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EBONEE SPEARS

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

SOULS TO THE POLLS

At 1:00 p.m. Sunday, October 27th, the New Hanover County NAACP will lead a Souls to the Polls march to vote at the New Hanover County Government Center, 230 Government Center Drive. Due to safety concerns, the march will be along the walkway of the Government Center to the poll location, Suite 34.

The Souls to the Polls March highlights the only Sunday this election cycle that the New Hanover County polls are open. Since working people are often too busy to vote during the week and have shopping and home chores on Saturday, Sunday may be the most convenient time for them to vote. Seniors, home bound people, and voters without transportation may only be able to find a ride to the polls on Sunday. And churches have an opportunity to support their congregations with rides to the polls when voting locations are open after services on Sundays.

A large voter turnout for the Souls to the Polls March encourages the New Hanover County Board of Elections to add more Sunday voting options in the future. This will be especially important in the 2020 elections when voter turnout is expected to be extraordinarily high.

In the past the Board of Elections has offered more than one Sunday voting opportunity.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

KEEP OUR NEWSPAPER

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After the last storm, *The Wilmington Journal* had extensive damage. It had just sustained damage from the previous storm. I wrote a letter to the churches in Brunswick County for support to *The Wilmington Journal* that would help with the operation of *The Journal* so as to keep the Black Press productive. I am making that appeal again! Mail your donations to *The Wilmington Journal*, 412 South 7th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401.

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**CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS:
Called the "Conscience of the Congress"
Dies at 68**

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - From the White House that he righteously excoriated - "We are better than this!" - to the grassroots citizens and representatives whom he served, U. S. Rep. Elijah Cummings is being hailed this week as the irreplaceable, widely beloved "conscience of the Congress".

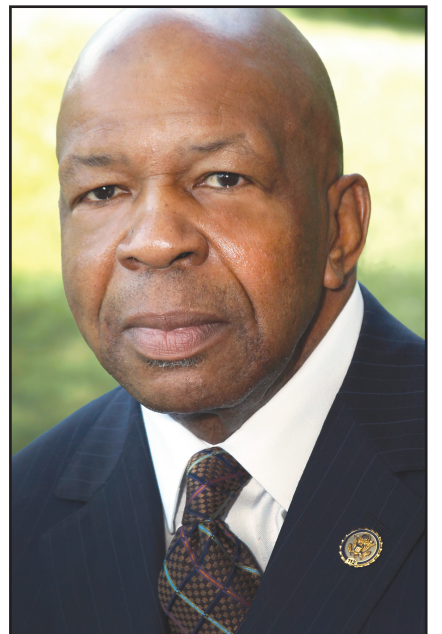
"At approximately 2:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 17, 2019, Congressman Elijah E. Cummings (MD-07) passed away at Gilchrist Hospice Care, a Johns Hopkins affiliate, due to complications concerning longstanding health challenges," said the official statement posted on his Congressional website. The shocking announcement was followed by a plethora of statements of respect to the revered Congressman, the first being from his wife, Dr. Maya

Rockeymore, a leader in her own rite. "He was a father, a husband, a son of Baltimore, and a Statesman who served Maryland's 7th Congressional District for more than 20 years, and served 16 years prior to that as a Delegate in the Maryland General Assembly," wrote Dr. Rockyemore, chair of the Maryland Democratic Party. "Chairman Cummings will always be remembered for dedicating his life's work to improving the lives of others, standing up for his community, and protecting our Democracy. Congressman Cummings was an honorable man who proudly served his district and the nation with dignity, integrity, compassion and humility. He worked until his last breath because he believed our democracy was the highest and best expression of our collective humanity and that our nation's diversity was our promise, not our problem."

President Donald Trump was in an all-out war with Congressman Cummings, who was chairman of the House Oversight Committee that was exploring the possible impeachment of Trump. Trump, known internationally for his vitriol, had called Cummings unsavory names that will not be repeated in this column and had described his Baltimore district as "a disgusting, rat and rodent infested mess".

