiving"

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 136:1

Father in the name of Jesus, we give you thanks for all you have done for us. You have forgiven all our iniquities; healed all our diseases. You have redeemed our life from destruction; and crowned us with loving kindness and tender mercies. You have satisfied our mouth with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagles. Lord, you are

above the earth, so great is your mercy toward them that fear you. (Psalm 103:10-11).

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us. Like a father pitith his children, so the Lord pitith them that fear him. For you know our frame and remember that we are dust. (Psalm 103:14-14)

Lord, you have heard my voice and my supplication, and you have inclined your ear unto me, therefore will I call upon you as long as I live. (Psalm 116:1-2) You have delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. (Psalm 116:8) I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. (Psalm 116:17)

God, we thank you that you are not a respecter of persons. (Acts 10:34) For, whosoever shall call upon the name of

the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13) God, you have commanded your love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Surely you have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: (Isaiah 53:5) But you were wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon you; and with your stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

As a nation we have our share of problems, but through it all, God had been good to us. Before we ask him for another thing, we should stop and give him thanks and praise for what he has already done! He has blessed us, kept us, and never left us! I am eternally thankful to God for sending his Son Jesus Christ! How about you?

"O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his

mercy endureth forever." Psalm 136:1 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!

## A WORD FROM THE LORD

### The Black community need to get back living by the principles of the Bible!

**P**rinciple is defined as "a basic truth, law, or assumption. A rule or standard, especially of good behavior: A fixed or predetermined policy or mode of action. A basic, or essential, quality or element determining intrinsic nature or characteristic behavior". Psalms 19:7-9, (KJV) "7The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether".

The hope and survivor of the Black community is not in the Democratic Party or the Republican, but in the God of the Bible through His Son Jesus who has redeemed us from the curse of Law, being made a curse for us.

Something has happened in the Black church that we are failing our community. We no longer use the Bible as the standard or tenet that we live by as the old folks used to live by. They did not have very much education but they tried to live in accordance to what they were taught from the Bible.

They believed that sex outside of marriage was wrong as taught from the Bible in our Sunday School lessons and Bible studies. Young ladies and young men were taught to keep

their virginity until marriage, however, it is now thought of by many as disgrace or taboo for a young lady or young man to wait until marriage to have sex. The ills of our community are simply, we have forsaken the principles of the Bible. It allows the principles of the ungodly world, that doesn't know the God of the Bible, to set the agenda for how we think. Prov. 23:7a "For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." This is why "77% of black children are born outside of marriage!" This, also, has an adverse effect on the community in many ways: gangs, drugs, stealing, violence (black on black crime) and homicide, which leads to incarceration of a great number of blacks, both men and women.

The aids virus is still impacting the black community: (CDC) "Blacks/African Americans account for a higher proportion of new HIV diagnoses, those living with HIV, and those who have ever received an AIDS diagnosis, compared to other races/ethnicities. In 2016, African Americans accounted for 44% of HIV diagnoses, though they comprise 12% of the U.S. population".

By James Myhre and Dennis Sifris, MD | Reviewed by a board-certified physician

Updated July 04, 2018: "The racial disparity of HIV in the United States has reached almost startling proportions. This is none more apparent than among African Americans who, despite representing only 12 percent of the U.S. population, account for 48 percent of all new infections.

The reasons for this are complex and often misunderstood.

While some may suggest that culture and sexual behav-

ior are solely to blame for this, the fault lies more with the social and economic inequities that can fuel any infectious disease outbreak. Poverty, social injustice, and the lack of an effective government response together enable the spread of disease in communities that simply haven't the resources to combat it. Today, HIV remains the sixth leading cause of death in African American men and the fourth leading cause of death in African American women between the ages of 35 and 44". In truth, there is no excuse, sin is the problem, and we as a people must be honest in this fact and not blame circumstances.

Gal.5:19-23, (KJV) "19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envying, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Romans 1: "21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. Vs24-27, 24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile

affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

What is the solution to this crisis within the Black community? There is good news! God has authorized us to call Him and He promises to answer:

Jer. 33:2-3, (KJV) "2Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not".

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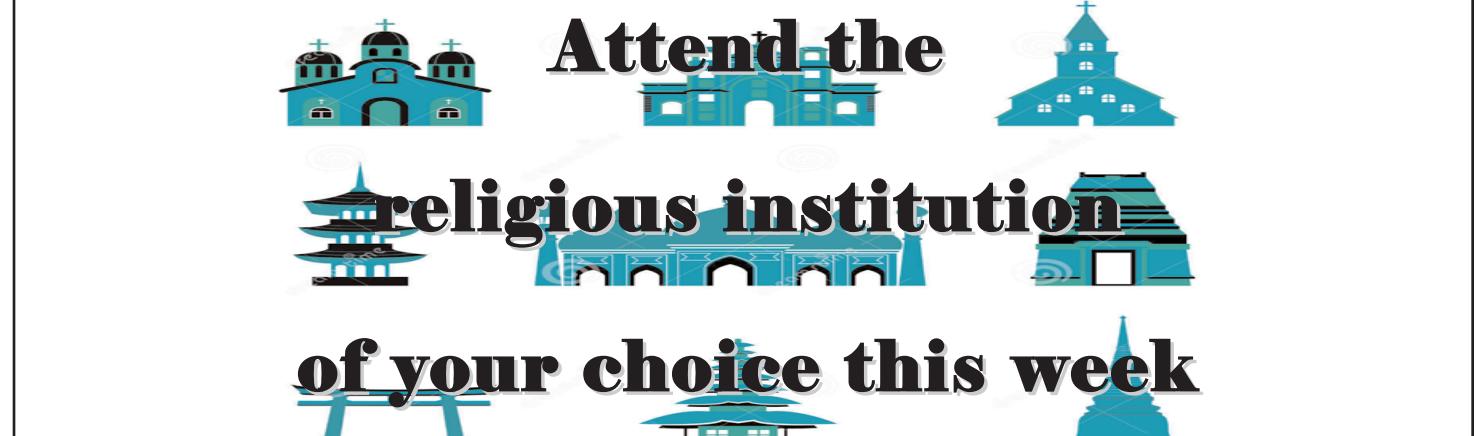
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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **John R. Byrd**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **1st day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of November, 2018

