

EBONEE SPEARS
Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of
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BERNEST HEWETT
AN
EXPLANATION
by bernest hewett CONTRIBUTING WRITER
Father's Day has yet passed a day ago, and it was a great day
for some families. I found for some families. I found
myself laughed at remarks made by a 12 year old child. I was told by the child, "My mother said that I was bigger than most dads. Does a dardy mean that other men? was kind of proud, but I explained that size didn't make a dad. A job, money, house, car none of these things make a dad. I explained to this child
that most of the men in

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News from the African American perspective without fear or favor

# NEWS ANALYSIS Poor People's Campaign mobilized in DC this week 

BY JESSE JACKSON



REV. DR. LIZ THEOHARIS, REV. JESSE JACKSON SR. AND REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER II
(TriceEdneyWire.com) - This week in
Washington, the powers that be are hearing from a vital new democratic force in this coun-
try. will bring poor and low-wage Americans to the will bring poor and low-wage Americans to the
nation's capital to call for a moral renewal in this nation. They will question many of those who are seeking the Democratic nomination for president. Congressional hearings will showcase their Poor People's Moral Budget. Their actions should be above the fold of every newspaper in America; they should lead
the news shows and fill the talk shows. A movement for common sense and social justice is building, putting every politician on notice: lead or get out of the way, a new moral majority is building and demanding change.
As the co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign, the Rev. Dr. William Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, write in their forward,
this movement is not partisan. It calls not for liberal or conservative reforms, but for a moral
renewal. It is not a deep-pocket lobby. It is mobilizing the 144 million Americans who are poor or one crisis away from poverty into a "new and unsettling force" to "revive the heart of democracy in America.
This movement launched on Mother's Day in across many states with 5000 nonvions across many states with 5,000 nonviolent
demonstrators committing civil disobedience and millions following the protests online. Forty states now have coordinating committees build a coalition of poor people and people of faith and conscience across lines of race, religion,
region and other lines of division. egion and other lines of division. nation in the world would in a "willful act of pol icy violence" condemn 140 million - more than 40 percent of the population - to live in poverty or near poverty. This includes 39 million chil dren, 60 percent - 26 million - of African
Americans, 64 percent - 38 million - of Latinos Americans, 64 percent - 38 milion - of Latinos, Americans.

These realities - and the extreme inequality hat scars this society - pre-date the Trump administration, but now Trump is fanning increasing policy violence against the poor. In deepponse, the Poor People's Campaing and power building among the poor, turning them from victims to subject actors in history.
This week, the campaign releases their Poor People's Moral Budget. It details authoritatively that the cost of our current inequality, the cost of mass poverty is far greater than what it would cost to invest in people, put them to work
at a living wage and guarantee basic economic and political rights. It costs society big time to not provide health care or quality education or clean water and air, to suppress voting rights and to keep wages low.
The moral budget is detailed and authoritatively sourced. The numbers are clear, as is the

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## Looking for short term work? 2020 Census may want you

BY MARK HEDIN
SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM ETHNIC MEDIA SERVICES

!he Census Bureau has said it expects to hire about a half-million people nationwide to help in its all-important counting of everybody living in the United States, something the government has done every 10
years since 1790 . years since 1790 . from the last census, in 2010, when the bureau was more dependent on shoe leather than silicon to get the work done. Instead of the 635,000 people hired in
people who hadn't gotten theirs to the mailbox, in 2020, for the first time, the government is counting on people filling out their forms online. The half-million Census Bureau jobs are open to any U.S. citizen who can pass a background check, is California, census officials project they will fill or already have filled about 12,800 positions. "It's a relatively fluid number, just a projection," said Celeste Jimenez, assistant regional census manager based in Los Angeles. That's because for "enu-
merators," the biggest category of census workers, the number of people hired will depend on how many

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## U.S. High Court Virginia ruling could bode well for N.C.

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A U.S. Supreme Court ruling issued Monday on racial gerrymandering in
Virginia by the state's Republican-led legislature, bodes well for North Carolina, says a state legal expert. The High Court dismissed the Virginia House of Delegates' appeal of
a lower federal court's ruling that the a lower federal court's ruling that the
electoral map drawn in 2011 was unconstitutional because it racially stacked Black voters in districts in order to maintain political electoral advantage.
Groups like the North Carolina NAACP have charged racial "stacking and packing" in voting maps drawn by
the Republican-led North Carolina General Assembly as well, and have had the federal courts also rule them unconstitutional due to racial gerry-
mandering mandering.
makers was dismissed in state lawmakers was dismissed in a $5-4$ decision they did not have standing in the case to do so. Only the state attorney general had standing, and he had declined.
Thus, Virginia Democrats are look

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Jobless rate increases year over year for Black men 20 and older

Source: NorthStarNewsToday.com


## BRUNSWICK

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community were very good dads because of the training of ove and kindness given them growing up by their parents to and a focus on life. It will take all of this and, most of all, understanding. This child asked a question, and I gave him an answer to what is a very serious problem this day and time in a lot of children's lives.
answer their questions. They will with hate and no one to activity, drugs, violence, and emotional instability. I pray that there are many good fathers out there who can help our youth, especialy the young boys, become better and more pro ductive citizens.
Fathers, stand up! Don't let your joy end up in jail! Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP.



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BY CASH MICHAELS THREE ACCUSED OF VOTER FRAUD
EASTERN NC [GOLDSBORO
horities have charged two people from Goldsboro, and using false addresses to cast using false addrets in the May 2018 primaries, according to the SBI. At least one of the people actually voted twice in he same election. All three were charged with corruptly
taking the oath prescribed to taking the oath prescribed to from New Bern was charged

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cludes, "We have been investing in killing people, we most now invest in life. We have been investing in
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suppression; we must now invest in expanding democ-
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in punishing the poor; we must now invest in the welmust now invest in the wel-
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High Court ruling in the North Carolina.
"Virginia House Delegates v. Bethune Hills is a very important decision for the voting rights community, Attorney Joyner said by effect of affirming a Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals decision which struck down nother Republican orche

## CENSUS

people didn't complete their census questionnaires he Census Bureau to hire people who know their communities and languages and come back with completed questionnaires from the nonresponders.

This year, the Census Bureau is focused on setting
up and staffing offices across up and staffing offices across and updating the list of addresses used to send people reminders and instructions on filling out the 2020 Census questionnaire online when it is released in mid-March. will be 30 census offices up and down the state, the administrative jobs? mostly
already filled or due to fill

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## with double-voting. <br> WENDELL POOL OWNER BANS EXTENSIONS [WENDELL] The owner of an outdoor pool posted new rules for admittance - rules that some say are racially discriminatory. The owner, not a racist, and will sue

anyone who calls him that. Among the new rules
Freeman posted for use of his pool are "no deadlocks or hair extensions." Freeman says because hair comes of f in the pool, it
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The Poor People's
Campaign picks up the
unfinished work of Dr.
Martin Luther King. It real-
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them whenever, and wherev er, they occur." Joyner conthere are elected officials in positions of power who have refused to support these gerrymandering attempts. We
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Carolina and Virginia Attorney Generals who chose not to oppose the underlying decisions from
tions on the legally required process of filling out the census questionnaires, the
biggest wave of hiring will begin: for "field staff" or "enumerators" to do the "nonresponse follow-up" work
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didn't file completed questionnaires.
These positions also will be filled through the Census
Bureau website: Bureau website:
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bs.html.
The Census Bureau hopes that having people file their questionnaires online will yield billions of dollars in
savings on the shoe leather savings on the shoe leather
it's always needed to get those questionnaires completed. It expects at least half of the country's more than 300 million people to take the online
option. option.
Nonetheless, $\quad$ Lazcano Nonetheless,
expects that
each of on expects that each of will need about 300 enumerators.