But upon the announcement of the Congressman's death, even Trump issued a remarkably civil statement.

"My warmest condolences to the family and many friends of Congressman Elijah Cummings," he said in an emailed statement. "I got to see first-hand the strength, passion



CONGRESSMAN ELIJAH CUMMINGS

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Standing before a portrait of Bishop James A. Forbes, Senior, the Forbes family presents a \$1 million legacy gift to Dr. Paulette Dillard, president of Shaw University. Board Chairman Dr. Joseph N. Bell, Jr. is standing in the rear, center.

Forbes family makes \$1 million legacy gift to Shaw University

Gift is the largest of the Homecoming Week that saw donations totaling \$1.7 million

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A highlight of Shaw University's 2019 Homecoming was the announcement of a \$1 million legacy gift from the family of Bishop James A. Forbes, Sr. and Mrs. Mabel Clemmons Forbes. The Forbes family has been staunchly supportive of Shaw for many years, and this donation "will have a tremendous impact in the lives of Shaw University's students," said President Paulette Dillard. At the University's 2019 EPIC Gala on Friday evening, Dr. James Forbes, Jr. impressed a ballroom filled with Shaw alumni and friends when he expressed the family's "ongoing commitment to do everything within our means to support this great university."

The Forbes-Shaw connection is deep: the late Bishop Forbes and two of the Forbes siblings, Evangeline Forbes Richardson (now deceased), and Dr. David C. Forbes, are Shaw alumni. Dr. David Forbes, Jr., along

with fellow alumna Ella Baker; co-founded the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee on Shaw's campus in 1960, and later served as dean of the Shaw University Divinity School and member of the Board of Trustees. James A. Forbes, Jr., a nationally renowned theologian and senior minister emeritus of the Riverside Church in Manhattan, served as a recent guest lecturer for the Divinity School's "Awakening" lecture series.

Board of Trustee Chairman Dr. Joseph N. Bell, Jr. underscored the Forbes' long ties with the University at a reception for the family, saying "The Forbes name has been part of the Shaw University family tree for a long time, and you can see what your family means to us by where we are standing today." The reception was held in the Bishop James

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NC mourns death of Congressman Cummings

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On one of his many trips to Washington, D.C. to demonstrate against injustice, Rev. Dr. William Barber, President of Repairers of the Breach, and co-convenor of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival, recalls walking the halls of Congress one day, when suddenly someone called out to him.

It was Congressman Elijah Cummings.

"He said, 'Don't stop fighting for what is right,'" Rev. Barber recalls. "His words to me were his life...He never stopped fighting for what was right, just and good. We can only honor him by imitating his commitment to justice for all."

Indeed, since his unexpected death on Oct. 17, 2019, in Maryland, the tributes for the 7th District, twelve-term Baltimore native have been pouring in, especially from North Carolinians and his congressional colleagues, like House Speaker and fellow Baltimore native, Nancy Pelosi, who called her longtime friend "...a voice of unsurpassed moral clarity and truth."

Rep. Alma Adams (D-NC-12) fondly recalled how Rep. Cummings, 68, "...was looked up to," she told WGHP-TV in High Point.

"He was iconic, but yet he took time to show the care and sincerity that he had for youth and really wanted them to succeed," she said. "He took a personal interest in my grandson who is now a freshman at Howard [University] and he wrote him a wonderful letter of recommendation. He talked to him, encouraged him. That was very impressive to me."

Another congressional colleague from North Carolina, Rep. G. K. Butterfield, called his late friend, "a

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We need to keep the Black press moving forward. We must not turn our head because our news is not always told in the press. I believe that, in order to know where we are going, we must know from where we've come and the direction in which we need to go in times like these. Stand up! Keep The Wilmington Journal in print. Check address on letter's wrong address! Use this corrected address! Thank you in advance. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Bernest Hewett is
President Emeritus of the
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of the NAACP.