Herbert E. Chisolm, Executor  
7317 Thurgood Rd.  
Wilmington, NC 28411

November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, Ann Marie Smith, having qualified on the 30th day of October, 2018, as Administrator of the Estate of **Thomas D. Candina (18-E-1246)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **13th day of February, 2019** or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 8th day of November, 2018.

Ann Marie Smith  
Administrator  
ESTATE OF THOMAS D. CANDINA

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9111 Market St, Ste A  
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November 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Thomas Omega Millard, Sr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

Thomas Omega Millard, Jr., Executor  
908 Twisted Oak Place  
Wilmington, NC 28405

November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Eula Lee London**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

Barbara A. Campbell, Executrix  
238 Windchime Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412

November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Ancillary Executor of the estate of **Donald Hays Williams**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **15th day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of November, 2018

John David Williams, Ancillary  
Executor  
1434 Foxtail Pine Road  
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November 15, 22, 29, December 6, 2018

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 18 CVD 3607

**FRANCES R. SCARLETT,**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**TODD STEVEN MCFADDEN,**  
Defendant.  
**TO: TODD STEVEN MCFAD-  
DEN**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is: Absolute Divorce.

You are required to make defense to this pleading not later than (40) days after November 22, 2018, the first date of publication, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 22nd day of November, 2018.

David M. Godwin  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
8 South 6th Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
(910) 762-0410  
NC State Bar No.: 15867

November 22, 29, December 6, 2018

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 17

## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, **William McCoy**, having qualified on the 9th day of November, 2018, as Executor of the Estate of **Martha Cox McCoy (18-E-1305)**, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present them to the undersigned at DAVID E. ANDERSON, PLLC, 9111 Market Street, Suite A, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28411, on or before the **6th day of March, 2019** or the claims will be forever barred thereafter, and this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned at the above address.

This 29th day of November, 2018.

William McCoy, Executor  
ESTATE OF MARTHA COX MCCOY  
David Anderson  
Attorney at Law  
9111 Market St, Ste A  
Wilmington, NC 28411

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 17

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
T.U.B. (DOB: 11/08/2016)**

**TO: RESPONDENTS:  
BETTIE JO PEPPER, BIOLOGI-  
CAL MOTHER; KE'SHAWN  
BARRETT; PUTATIVE FATHER;  
ALQUON MOSLEY, PUTATIVE  
FATHER; AND ANY UNKNOWN  
FATHER OF THE ABOVE CAP-  
TIONED FEMALE CHILD BORN  
IN WILMINGTON, NEW  
HANOVER COUNTY, NORTH  
CAROLINA TO BETTIE JO PEP-  
PER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

Attorney **Alexis Perkins** has been appointed to represent Bettie Jo Pepper, and she can be reached at 320 Chestnut Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 343-5400.

Attorney **Shawn Evans** has been appointed to represent Ke'Shawn Barrett, and he can be reached at 611 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 251-6088.

Attorney **Yuliya Loshinsky** has been appointed to represent Alquon Mosley, and she can be reached at 313 Walnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401 or (910) 939-1125.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING TO ADJUDICATE THE JUVENILE PETITION IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, **JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.**, OR upon a date and time set thereafter, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 26th day of October, 2018.

Jennifer G. Cooke  
Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Thelma Gates**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018.

Treba Donaldson, Executrix  
3506 1/2 Victoria Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90016

November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Phyllis Ann Chisolm**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of February, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of November, 2018.

Treba Donaldson, Executrix  
3506 1/2 Victoria Ave.  
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November 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Brenda Faye Farmer**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018.

Marvin Shane Farmer, Administrator  
305 Groveside Ln.  
Hampstead, NC 28443

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE DISTRICT COURT JUVENILE SESSION FILE NO. 17 JT 228-9; 31-32

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2017)  
J.M.T. (DOB: 08/01/2016)  
J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)  
J.M.T. (DOB: 09/18/2009)**

**TO: RESPONDENT: JESSY-  
CA THOMPSON,  
BIOLOGICAL MOTHER**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-captioned minor child.

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days following November 29, 2018, which date is the date of first publication of this Notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. You have the right to attend this hearing and you have the right to be represented by counsel and can apply for court appointed counsel.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR January 9, 2019, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the Office of Juvenile Justice, 138 N 4th Street, P.O. Box 2560, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 29th day of November, 2018.

Jill Cairo  
Staff Attorney - New Hanover Co.  
Dept. of Social Services  
1650 Greenfield Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
PO Drawer 1559  
Wilmington, NC 28402-1559  
(910) 798-3511  
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November 29, December 6, 13, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John J. Bednarczyk**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of November, 2018.

Betty B. Bednarczyk AKA Betsy B. Bednarczyk,  
Executrix  
648 Village Park Drive Unit 104  
Wilmington, NC 28405

November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 2018

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John J. Bednarczyk**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of March, 2019**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to

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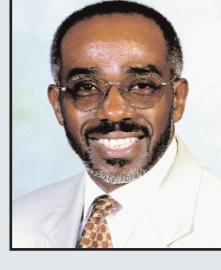
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