Facebook, saying that he should have worded his ban
on artificial hair differently. But that post has since been But that post has since been
removed, and Freeman says he will now take folks to court who call him racist.
REPORT: MORE THAN 60\% OF STATE'S FOURTH GRADERS NOT [RALEIGH] More thent
of North Carolina fourth graders are not reading pro-
ficient, according to a new report from the Annie E Casey Foundation. Experts say a lack of investment in preschool and early-childhood education is the likely cause. And racial disparities continue to persist, with children of color performing
well behind their white counterparts.
cannot be achieved without challenging the costly endless wars and constant arms buildup that only make us that change will come not from the top down, not from our corrupted big money politics, but from the poor, the worker, people of con-
science coming together to the Fourth Circuit Court of
Appeals. We are also encouraged to see that conservative justices on the U.S. Supreme Court were not overtly partisan in this case and hope that
those justices will continue those justices will continue
that trend."
"As the 2020 election campaign heats up," Joyner continued, "... we can expect
additional attempts in North additional attempts in North

In the past, with questionnaires submitted through son of gathering census data had grown to $\$ 92$ in 2010, from just $\$ 16$ in 1970, as measured in constant dollars. The ability to bridge lanable, and in fact is a requireable, and in fact is a require-
ment for some of the managerial positions the Census Bureau still has open in California, such as this one
for a Spanish speaker in for a Spanish speaker in
Bakersfield (https://census. Bakersfield/https://census. opportunities/positions/regi on-field/cfm/LARO-CFMCA22.html) or this one for a Chinese-language speaker in the Contra Costa County city (https://census.gov/about/ce nsus-careers/opportuni-ties/positions/region-field/cfm/LARO-CFM-
CA47.html). (The application CA47.html). (The application
period for those two positions period for those
closes June 14.)
The Census Bureau is touting its jobs as ideal for people just starting their working
revive our democracy and to change our course.
In these troubled times, In these troubled times, force is powerful. Across the country, working and poor people are beginning to move. If this movement can continue to grow, it will
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participation by African Americans and other racial minorities. In response to these efforts, we anticipate the need for continuing liti-
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the Supreme Court's decision regarding partisan gerrymandering in North Carolina and Maryland."
life who need to establish a record of reliability, for peo-
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way. As for the background checks, Lazcano said that hiring will be on a case by case basis, so having a felony conviction, for instance, isn't necessarily a disqualifier. sus staff will be needed wherever $5 \%$ or more of a community is believed to primarily use another language.
Payday comes Payday comes every week
and people using their cars and people using their cars
will be reimbursed. Although the jobs are in most cases temporary, the work occasionally can lead to a career. (https://census.ca.gov/job-
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tors or listers. That's the federal Census Bureau's responsibility.

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GUEST EDI TORIAL A tale of two graduations

Ilove graduations! I thoroughly enjoy the sense of achievement and possibility that permeates the air.
Graduations signify an ending, but the term "commencement" is used to signify beginnings since they are not only an opportunity to mark completion, but also to mark the
beginning of a new chapter of life. In some ways, commencements, regardless of the college or university, with the pomp and circumstance, the ritual robes, the rousing speeches, the
this graduation season shared those charachave been more different
I attended the commencement at the University of the District of Columbia because my dear friend and fearless leader,
Rev. Jesse Jackson received an honorary
received an honorary degree and delivered received an honorary degree and delivered
the commencement address. Nearly a month

Malveaux later, I attended the commencement ceremony son, Matthew Elijah Brown, earned his undergraduate degree
Dartmouth is located in bucolic Hanover, New Hampshire, miles away from anything that resembles an urban space whelmingly white, with nonwhite students (which includes African American, Latin, Asian American, Native American,
and others) representing less than 15 percent of the populaand others) representing less than 15 percent of the populaUDC an urban, land-grant HBCU, has several campuses, including a flagship campus in upper Northwest, DC and a community college not too far from Union Station. Its student body is predominately minority. Tuition at the flagship cam-
pus is a bit over $\$ 5000$. Most UDC students are part-time stupus is a bit over $\$ 5000$. Most UDC students are part-time stu-
dents; most Dartmouth students attend full-time. The UDC dents; most Dartmouth students attend full-time. The UDC
student body is predominately female, while Dartmouth didn't admit its first women to the college until 1973.
While Congresswoman Waters was the commencement speaker at UDC, the cellist Yo-Yo Ma was the commencement
speaker at Dartmouth. I'm not sure what my expectations speaker at Dartmouth. I'm not sure what my expectations
were of the cellist, but he exceeded them! He delivered provocative and challenging remarks in a still, soothing voice, be abused. He challenged students to be human beings before they are professionals or careerists. Most interestingly, he urged stillness. He said, "Learn to listen to the voice in the wilderness. Learn to be the voice in the wilderness." What a six figures upon graduation, many headed to Wall Street, Silicon Valley, and the venture capital world! If I didn't know any better, the gentle Yo-Yo Ma could have been delivering a People Built and the many other conformists who do not embrace the value of humanity. "Practice your humanity an extremely graceless age. And then he played the cello While Yo-Yo Ma didn't mention the name of the cretin in the House that Enslaved People Built, Maxine Waters, calling or activism certainly did. Like Yo-Yo Ma, she encouraged students to find their voices. The fiery Congresswoman urged strident than Yo Yo Ma's, but she was equally inspirational. And while Yo Yo Ma didn't tackle public policy much, Waters did, focusing on the oppressive legislation that has been characteristic of this administration.
The similarity in the two commencement addresses lay in the call for self-awareness, disruption, humanity, and focus.
While many students don't remember their commencement speaker, it is unlikely that students at either UDC or Dartmouth will forget the speakers they experienced. And while the students may are demographically different, one can hope that the call to "practice humanity" is one that will
be heeded. It is, perhaps a sign of the times, that graduates be heeded. It is, perhaps a sign of the times, that graduates
have to be urged to practice humanity, but so much of our world is inhumane, placing profits over people, that the admonition is appropriate
There are more than 4000 four-year colleges and universities in our nation. The students graduating from Dartmouth and UDC represent a small fraction of the total. The UDC students, many nontraditional, are more likely to shoulder students will face challenges, and both have the responsibility, as Maxine Waters urged, to find a cause and tackle it. And, in the words of Yo-Yo Ma, to "practice humanity."
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## TO BE EQUAL

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## A moral agenda

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Afew days ago, I had the opportunity to
participate in the Poor People's Campaign: A
National Call for Moral Revival. Along with Jerry Paris (GM of WPFW-FM 89.3)
and Rev. Graylan Hagler, I was and Rev. Graylan Hagler, I was
invited to co-anchor the proradio. The campaign is based on fundamental rights that all human beings should enjoy. Rev. Dr. William Barber is the leader with the moral authoriy to conduct this action. At
the meeting and March to the White House, Rev. Barber spoke to a large, enthusiastic and diverse crowd at the New York Avenue Presbyterian
Church in Washington DC Church in Washington, DC.
Prior the meeting in Washington, the campaign had reached out to more than 30 states, meeting with thousands of people, witnessing the strength of their moral
courage. The group collected courage. The group collected poor people and chronicled their demands for a better society. They've witnessed the struggles of the poor and dispossessed.
It has been documented how the group came to the current point. Documentation
reveals the evils of systemic
racism, poverty, ecological
devastation, and the war economy and militarism that are persistent, pervasive and per-
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Dr. E. Faye

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## step toward conditions.

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gerrymandering and redistricting, early registration at age 17 , automatic voting registration at the age of 18 , early voting in every state, sameday registration, enactment of Election Day as a holiday with
a verifiable paper record, as well the right to vote for currently and formerly incarcerrently
ated.
2. Statehood, voting
rights and representation for the more than 690,000 people in Washington D.C.
3. Implementation of federal and state living wage federal and state living wage for the 21st century economy, guaranteed annual incomes, full employment, right for all workers to form and join
unions, end to anti-union and unions, end to anti-union and states, equal pay wage and relief from wealth inequality. 4. End inequalities for black, brown and poor white people within the criminal
justice system. 5. An im tem that, instead of criminalizing people for trying to raise their families, prioritizes family reunification, keeps fami-
lies together and allows us all lies together and allows us all in the country we call home. 6. Particular attention be paid to data concerning First Nations, Native
Americans, Alaskan Natives, LGBTQIA and disabled people regarding poverty. Change in the current poverty standards to get
an accurate assessment of an accurate assessment of
who is poor - based on access to decent and adequate housing, education, health care, water, sanitation and public utilities, childcare, as well as
income, savings and debt, and social welfare - and that's made widely available to all.
50 years after Dr. Martin 50 years after Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. and the 1968 Poor People's Campaign Poor Peoples Campaign
declared "Silence is betrayal" the group's message is "We are coming together to break the silence about the inter-
locking evils of systemic locking evils of systemic
racism, poverty, ecological devastation, the war economy and our distorted moral nar-
rative....if silence was betrayal in 1968, revival is necessary today. We've come to remind our nation what truths we
hold to be self-evident and what values we hold dear. We
draw on the histories of resistance... and the power of the blood that has been shed through generations of strug-
gle. We loudly proclaim that gle. We loudly proclaim that
we will move forward together, not one step back!" These declarations are something about which all of us should care about want to be
involved. https://WWw.poorpeofor more information.)
Dr. E. Faye Williams
National President National President of the
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"Women and she is host of
"Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-89.3 FM radio. www.nationalcongressbw.org.