CUMMINGS

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and wisdom of this highly respected political leader. His work and voice on so many fronts will be very hard, if not impossible, to replace!"

He later ordered all public U. S. Flags to fly at half-staff "as a mark of respect for the memory and longstanding public service of Representative Elijah E. Cummings, of Maryland."

Former President Barack Obama also issued a statement.

"Michelle and I are heartbroken over the passing of our friend, Elijah Cummings. As Chairman of the House Oversight Committee, he showed us all not only the importance of checks and balances within our democracy, but also the necessity of good people stewarding it. Steely yet compassionate, principled yet open to new perspectives, Chairman Cummings remained steadfast in his pursuit of truth, justice, and reconciliation," Obama wrote.

He was joined by heartbroken members of the Congressional Black Caucus as well as his dear friend, House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn, the highest serving African-American in the Congress.

"Elijah Cummings was the true definition of a leader and his commitment to civility and humanity were invaluable in times such as these. To many, Elijah was a friend and mentor, but to the members of the CBC, Elijah was family," said a statement from the Congressional Black Caucus, chaired by U. S. Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.) "As the Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Elijah used his gavel to speak truth to power on behalf of the American people. Moreover, his fairness and integrity were undeniable by Members on both sides of the aisle."

The term, "Conscience of the Congress" is usually reserved for the Congressional Black Caucus. But, upon his death, economist and columnist Dr. Julianne Malveaux, described Cummings as such because of his work for the poor and oppressed far beyond the call of duty.

Among the quotes attributed to Cummings that will no doubt resonate as a part of his legacy was his roaring proclamation, "We are better than this!" Cummings shouted these words during a Congressional hearing with former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen. He was sympathetically responding to the fact that Trump had called the prison-bound Cohen "a rat".

Representing the city of Baltimore, Clyburn was quick to stand for anyone in pain. During the 2015 Freddie Gray riots, he struggled to quell tensions, called for calm, and literally locked arms with the community.

"When I arrived on the scene on North and Pennsylvania Tuesday, I saw this tall guy who was telling people to, 'Lock arms, lock arms,'" he told the *Baltimore Sun*. "At first I thought he was locking arms to tell people, 'We're not going anywhere. We're going to go against the police.' Then he said to me, 'Congressman, you need to

lock arms, too. I'm not here to go against the police. I'm trying to get [curfew violators] out of here."

"Today we have lost a giant," said U.S. House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn. He noted that though Baltimoreans loved Cummings and adopted him as their own, "Elijah's roots were in Clarendon County, South Carolina, in my district. This connection bonded us, and we were dear friends as well as colleagues. We were of like minds that our work in the Congress was not to benefit us, but to bring hope and opportunity to future generations."

The following is the schedule of ceremonies and activities to honor Congressman Cummings, according to the Baltimore Afro American Newspaper:

••• Wednesday, Oct. 23: Public viewing at Morgan State University's Murphy Fine Arts Center, 2201 Argonne Dr., Baltimore, Md. 21218, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., immediately followed by a Community-Wide Celebration of the Life of Congressman Elijah E. Cummings, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

••• Thursday, Oct. 24: The remains of U.S. Representative

Cummings, will lie in state at the National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol.

••• Friday, Oct. 25: Funeral services will be held at New Psalmist Baptist Church, 6020 Marian Dr., Baltimore, Md. 21215. A wake with public viewing will begin at 8 a.m., followed immediately by funeral services at 10 a.m. Congressman Cummings worshiped for nearly four decades at New Psalmist Baptist Church under the leadership of his pastor, Bishop Walter S. Thomas Sr.

Congressman Cummings' professional funeral services are being entrusted to March Funeral Homes and Marshall-March Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the following: The Elijah Cummings Youth Program

www.ecyp.org; Morgan State University <https://give-tomorgan.org>; or Howard University

<https://giving.howard.edu>. For more information on funeral services or to leave a tribute message for the family, visit www.MarchFH.com or www.MarshallMarchFH.com.

The following is an excerpt from the bio posted on Congressman Cummings'

Congressional website:

Congressman Elijah R. Cummings was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, where he still resides today. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Howard University, serving as Student Government President and graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and then graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law. Congressman Cummings has also received 13 honorary doctoral degrees from Universities throughout the nation.

Congressman Cummings has dedicated his life of service to uplifting and empowering the people he is sworn to represent. He began his career of public service in the Maryland House of Delegates, where he served for 14 years and became the first African American in Maryland history to be named Speaker Pro Tem. Since 1996, Congressman Cummings has proudly represented Maryland's 7th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Congressman Cummings often said that our children are the living messages that we send to a future we will never see. In that vein, he has been

committed to ensuring that our next generation has access to quality healthcare and education, clean air and water, and a strong economy defined by fiscal responsibility.

Congressman Cummings served as the Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform. As the main investigative committee in the House of Representatives, Oversight and Reform has jurisdiction to investigate any federal program and any matter with federal policy implications. As the Committee's Chairman, Congressman Cummings fought to hold the Presidential Administration to a high standard of excellence and to ensure efficiency and effectiveness in the actions of the government of the United States."

He was also revered in the civil rights community.

"As a statesman devoted to Baltimore and the civil rights movement, Congressman Cummings was among the most passionate and spirited members of Congress," said NAACP President/CEO Derrick Johnson. "He demanded justice on every front and never shied away from standing up for the most vulnerable."

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BLACK INFANTS DIE TWICE AS MUCH AS WHITE, SAYS REPORT

[RALEIGH] According to the just released 2018 NC Infant Mortality Report, the death rate for infants in North Carolina dropped from 7.1 per 1,000 in 2017, to 6.8 per 1,000 in 2018 - the low-

est in 30 years. But when it comes to black infants, they are more than twice as likely to die before completing year one of life than their white counterpart. White infants, for the third year in a row, have had a mortality rate of 5.0 per 1,000. Black infants, however, die at a rate of 12.2 per 1,000. Gov. Cooper's office says the key to addressing the discrepancy is expanding Medicaid to more poor families across the state.

DIXIE CLASSIC FAIR NAME CHANGED BECAUSE OF RACIAL HISTORY

[WINSTON-SALEM] The Dixie Classic Fair is no more. As of 2020, the annual event that has been 135 years in the making will be called the "Carolina Classic Fair." The Winston-Salem City Council voted in August to change the name because prior to 1963, the Classic was not racially integrated. Back then, the

Carolina Fair was considered the black fair. Changing the name now sends the message that it is now a more inclusive event, with a shared history. The Carolina Classic Fair will be held Oct. 2 - 11, 2020.

AG STEIN OPPOSES TRUMP ADMINISTRATION HOUSING DISCRIMINATION POLICY

[RALEIGH] NC Attorney General Josh Stein has

joined over 20 other state attorneys general to oppose the Trump Administration's proposed policy to weaken fair housing laws, which would ultimately make it much harder to prove housing discrimination when people try to rent or purchase or home. "Fighting discrimination and ensuring everyone is treated equally is central to building stable, successful communities in North Carolina," Stein said in a

statement. "The existing rule helps ensure equal housing opportunities for everyone - I urge the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to abandon its proposed weakening of these critical protections."

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EXCLUSIVE

NAACP Gatewood hearing set

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Any final determination of Rev. Curtis Gatewood's suspended NAACP membership will most likely not come before February 2020, according to two sources confirming what was decided last weekend during the NAACP Board of Directors' meeting in Atlantic City, N. J. last weekend.

As reported exclusively last week, according to the NAACP Constitution and Bylaws, after Gatewood was sent his copy of the Article 10 complaint against him for alleged sexual harassment, the

board ordered a hearing by an appointed panel, which would convene within 60 days.

For the record, Rev. Gatewood has denied all allegations of sexual harassment, even though a second young female NAACP member also alleges that he sexually harassed her in 2014 when she was just an intern.