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!

## Too much plastic

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A recent global conference
on plastics was stymied by the Trump administration which wished to take little to no responsibility for the prolifer-
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the current glut on Asian the current glut on Asian genuous about this is the historical role of the USA in promoting the use of plastics and al. Instead, the Trump administration acted as if there was no dirt on its shoes, or perhaps, no plastic sticking to its
shoes (?), and that the blime shoes (?), and that the blame It is critical to highlight
this issue to remind ourselves that the environmental challenges facing the planet are not solely about climate change, as critical as that hap-
pens to be. There is environpens to be. There is environ-
mental catastrophe unfolding, much of which is playing out
in our ocean
In this context, the notion
of "America First," in addition tohavining been a slogana of pre-World War 2 US fascists, is
the slogan of idiots. The USA the slogan of idiots. The USA
does not exist on planet Earth does not exist on planet Earth in plastics is one that no one nation-state can resolve alone. There must be a collective pact, and this necessitates a
shift in the attitude of an hift in the attitude of an
arrogant US administration. This, of course, will only happen through a combination of mass pressure and the electoral removal of those who
think that one can 'make think that one can 'make America great again, while
watching planet Earth die. Bill Fletcher, Jr. is the former president of TransAfrica Forum. Follow him on Twitter,

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| fletcherjr.com. Look for his | murder mystery The Man Who Fell From the Sky.

## RAINBOW COALITION <br> Donald Trump confuses bluster with strength on trade

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increasingly transPng into America alone. He apparently believes that the
United States is so dominant hat it nee
 Trump pre-
fre to act
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conflicts a-
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globe. He
views allies as burden, Rev. Jesse Jackson, international
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claims that
America back, more respected than ever. In fact, it is becoming more isolated than ever.
The New York Times reports that Trump was Australia recently, to counter a surge of aluminum imports to the United States, to all of 6 percent of total U.S. imports. military and State Department led the White House to reconsider. Trump has launched a long overdue challenge to our trading rela
tionship with China.
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China have been the largest ecorded history. The Chinese have been masterful mercantilists, manipulating their currency and conditions to and build their industries The U.S. - with our trade policies defined by global corporations and banks - has been willing to allow U.S. companies to ship jobs suppressed labor and lax environmental and consumer standards, and then ship goods back to the U.S. Profit margins and CEO pay soared; the U.S took it on the chin.
The relationship had to change.
Yet instead of enlisting allies in challenging the slapped tariffs on Canada and Mexico, on Europe, Japan and South Korea. He's on the verge of alienating Australia, which has been a staunch ally in relation to China. Instead ing the United States. Now the Europeans are ignoring
U.S. warnings about the Chinese high-tech company Huawei's 5 G system. Trump trumpeted his NAFTA 2.0
agreement with Mexico and Yet, he suddenly threatened to slap escalating tariffs
on Mexican imports unless that country cracks down on the people traveling from Central America to seek asy-
lum in the U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), the chair Grassley (he-lowat, the chair
of Senate Finance Committee, warns this could torpedo any possibility of passing the treaty Trump isn't just isolating self. Trump moved to take the U.S. out of the Paris Climate Accord that includes virtually every country in the world.
He's repudiated the Iran Nuclear Deal, spurning the pleas of our allies to respect a treaty that ensures Iran cannot revive a nuclear weapons program. His bellicose blusagainst Iran have earned the rebuke of European allies warning against the threat of hostilities.
Instead
Instead of removing us from the endless "stupid
wars" that he campaigned ars" that he campaigned Saudi Arabia, sustaining troops in Afghanistan, Syria, escalating tensions with Iran, nd vetoing the bipartisan
seeking an end to our shame-
ful complicity in the Saudi ful complicity in the Saudi
assault on Yemen. His solo act on North Korea blew up in his face in the failed summit leaving South Korea to pick up the pieces, if that's possible.
He's ratcheted up the ecoHe's ratcheted up the eco-
nomic sanctions against Venezuela, adding to the miseries of the people there, while the regime-change
efforts orchestrated by his efforts orchestrated by his
aides violate both decency aides violate both decency United States is a powerful nation. Our economy represents about onefourth of the global GDP. Our military is
the strongest in the world the strongest in the world.
Our network of alliances is Our network
unrivaled.
guage, currency spread across the world. But we aread not an indispensable nation
or all powerful. Acting sensibly with allies, we can have bly with allies, we can have
immense influence. Acting erratically alone, we make ourselves weaker, not stronger. Bluster is not
strength. Isolation is not froestrength. Isolation is not free-
dom. Lawless impulse is not dom. Lawless impulse is not
strategy. Trump's posturing is making us weaker, not stronger.
Rev. Jesse Jackson is the Coalition.

## Black women are incarcerated for the crime of poverty

I
t seems like every day bail. And this, simply put, is
we learn about anoth er facet of the cruelty the American criminal jus tice system. Ava DuVernay's
blockbuster documentary on Netflix, When They See Us,
has heightened the furor over the fact that, in America, law
 Oscar H.
Blayton watch - it is only one of many $\begin{array}{r}\text { ic - and for } \\ \text { som }\end{array}$ chapters in the saga of how
this country lashes people of olor with judicial opres sion.
Just as we should not avert fered by the Central Park Five, we should not avert our eyes from the plight of poor
women of color who remain behind bars simply because hey are poor.
Prison Policy Initiative has reported that almost two out of every three women in jail have not been convicted of a
crime. They are incarcerated awaiting resolution of their The main reason for this startling fact is that many women are unable to raise the
bail. And this, simply put, is
punishment for the "crime of
poverty." poverty."
The The Prison Polit 2015, the median income for Black women incarcerated
prior to trial was prior to trial was $\$ 9,083$, while the typical amount of
bail in those instances was and in those instances was
$\$ 10,00$. It is obscene that too often bail is set at an amount greater than the annual
income of a person facing a income of a p
minor charge.
minor charge.
It is not uncommon for peo It is not uncommon for peooutrageous when those people are incarcerated for not paying fines and fees for vio-
lations that are not jailable lations that
offenses.
The thre ion and, ultimately incarcer ation has been used by some cities and towns strapped for money to squeeze dollars out of the most vulnerable mem In 2015, CNN reported how the U.S. Justice Department revealed a pattern and practice of racial discrimination
within Ferguson, Missouri, within
that
Ferguson, Missouri,
targeted American residents for tickets and fines. And when these tickets and fines went
unpaid, those residents often went to joil.
Not only is this practice a wrave injustice, but it inflicts New York Review of Books reports that eight out of 10
women in jail are mothers women in jail are mothers,
and most of them are single
parents. There should be no
need to explain how parental incarceration impacts negathe Prison Policy Initiative have linked parental incarceration to that child's risk of violence and victimization, as well as chronic health roblems.
woman to lose her job, lose her housing and even lose her child. Incarceration of the poor is a public policy
that creates and maintains a that creates and maintains a
cycle of poverty. It is well cycle of poverty. It is well
known that incarceration
usually results in the loss of usually results in the loss of job. It is less well known that incarceration often results in the loss of stable
housing. In his 2016 book housing. In his 2016 book, in the American City, sociologist and Princeton University
professor Matthew Desmond professor Matthew Desmond set out that, "Eviction is a poverty." And Princeton University's "Eviction Lab" published an online report in
2018 titled Why Eviction 2018 titled Why Eviction
Matters stating that evictions "disproportionately affect disproportionately affect ular women of color." Drilling down into this injustice, we find that,
according to the Prison according to the Prison
Policy Initiative, "[I]ncarcerated women are more likely poor, single parents, primary caregivers, and to be victims of violence, abuse, and trau-
Because of policies being
made by those who do not
care about the plight of these care about the plight of these now represent a higher proportion of the U.S. prison and jail populations than in the past. A May 2019 analysis of the Bureau of Justice
Statistics data by essayists in Statistics data by essayists in
the New York Review of Books reveals that in "1983 percent of people admitted to jail. By 2000, that share had grown to 15 percent; and in
2016, women comprised 23 percent of all admissions." 23 Women of color work the hardest for the least amount of money, and because they have the least money, they are
the most likely to be jailed for the most likely
their poverty.
When America looks in the mirror, we see we are a
nation that not only jails the poor for being poor, but we jail the poorest of the poor.
Is this who we want to be? Is this who we want our country to be? This nation was
founded upon so many injustices, too many of which persist to this day. One of those is punishin
Gone are the days of
debtors' prisons, but imprisoning the poor is still with us. It is time to take a stand and demand that our lawmakers
turn this practice into nothing more than a bad memory Oscar H. Blayton is a former Marine Corps combat pilot and human rights
activist who practices law in activist w
Virginia.

## Tell them you read it in

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES Is Christianity working?

Iif it was "Christian" for churches to discriminate gainst members of the LGBTCIA community; they were, of course, arguing in light of the decision of the United
Methodist Church leaders to vote against LGBTQIA inclusion. (https://www.hrc.org/blog/united-methodist-church-leaders-vote-against-lgbtq-inclusion-at-conference)
The argument was as intense as it was interesting. The Rev. C.T. Vivian, an icon of the Civil Rights movement, said in an Christian and be racist." I agreed, but it is clear that there are different "sects" of Christianity and there have been for some differen
time.
Ther

"religion of creation," based on the called the Jesus. And there is another Christianity -called "Biblical Christianity," or "Anglowith the "Christianity of Christ." Scholar Howard Wes-Brook in his work calls this alternative to the religion of creativity, "religion of empire," and says that by the time it had had "inverted" the religion of Jesus.
The late Peter Gomes said that the difference between Biblical Christianity and the Christianity of Christ is that the latter is based on the Gospel, while the former takes as
its references the Bible - including texts Paul which seem to encourage sexism and racism, as well as Paul which seem to encourage sexism and racism, as well as
scriptures from the Hebrew Scriptures including the Ham Doctrine found in Genesis 9, as the justification that God sanctioned slavery and purposely made some people inferior, to be subjugated by the nore white people.
The Gospel,
The Gospel, says Gomes, or "the good news" is not good the status quo, and he says we must "dare to venture beyond the Bible to the uncharted territory of the Gospel.
Many of us so-called Christians do not do that.
The Jesus in the Gospels is a threat to the status quo. He and he, as a member of an oppressed group, taught that God was not one to discriminate or to oppress. That message, say some religious leaders, is not comfortable, palatable or acceptable to many church-goers.
When pastors preach, or attempt to preach, the words of Jesus, words that would indicate that believers in him should
"love the Lord their God with all their hearts, all their minds and all their souls, and their neighbors as themselves .." many find stiff opposition. Racism, sexism, homophobia are said, and have been taught to be, sanctioned by the Bible, and church- goers don't want any preacher to bother sentiments which they have been taught are sacred.
But their beliefs are at odds with what Jesus taught. Obery Henricks, who wrote The Politics of Jesus, is among scholars
who say that Christianity became religion of the state beginning with the conversion of Constantine to Christianity. The political Jesus was watered down and eventually completely done over to be acceptable to those who believed in the rightness of white supremacy and the rightness of the state having The Gospel is challenging, it is offensive

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First cousins graduate at the top!


ANGEL JALIAH JOHNSON AND VERONDA TURQUOISE BLUE


## Williston Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients

The Williston Alumni Association is pleased to announce the recipients of the organization's 2019 scholarships. Any descendant of a Willistonian, who is a recent high school or early college graduate who is furthering their education, is eligible. The funds are made possible by donations to the organization's Scholarship Fund from Willistonians around the world. The value of each scholarship is $\$ 1,000$ dollars,


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Ft. Washington, MD Towson University Jacquelyn Grady Benton grandmothe


Miracle A. Lawson
North Brunswick High School Leland, NC
NC A\&T
Mary Ida \& Gregory Jackson grandparents


Nailah V. Davis
Cumberland International Early College
Stedman

Howard University
Katherine Ennett,


Joseph W. Norman, III Garner High School
Fuquay Varina, NC NC A\&T

William \& Lillie Ann Herriott Wilson, grandparents; Hazel Davis Curry, Joseph Norman
(deceased), grand parents


Angela J. Johnson
North Brunswick High School Leland, NC
Winston Salem State University Joseph "Pork \& Beans Jenkins, grandfather


Nia V. Pridgen
Phillip D. Berry Academy of Technology
Charlotte, NC
Temple University,
Conrad K. Pridgen,
grandfather,
, Joseph M. "Pete" Pridgen
(deceased) and Columbus (deceased) and Columbus
Pridgen, grand uncles. Jackie Pridgen Slade, grand aunt


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NC A\&T
Joe \& Doris Mitchell Riley, grandparents Milton Riley \& Sara Riley Tyson


Jared M. Rogers Meade Senior High School Laurel, MD

Coastal Community College
Barbara Rogers, grandmother


Kiylee Galloway wins
2019 Little Miss Blueberry Pageant
SUBMITTED BY
ISIAH STONE AND
CRYSTEL GALLOWAY
Congratulations to Kiylee Marie Galloway for winning Little Miss NC Blueberry Pageant.
Kiylee is the daughter of siah Stone and Crystel
Galloway and the granddaugh ter of Kelvin and Peggy Galloway. She is a rising second grader at ater
Elementary School. Eaton
She Elementary School. She njoys dancing and signing also won awards for overall sig nature votes and the Divisions Most Photogenic.
This is also a historical accomplishment because she is
he first African American in the first African American in
her Division to win this title. To Kiylee and all her sup porters we salute you for all of the hard work you put into accomplishing this task. With
all of the negative media we all of the negative media we
are surrounded with, it is so refreshing to hear something
positive.
Kiylee continue to be a positive role model for your sisters and thank you for sharing your community.

## GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

## Authorized user: Good or bad?

0ne of the questions scores?" I replied, "YES, that is it's a good idea is if if she continues to pay the card it's a good idea to add on time and not charge more it card account to help that person boost their credit scores.


Brenda

## Dixon

 unpack this a lit-tle more so you can see exactly what I mean. I
recently had someone that is recently had someone that is
working on her credit to get working on her credit to get a Hey, so a friend of mine put my name on her credit card yesterday. Her credit score is 749. Will
that really help MY credit that really help MY credit
on time and not charge more will help you". I must say that
this is really great friend because most will not do this because of the possible risks. However, there are ways to
minimize the risk so that the minimize the risk so that the
intended results will come to intended results will come to
pass. The desired results, higher credit scores for the one that needs it and continued good credit for the one helping. Wisdom is to add the person as
an authorized user but not to an authorized user but not to credit card to generate charges. Latest financial reports show that keeping your charges on card no more than $28-30 \%$ of high limit will work in your
favor. If more is charged than that, the opposite effect happens even if paying the monthly payment on time. It can tank
all 3 credit scores in one month
and the rebound may not be as
quick. The person who has the quick. The person who has the account and has been a good
steward over it has a right to want to keep these good habits and credit history. Therefore not giving an actual card to the person being added is wisdom all day. I recall a time when a Get That Deed single mom was
having some credit score issues last minute after being under contract for a home. They reached out to their sister who had a credit card account for over 5 years. That sister had
never been late and when she never been late and when she owner to that card, ALL of the 5 years of good pay history posted on the single mom account even though she was
just added to the account less just added to the account less
than 30 days ago. Her score SHOT UP 70 points! It was awesome and it helped her greatly in getting the sale closed, she is now a homeowner. This is also
a great way to help your
kids/young adults to start get kids/young adults to start get-
ting established credit. Add ting established credit. Add
them to your card but OHHHH MY MY you may want to think long and hard about actually giving them a card, lol. Personally I recently opened another credit card account with the sole purpose of adding
my daughter as an authorized user to help build her credit file.
It really does feel good to
help your loved help your loved ones when you can and if everyone stays
on the same game plan, it's on the same game plan, it's
truly a win/win. Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people and tell them to reach out for their Free personalized
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A special Workshop on "How to Become Certified" is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 2019 at the North East Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington, NC 28405. Contact - wilfred-nixon@kwaplanning.com


## Ava Duvernay's "When They See Us" blasts Netflix viewership records

## BY LAUREN VICTORIA

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"When They See Us" has been the most-watched series on Netflix in the U.S. every May 31," according to une 12. Though Netflix doe not release specific viewer ship numbers, the internet channel is a worldwide portal or content that has over "When They See Us" relay the jarring miscarriage of justice against five teens Kevin Richardson, Antron McCray, Yusef Salaam, Wise - who were convicted of assault, rape, and attempted murder. Their sentences were vacated in 2002 and the City of New York paid them millions in restitution after Mayor blocking their settlement, departed office.



Ava DuVernay's documentary has had ramifications on the prosecutors who worked on the case.
independent journalist and politicalanalystandstrategist Media LLC. She may be con- LBurke007@gmail.com and writer for NNPA as well as a as Principal of Win Digital tacted $\quad$ at on twitter at @LVBurke

## Bernie Sanders sole candidate to address <br> the Black Press at National Convention

## BY STACY M. BROWN

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Every major newspaper and news organization in Black vote crucial to success in the 2020 presidential election, and statistics show hat African Americans are $60 \%$ more likely to utilize
and trust print-related and trust print-related than the general public. However, of the 24 candiates seeking the Democratic nomination for president, Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is the only address key influencers of he African American com munity - the Black Press of America - at the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) annu-
al conventionlater this al conventionlater this It's no secret that Sanders has work to do to get his campaign message through African Americans. "W thought we could do respectably in South
Carolina, and we got deciarolina, and we got decicampaign memo released earlier this year in which he discussed losing the Black vote to Hillary Clinton in South Carolina.
Clinton won an astonishing 86 percent of South

"This is our revolution," said Sanders, who will speak during the NNPA Convention's Lifetime Legacy Award Black Tie $7: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ at The Westin Cincinnati Hotel. Also in attendance will be former Ohio State Senator Nina Turner, a key surrogate for Sander's 2016 campaign and paign for the Democratic nomination and presidency The NNPA represents Black-owned newspapers with millions of weekly eaders across the country ncluding major markets ke New York, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Houston Dallas, Baltimore, Chicago and all of the nation' swing", states. "You've got to win Black voters to win the primary," Sanders delegate to the Democratic National Convention, told NBC News. "It took [Sanders] a while to grow into and learn the issues, but he swilling to lis other politicians," Moore In a poll commissioned by The Black Economic Allianceand conducted by fart Researchand Brossar Research, Sanders currently Joe Biden among Black vot
The poll, which measured how enthusiastic Black vot

U. S. Senator Bernie (I-VT) has openly reached out to African American leaders like NAACP President Derrick Johnson and others, where he's discussed ther issues facing the Black community
ers are about the Newswire, O'Rourke's camDemocratic presidential paign said they're grateful percent of respondents 76 for the invitation to speak to they were most enthusiastic annual convention and about Biden; 64 percent said wishes the 2020 candidate hey were most enthusiastic from Texas was able to parabout Sanders who finished ticipate in the dialogue. Harris of California (53 per- just pay lip service to the cent) and Cory Booker of problems faced by commuNew Jersey ( 43 percent). nities and towns often forAfrican Americans sur- gotten or written off, but veyed said affordable health- that we must also listen to care, college and the cre- their ideas and welcome ation of more jobs with good
them to be a part of the solu-
benefits, were most impor-
tiont." the statement reads.
"That's how he served in tant. Sanders has openly ached out to African merican leaders like Johnson and others, Derrick he's discussed thers, where he's discussed the economic obs and other issues facing jobs and other issues facing In addition to Sanders campaign office, NNPA Newswire has contacted each of the remaining 24 Democratic presidential including Biden, Harris, Booker, and Texas' Beto O'Rourke, Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Kirsten Gillibrand. "The path to economic security is rocky for fami lies in America but that Bath is even rockier for stared down decades of government sponsored discrimnation and institutional racism," Sen. Warren told NNPA Newsw
email. "This campaign is about making our government and ur economy work for every one and Black Americans will be on the frontlines of hat conversation. The its journalists are an integral part of how we make our democracy work," Warren said.
In a statement to NNPA "," the statement reads. ongress and it's how he has been running his campaign - making sure no person, no group, no constituency is taken for granted. We thank you for your
continued coverage of topics that matter to all ics that matter to all
Americans - especially the African American community - and look forward to partnering with you to address these topics in the future."

Last month, Harris leared her schedule to address at the 75th anniversary celebration of the San Francisco Sun-Reporter newspaper where she said imp Black Press was "more, important than ever before." example of the significance of the Black press in America," Harris said at the event held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown San Francisco
There are issues that are unique to the Black commudiversity in the press we must rely on papers like the Sun-Reporter," Harris said. In addition to the decision oo skip the NNPA's Annual Convention, With the excep-
tions of Warren and O'Rourke, no other candidates responded to our equest for comment.

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## America's economy must better serve Black and Latino consumers

BY CHARLENE CROWELL (TriceEdney Wire.com)ing knows that their money goes a lot quicker than the time it takes to earn it. And for low-to-moderate income workers, the costs of everyquicker than pay raises or cost-of-living adjustments. These and other kitchen table finance concerns are part of why so many con-
sumers turned to the sumers turned to the
Consumer Protection Bureau (CFPB) for help. Since 2011, CFPB returned $\$ 12$ billion to more than 25 million consumers, remediating the harmful tive practices, as well as dis crimination in the financial services sector.
But with a change of
administration and key peradministration and key per tary relief to consumers plummeted $96 \%$. In real numbers, and according to the Consumer Federation of America (CFA), the leader ship change went from an
average restitution of $\$ 59.6$ million per class action to
$\$ 2.4$ million on average per
case. CFA also found that in 2018 , the number of CFPB to only 11 compared to 55 in to only
2015 .
This This kind of abdication of public duty hearkens back to the pre-foreclosure financial risky short-term profits oner more modest gains and longerm financial stability. Yet a major demographic shift predicted by the Census Bureau may yet change the minds of financial power houses in By 2044, the nation will be a majority minority nation. To put it another way, the profits of major financial instituions will be forced to recog ties that accompany the growth of Black and Brown Americans.
A new
A new research report, jointly published by UNIDOS
US (formerly the National Council of La Raza) and PolicyLink, make the case for nancial inclusion. Entitled, The Future of Banking: Overcoming Barriers to
Financial
Inclusion for Communities of Color,
depicts America's demo- the federal poverty guidewin situation. "For our nation and its ties of color must access the opportunities they need to live healthy, economically secure lives and reach their
full potential," states the full potential," states the
report. "This is no longer just report. "This is no longer just crucial to the future of the American economy.'
I heartily agree.
As people of color emerge as a new and more colorful
majority, the financial climate is ripe for an unprece dented level of access and opportunities for consumers. Corporate boards and CEOs aike must reckon with the much commerce they have historically ignored or underserved. For example, according to the joint report, nearly 47\% of Black households, and
$43 \%$ of Latino households are either unbanked or underbanked. Nationwide, 63 million adults are unbanked. More than half of the 96 mil-
lion people whose household incomes are less than $200 \%$ of
lines are also people of color. Unbanked households are
ones in which no one has a checking or savings account Underbanked connotes that someone in the household has a checking are savings account; but still use high-
cost alternative financial services like pawn shops, services like pawn shops, and rent-to-own stores. There are also people
whose employers do nop whose employers do not offer direct deposit of their paychecks. If these workers do
not have a checking account, they are forced to rely on fringe financial services. "In 2017, the unbanked and underbanked low-to-moder-ate-income populations, and history, spent more than \$173 billion in fees and interest for alternative financial services," states the report. this huge sum of money could come from the pockets of the working poor and others, should remember the loan shark fees charged include a range of predatory
lending practices ranging from overdraft fees to payday

If however, Blacks and Latinos were to redirect that same $\$ 173$ billion spent on
triple-digit interest and fees, imagine how family budgets could improve, and levels of community economic revitalization would not only
change, but be sustained. Equally importained. high time that communities of color began valuing the collective purchasing power already in our hands. Marisabel Torres, Senior Policy Analyst for UnidosUS,
would phrase it another way "Barriers to financial inclusion prevent people from fully participating in the American economy, and the data shows that minority access traditional banking products and services."
Chris Brown, Director of PolicyLink agreed, adding, "Our findings help illuminate the path forward to
banks, fintechs, regulators and others to collectively begin a race to the top --
towards financial inctusiver towards financial inclusion for all -by adequately serving
the financial needs of the 63 million people who have been
shoved to the sidelines of our In order to develop a winwin economic climate, the
UNICOS US-PolicyLink report offers several recommendations that include: A credit rating system that works for all;
Increased
sibility and accountability sibility and accountability
for financial institutions to meet the needs of low-to-moderate income populations; and Strengthened federal consumer protections for finan-
cial products. "We are pleased to see this report call for stronger eral consumer existing fednoted Nikitra Bailey, an EVP with the Center for "Coupling the Lending. actions with more robust enforcement of fair lending laws would be a major
change. Additionally, state consumer protections must be preserved. Together these actions can create a more
inclusive financial playing inclusive financial playing field that ends the disparate
outcomes produced in today's outcomes

## Chevrolet gives HBCU students an opportunity to 'Discover the Unexpected'

BY STACY BROWN
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Chevrolet and the National $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Newspaper } & \text { Publishers }\end{array}$ Association (NNPA) have
selected six students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities to participate in Unexpected Journalism (DTU) Fellowship.
With the With the help of NNPA ediwill travel the country to discover and share positive, inspirational and relevant stories rom African American communities during their The 2019 DTU Journalism Fellows are Tedarius Abrams Bethune-Cookman), Barnes (Hampton University), \&\&T) Miana Massey (Howard University), Emani Nichols Morehouse College) and sharon Joy
(Florida A\&M) Chevrolet will award each DTU Fellow a $\$ 10,000$ scholar hip and a $\$ 5,000$ stipend. Chevrolet is one of the world's largest car brands, doing business in more than 100 countries and selling more than 4 million A trade association of more
than 200 African Americanfrom around the country, the NNPA has consistently been the voice of the Black community for 77 years. The organization has been an incubator for news that makes history and, as the Black-owned media resource in America, the NNPA delivers
news, information and comnews, information and com-
mentary to more than 20 milhentary to more than For the DTU program, students form two teams of three Fellows each. Each team will have access to an all-new 2019 reporting assignments Launched in 2016 and no its fourth year, the DTU program has awarded more than $\$ 400,000$ in scholarships and
stipends. Initially, program participa tion was limited to students from Howard University, one of the nation's most prestigious HBCUs. However, based on the overwhelming response and success of the program, the eventually expanded to include students from any of the nation's HBCUs in their sophomore through senior years with an interest in journalism, com-
munications, mass media or visual arts.
"Our partnership with the
NNPA continues to provide a unique platform to connect with young and remarkable stoytellers." said Paul Edwards, U.S. vice pre
Marketing.

Marketing.
From the inaugural launch inclusion of all the HBCUs, it's Chevrolet's pleasure to partner with members of the African American community, ensurng a legacy is established for genera
said.
"We
"We're thrilled to meet this year's group of Fellows and immerse them in all things
Chevrolet," he said. olet," he said
The NNPA "is excited to partyear in support of young journalists to amplify community voices across our country", said
NNPA President and CEO NPA President and
Benjamin F. Chavis Jr Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. nalists in our newsrooms working side by side wsrooms workand writers is inspiring and we
are committed to including are committed to including
young storytellers' voices in young storytellers' voices in The DTU Fellowship will take place from June 6 to Aug. 1, take 2019 .
The The 2019 DTU Fellows teams will each work with two of the
four participating ber publications: the Atlanta


2019 Discover the Unexpected Fellows (left to right): Elae Hill, Sharon Joy

Voice, Chicago Crusader, on the Chevrolet DTU website
Bentley, will serve as the
Houston Forward Times and (wwwnnpa.org/chevydtu) and
Fellows' Road Trip Advisor Houston Forward Times and Washington Informer. The Fellows' journey has
already begun in Atlanta where they participated in two days of journalism training with Chevrolet and NNPA leadership in preparation for them to "hit the road" to begin their Their stories will be
(www.nnpa.org/chevydtu) and distributed through NNPA's Newswire se
the summer.
Disc jockey and music producer DJ Envy, a co-host of the syndicated radio show "The Breakfast Club," serves as the program's national spokesperson while musician
and author, Fonzworth

Fellows' Road Trip Advisor. Both Envy and Bentley are HBCU alums - Envy gradu-
ated
from Hampton University and Bentley is a Morehouse College graduate. To learn more about the
Discover the Unexpected Discover the Unexpected
Journalism Fellowship, visit Journalism Fellowship, vi
www.nnpa.org/chevydtu.

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. 17 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MAIN STREET/FRONTAGE ROADAND AT MAIN STREET/OLD SHALLOTTE ROAD NEAR SHALLOTTE IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## STIP PROJECT NO. R-5857

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed intersection improvements at the intersection of U.S. 17 at U.S. 17 Business (Main Street)/Frontage Road N.W., north of Shallotte, and U.S. 17 at U.S Brunswick County The primary phallotte Road (S.R. 1316), south of Shallo flow at intersections.

The meeting will be held Monday, June 24 from 5-7 p.m. at the Shallotte Town Hall located at 110 Cheers Street in Shallotte. The public may attend at any time during the meeting hours. Please note there will be no formal presentation.

At the meeting there will be maps of the proposed plans as well as project team members who will be available to answer your questions and receive feedback. All comments will be taken into consideration as the project progresses. The opportunity email or mail no later than July 24.

As information becomes available, it may be viewed at the $\mathrm{R}-5857$ project website https://publicinput.com/US-17Shallotte.

For addtional information please contact NCDOT Project Manager Michael Bass at (910) 341-2000 or consultant Project Manager David Wilver at (919) 326-6359 Blackwell Street, Suite 1200, Durham, N.C., 27701

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Lauren Putnam at Inputnam1@ncdot.gov or (919)
$707-6072$ as early as possible, so that arrangements can 707-6072 as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made

[^1][^2]NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO CONVERT THE INTERSECTION AT U.S. 17 AND N.C. 904 TO A REDUCED CONFLICT INTERSECTION IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## STIP Project No. R-5851

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to convert intersection at U.S. 17 and N. 904 to a reduced conflict intersection in Brunswick County. The primary purpose of this


An RCl is a Reduced Conflict Intersection, which is designed to reduce potential collisions for vehicles and pedestrians by allowing drivers from a side road to only turn right. To go the other direction, or cross the highway, they then would pull in
U-turn, and then go straight or turn right at the intersection.

A public meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, July 8 at Jessie Mae Monroe Elementary School located in Ash.
The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available it may be viewed online at the NCDO $h \mathrm{https}: / / \mathrm{www}$.ncdot.gov/news/public meeting webage

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation

Ms. Vivian Anders
Vivian Anders was born on December $17, \quad 1955$, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania James and Dorothy heavenly wings on June 11, 2019. Vivian was preceded in death by her parents and her son James. Funeral services were at New Kelly's Chapel AME Church. Vivian grew up in Rocky
Point, N. C., where she attended school in the Pender County system and graduated from Burgaw High School. larly attended Sunday school and church at Mount Moriah AME Church.
Vivian was Vivian was a very consci entious mother in providing
for her children's future. She walked and worked diligently until she had secured a habitat home for them. Vivian was a very outgoing and friendly person. She knew Wilmington and had the Port city Taxi Company on speed dial. They came quickly when she called. She leaves to celebrate her
life: her daughter ife: her daughter, Cynthia
Anders Carlton of Rocky Point, NC; her son Randy Lee Anders of Wilmington, NC; two brothers, Bruce E. Anders (Ann) of Las Vegas, NV and Carl E. Anders of Charlotte, NC; one sister,
Barbara A. Taylor (Larry) of Rocky Point, NC; four nieces and four nephews; and a host of relatives and friends. $A$ service of Adkins-Drain Street, Wilmington, N. ${ }^{\text {at }}$ Condolences may be made at adkinsdrainfuneralservice.co

## Toney A. Mitchell

Toney A. Mitchell, age 58 , of Wilmington, passed away a mesune 11, 2019. elebration of Toney's and was held on Monday June 17, 019 at Davis Funeral Home 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, 28401. Services entrusted thais Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC
28401. Please share memories and condolences with the fam ily at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Jacary M. Bethel
Jacary MyQuan Bethel age 19, of Shallotte, passe away Friday, June 14, 2019.
Friends are cordially invit ed to a visitation from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday, June Home, 1705 Southport Supply Rd SE, Bolivia, NC 28422. A celebration of Jacary's life will be conducted at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 22, 2019 Shallotte, 4486 Main
Shallotte, NC 28470 .
Interment will follow in
Riley-Hewett Cemetery.
Services entrusted to Davis
Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave,
Wilmington, NC 28401. Please
share memories and condo-
lences with the family at
www.davisfuneralhomenc.co
m.

Reverend Bobby Stukes
Reverend Bobby Stukes died May 24, 2019. Memorial ervices were held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at
John H. Shaw's Son Funeral John H. Shaw's Son Funeral son, Robert Harmon, by hieces nephews and friends. Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

## Leroy Cotton

Leroy Cotton died May 29, eld Memorial services were held on Thursday, June 13, Memorial Chapel. Shaw Jr. of John $H$ Shaw's Son $\stackrel{\text { Funeral Home. }}{ }$

Gerthel Graham
Gerthel Graban Monday June 10, 2019 died Hanover Regional Medical enter. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 16, Southport Naptist Church, Southport, NC. Burial fol-
lowed in the Northwod Cemed in the Northwood Gerthel
was born
November 26,1940 to the late James E. Smith and Mary Galloway Smith in Southport, NC. She was preceded in death by her brother Anna Davis and Geneva Hargrove (James). Gerthel eceived her education at


#### Abstract

both of Southport, NC; one Henry Byas brother, Elmer Smith of Southport, NC; four sisters, Betty C. Jones (Fred) and Debra Smith all of Southport, NC, Gwendolyn Smith of Brooklyn, NY and NJ; a special friend, Lola; a number of special nieces, nephews relative and friends. A Service of John H Shaw's解 Funeral Home.

\section*{Carrie Peters-McKoy}

Carrie Peters-McKoy died June 5, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday Missionary Baptist Church. Carrie Lynn Peters McKoy daughter of the late Marlene Peters was born on February 2, 1960, in Wilmington, North the Lord as her personal Savior and joined Union Missionary Baptist Church. She was educated in the New Hanover County School System, graduating from John T. Hoggard High School ohn T. Hoggard High School attended Miller Motte Community College, and in 2015 she graduated from an Associate of Applied Science and Human Services. She was a steady worker, always willing to do whatever he could. She was a manager of NA House and a member of Empowerment In and spending time with famiy and friends. Her grandchildren were the love of her life. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. In addition to her mother, by her brother, Anthony

Henry Byas died 2019, Funeral services were held on Friday, June 14, 2019 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. Henry children born to the late Eartha Mae Nix Byas and Willie James Byas, Sr., was born on November 26, 1942, in Blackville, South Carolina He joined Brown Chapel Baptist Church at an early age in Blackville, South Carolina. He was educated in the Barnwell County, South Carolina School System, attending Macedonia High School. Henry relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina in the early 1960's where he joined Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Missionary Baptist Church. Later he joined Union Missionary Baptist Church where he was currently serving as Senior Usher and was also honored as "Man of the Year". Henry was employed with Cannon Heating and Air and Fisher Restaurant. He church. He was a friend to everyone he met and always wore a smile. Henry was always willing to lend a help ing hand and was a kindhearted person. In addition oo his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Dorothy May Byas and Betty Jean Byas. He leaves fond memories: his siblings: Louise Braxton Martin (Dalton) of Woodbridge, VA, Mary E. Holiday (Andrea), Carrie Monroe (Carl) and Bobbie Byas Troy (Willie Jr.) all of Wilmington, NC, Willie James Byas, Jr. of Oxen Hill, MD, Horace L. Byas (Sandra)


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Elrea Cromartie died June 13, 2019. Funeral services will be held $1: 00$ p.m. on
Friday, June 21,
2019 Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Harrells, NC. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. A Service of John H Shaw's
Son Funeral Home Son Funeral Home.

Dorothy Wilson
Dorothy Wilson died June 13, 2019. Funeral services were held on Wednesday,
June, 19, 2019 at St. Phillip AME Church. Burial will followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A Service of John H Shaw's Son Funeral Home.
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Deacon Harry L. Davis Sunrise: June 25, 1949
Sunset: February 10, 2018

## Husband, Mentor, Intellect ectual and Talented Artist

Harry, your warm loving spirit and down to earth connection to all you met
will always be remembered. You touched so many lives positively through
New Beginnings Christian Church Prison Ministry, your African and Black History Seminars. And as you traveled the U.S. exhibiting
artwork. The strength and tenacity you howed thru so many difficult
situati situations in your life mspred us all in so many You showed with God's help. the true meaning of Lemonade" or adverse situations into positive ones We love and miss you
greatly Harry and look forward to seeing you again in heaven.
Your Family

Brunswick County Training School. On April 24, 1970, she ny to George Lacy Graham to whom she remained a devoted wife for 49 years until he passed. They were the parents of an only child, the late reared in a christian home, understanding the power of prayer. At an early age Gerthel accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and dedworshipping God in Spirit and in truth. Later on she joined First Baptist, Southport, NC. For decades, Gerthel sat on the second pew and was a dedicated member of the gospel choir. For
numerous years she welcomed many children into her home, a clear example of her pristine spirit and nur turing soul. Much of outhport's lineage spent hold.
She leaves to cherish her memory: one granddaughter, NC; grandsons I Southport, NC; grandsons, L. Montre
Miller and C. Miguel Miller

Shanann Quince.
She leaves to She leaves to cherish fond
memories: her children and grandchildren: Shannon grandchildren: Shannon
Peters and her children, Shanequia Myers-Peters, LaCrystal Hall, Isis Herd, Shannon Herd, Malik Peters; dren, Saniya Rivers, Jaylon Rivers, Carissa Lewis, and Jaleel Peters; Shante' Batts (Cedric) and her children, Shydasia Batts, Nyasia Batts, Xavier Batts, Amir Batts, Shantee) and his children JaQuan Bullock, Janiya Bullock, Jaziyah Bullock, Jamarrion Bullock, Yamina Bullock and Nolan Bullock; Shatima Bullock and her
children, Miazia Harrison and Mizeon Harrison, her sisters, Dinah Fashaw, Jacqueline Peters, Toni "Renee" Peters and Velma Spencer; a host of nieces, tives and friends, including her forever soulmate, Danny Bullock. A Service of John H
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|  | James Southport. More information contact Rev. Karen McCracken, Bowens Pastor (910) 515-3288. <br> New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S |
|  | th St., will hold their The |
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|  | y June 23 rd at 3:00 p.m. |
| avid Choir. |  |
| Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate Rev. Richard W. Smith's 33rd Pastoral Anniversary. The anniversary celebration will be held on Sunday, June 23rd 2019 at 10:45 a.m Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church is located at 801 South 10th Street. Please plan to come and help the church celebrate 33 years of service with their pastor. The service will include guest speaker, Rev. John Elrod. |  |
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## Free at last. Claim It.

BY JAMES WASHINGTON NEWS

A reader called me last week and found an error of fact in one of my columns. I mandment as love thy neighbor when we all know it is to love the Lord our God. I want to thank her for the notification and apologize to anyone This week, allow me to talk about
 I'm talking
about is the freed o m
afforded you afforded you
when you Christ. There James James
Washington is something
quite liberat-
ing when youl $\begin{array}{cc}\text { ize } & \text { real } \\ \text { tha } \\ \text { you've been, as they say "set }\end{array}$ about what that really means? The word, release, comes to my mind. Others want to characterize it think the revelation of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior barriers, we, as human beings, place upon ourselves.
That's why I believe when people come to Christ they are overcome by a fresh perspective on life; an enlightened one, particularly when
hey look back over their own lives. In a real sense are healed, guilt is removed and insecurities conquered just to name a few, when Christ enters the picture. One of the biggest things that happens when Christ
enters your life is that your fears are conquered. And if we're honest with ourselves, we all have fears. I know I do (or did).
It can be the fear of being

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or Bernadine Fulton at 910-264-8818 for futher information
or humiliated, of being
found out, not accepted or yound out, not accepted or
yes, even the fear of dying.
The knowledge of Christ in The knowledge of Christ in cels those fears. That's what I believe people mean when
they say set free. That's how I've come to understand real Ioy. tual awareness of being blood bought and saved, I ange been set free from fear, even personal self doubt, These things have hopefully been replaced with integrity, strength of character, honesty, hope, truth, the promise
of life everlasting and yes above all love. to understand in this life and
then, to do, is to love yourthen, to do, is to love your-
self. God even commands us to love our neighbors as we
love ourselves. Without ove ourselves. Without
Christ in your life, I believe Christ in your life, I believe
that concept of self love can be distorted and, in some cases, perverted. Love with humility is an awesome thing. When love is set free
within you, life takes on a whole new meaning. You no longer have to live
in the shadows of pretense Rather, you and I exist in the light of truth. I can be who I
really am. I can strive to be really am. I can strive to be
who God made me to be and not what the world tries to make me. You can then show the world real you and not what you think the world needs to see. I am who God
made. If that's good enough made. If that's good enough
for God, then it surely is
good enough for me and anyne who thinks they want to deal with me.
I'm free and it's wonderful. Freedom is my gift from God, paid for by Jesus Christ His what you see of me is what you get, and I'm thrilled about it. You should be too.
May God bless and keep May God bless and keep
you always.

TELL SOMEBODY
"Be Angry and Sin Not ...Anger Management"

Anger - A strong emotion aroused by a sense of wrong,
real or imagined $;$ instified real or imagined; justified or
not. Anger is an emotion you feel when someone has behaved in an unfair
or unacceptable way.

Words are impor-
tant and we should choose speak to someone or about
spmeone. Are we really mad someone. Are we really mad,
or are we just angry? When someone is mad, they could be referred to as being men-
tally off the sanity level with an inability to maintain a stable train of thought. On the


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| who was angry with | Jesus Christ, and how he suf- | to |
| ned Abel | fered, bled and died for the | become a part of the solution. |
| because he offered unto God a | sins of the world, he chose to | Don't hold grudges. Pray for |
| more excellent sacrifice. | forgive the ones who | the one who made you angry. |
| Don't be too surprised if you | betrayed, tortured, and ult | It is very difficult and almost |
| find | ly killed him. He |  |
| angry with you because of |  |  |
| your success or because of | , | ng for. A very helpful |
| d's favor on your life! This | and unacceptable way | Anger Management |
| story of Cain's failed anger | which he was treated. | to try and always remem- |
| gement is found in | response in the end was love | MERCY. Luke 6:36-37 |
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| story to tell. But Not today. | Jesus, "Father forgive then | as your Father also is |
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| ings we suffer in this life, | do." Luke 24:34 | all not be judged: condemn |
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| er to linger in our hearts | to be angry: for anger reste | demned: forgive, and |
| hich will cause us to sin | in the bosom | be forgiven: Be Angry and |
| against God. Don't model | Ecclesiastes 7:9 | Sin not! Tell Somebody!!! |
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| way of thinkin | go.; Lest thou learn his ways. | Hooper, First Lady of Faith |
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| reconcile with our brothe | a Christian, we don't want to | mother! She is a Licen |
| our sister. Hebrews 12:14 | lose our "witness" by exhibit | Evangelist with COGIC, |
| says, "Follow peace with all | ing unchristian like | International. She is the |
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| hat was going on in the ten | to manage your anger befor | Embrace and Empower Elect |
| ple. "And he taught, saying | it manages you. If and whe | Ladies to be all they can be |
| unto them, Is it not written, | you lose your temper and yo | in Christ Jesus, while provid- |
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and sin not!
When we see the Passion of Jesus Christ, and how he suf-
fered, bled and died for the sins of the world, he chose to forgive the ones who
betrayed, tortured, and ultimately killed him. He had because of the unfair cruel, and unacceptable way in
which he was treated. His response in the end was love, grace, and mercy, Then said for they know not what they do." Luke 24:34
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in the bosom of fools."
"Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a go.; Lest thou learn his ways.
And get a snare to thy soul." Proverbs $22: 24-25$
If you do not anger It will control you your a Christian, we don't want to lose our "witness" by exhibiting unchristian like behavior while having a "Fit" of anger.
Nobody said it was always going to be an easy thing to it will be worth it! Pray to the Lord and ask Him to help you
to manage your anger before it manages you. If and when you lose your temper and you
know you were in the wrong, don't try to blame others for your mouth! Take responsibility for your emotions, because you have a choice on

Instead of say, "Im sorry!" of the problem, strive to Don't hold grudges. Pray for It is ore who maded you angry.
dificult and almost impossible to remain angry praying for. A very helpful is to try and always rememsays, " Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is shall not be judged: condemn demned: forgive, and ye shall bin not! Tell Be Angry and Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a ried to Pastor Johnson Hooper, First Lady of Faith
Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a children and a proud grandEvangelist with COGIC International. She is the Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held
in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support Emoup's focus is to Encourage, Christ Jesus whil can be ing support to their huspreachers and pastors. Her ormfort rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a
life that gives God glory!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

## God's word and faith is practical

Numbers $23: 19$ God
is not a man, that
he should lie, neiis not a man, that
he should lie, neither the son of man, that he
should repent: hath he said, should repent: hath he said,
and shall henot do it ? Or hath
he spoken, and shall he not he spoken, and
make it good
make it good?
Making God's word the final authority on every matter or


Rev.
Naconiel
Fullwood is practical.
discards
plan B since it
is final: noth-
ing else is
available, no
choices. The
Hebrew boys
had no plan
B. They were
not going to
worship the
i m a g e.
Daniel, threat-
ened with
lions, had no
plan B and therefore had made a decision to pray to the only one God.
The same happened with the widow woman. She heard the
Word from God, through the Word from God, through the
man of God, and sowed her last meal. It produced a harvest that lasted her until the famine was over. These per-
sons did not limit our God! If you are walking in the flesh, you are limiting God.
As the Hebrew boys stood
with God in action, I too, will not walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but my delight is in
the law of the Lord and in His law will I meditate day and night. That is my final
answer in agreement with answer in agreement w
whatever the Word says. whatever the Word says.
We, as Christians, must practice faith or practice trust until it becomes our natural tendency of response, our lifestyle. That's what practi-
or acquired through regular
practice or action. We got to and can get this. We can repeat anything, good or bad, so that it becomes habit and
automatic in our responses In 1 Timothy 4:13-16 "'Till I come, devote yourself to (public and private) reading to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to
teaching and instilling doctrine. Do not neglect the gift which is in you, (that special inward endowment) which was directly imparted to you (by the Holy Spirit) by
prophetic utterance when the prophetic utterance when the you (at your ordination). Practice and cultivate and meditate upon these duties; throw yourself wholly into them (as your ministry), so dent to everybody. Look well to yourself (to your own personality) and to (your teaching) persevere in these things hold to them), for by so doing
you will save both yourself you will save both yourself
and those who hear." All this is wisdom for all men, for all ages and times.
Philippians $4: 9$ goes on to say, "Practice what you have
learned and received and learned and received and heard and see in me, and
model your way of living on it, and the God of peace (of untroubled, undisturbed wellbeing) will be with you."
Further examination of the Further examination of the
word practical. What it is, is the Word. It is mainly describing how you should respond to its specificity:
deriving from and resulting deriving from and resulting
from. The Word originates from. The Word originates
from God. My conduct, behavior or speech is of the

Faith is aldo practical Faith is definitely a component of God's word in action.
lives, it must be practical in to possess His promises for our lives. Sowing and sowing and sowing some more, but
also learning how to practice the blessings that are attached to faith. The just shall live by his faith. Just as we use oxygen everywhere we go and in everything we do,
faith also. It's not like dor ment you put own and take off. It won't work because your body or life is dependent upon it. That same truth applies to your faith. You
don't live the full life that Christ has prepared for his saints without (trust) faith in
him. Faith is a spiritual sense which supersedes your physical senses! We've got to get
this! It means to take the his! It means to take the set aside or displaced so that faith will become the dominant sense that governs your life. Your physical senses are
permeated by faith because of permeated by faith because of ply means to spread or flow throughout. We, of course, still need our five senses like, taste, smell, touch, sight and hearing to act with the physi-
cal. But there is also the spircal. But there is also the spir-
it realm which is interaction with the spiritual God.
Many people try to interact with God through their emotions or feelings. That's deception. When we go to
church to have just an emotional high and not much Word, we leave without the purpose of the Word: NLT 2 Timothy $3: 16$ "All scripture is
inspired by God and is useful inspired by God and is useful
to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives It corrects us when we are wrong and teachs us to do what is right." Don't be satisfied with get-
ting only the same thing peo-
ple get when they go to a ball game, which is an go to a balional high. You cannot walk in the
flesh or live ater the fer flesh or live after the flesh all
week long (disobeying God's week long (disobeying God's
ordinances) and then get in the spirit on the Lord's day. It just doesn't work that way.
Your walk with God has to be Your walk with God has to be intentional. Going to receive
God's presence in Word and Praise is important Read and notice what Jesus said to the woman at the well. John 4:13-14:21-24, Everyone who drinks this water shall wever thirst
We want and need clarity on the scripture. It's defined as action for which a person or employed it is arly fixed duty or activity and assecificic occupation or rule. "Faith or deeds of action of obedience." For we walk by faith, not by sight.
God's wor God's word is not mystical, it's just accepting God's living in Him and following His mandates of practice in faith.
Prayer is acting on the Word of God which is putting
faith into practice to receive faith into practice to res.
whatever He promises
Let's pray now, to receive
salvation for our souls and salvation for our souls and
healing for our bodies: Father in heaven, we pray in the name of Jesus, that as we
act on this word, to receive all our needs according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus, that they will be
granted to us. Amen granted to us. Amen
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