Gatewood and others testifying should receive official notice of the hearing date and its location, by the end of the week.

Because of the nature of the complaint, the hearing, in this case, will be comprised of three attorneys. That panel will receive a copy of the five month investigative report ordered by then NC NAACP

President, Rev. Dr. William Barber in 2017 after Gatewood was accused of sexually harassing Jazmyne Childs, the NC NAACP Youth Director. Gatewood resigned prior to the report's conclusion.

Rev. Gatewood will be called before the panel to testify, as will Ms. Childs and any supporting witnesses on a date still not made public. The hearing process may take one or two days.

According to sources, a national NAACP committee is scheduled to meet in December to consider all evidence and testimony, and then to make a determination to the national NAACP Board. The board, in turn, will render its final determi-

nation of the Article 10 complaint against Rev. Curtis Gatewood at its next scheduled meeting in February.

Given that timeline, any new election for NC NAACP president will not occur before February. Gatewood was a candidate opposing the re-election of current President, Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, but his membership was suspended a week before the NC NAACP Convention in Winston-Salem and the election of state officers, thus disqualifying him.

Sources say that, if the hearing panel adopts the NC NAACP 2017 report as fact, along with any testimony by opposing witnesses to

Gatewood's defense, then he will most likely not be reinstated. Thus, if there is a new NC NAACP presidential election, he will not be a candidate.

When asked, Rev. Gatewood has already stated that he will no longer be making any comments regarding his NAACP suspension. He referred all questions to Derrick Johnson, President/CEO of the national NAACP.

A spokesperson for Mr. Johnson, Marc Banks, responding to an email request for comment sent to the NAACP president, replied, "Due to the ongoing investigation and internal status of this matter, we are unable to give comment at this time."

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powerful and compassionate voice for the voiceless..."

"...[W]e have lost a giant and true champion of the people. I have been proud to serve in Congress alongside my colleague, Elijah Cummings, and honored to call him friend. This is a devastating loss for the city of Baltimore, the state of Maryland, for the nation and for Congress."

Congressman Butterfield continued, "Elijah Cum-

mings was the epitome of a servant leader, a resolute civil rights icon, a strong voting rights advocate and a relentless advocate for justice and equality. The presence and leadership of Congressman Cummings will be deeply missed, but his example and charge to us all continue to fuel our fire to protect our democracy and the American people. My sincerest condolences to the family, friends, staff and loved ones of Congressman Elijah Cummings during this difficult time."

Another close friend and

colleague, civil rights icon, Congressman John Lewis (D-GA), also paid deep tribute.

"The American people have lost a great leader at a time of crisis in our democracy. Chairman Elijah Cummings gave all he had. He dedicated his entire life to serving the public good. When this nation needed him most, he became a moral voice "crying in the wilderness," and his words and actions called a reluctant nation to conscience."

"He was a defining and commanding chairman of

the House Oversight and Reform Committee, who was not afraid to use the power vested in him to inquire, investigate, and demand the answers the American people deserve," Rep. Lewis continued. "He led us to the place where we, as a nation, finally understood government reform was urgently required. His passion, his vigor, and his example were a master class in leadership, demonstrating how we must all dig in to defend and preserve our democracy. His passing is a tremendous blow to the

struggle to build a fair and just society in America."

Cummings resided in his hometown of Baltimore - a place he vigorously defended when President Donald Trump attacked it earlier this summer.

According to his official bio, Congressman Cummings "...obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Howard University, serving as Student Government President and graduating Phi Beta Kappa, and then graduated from the University of Maryland

School of Law. Congressman Cummings has also received 13 honorary doctoral degrees from universities throughout the nation."

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FORBES

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A. Forbes, Sr. Conference Room of the Thomas A. Boyd Chapel on Shaw's campus.

Speaking for the family, Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., said, "Our family is delighted to make this presentation to Shaw University on behalf of our parents, Bishop James A. Forbes, Sr. and Mrs. Mabel Clemmons Forbes. They believed in the power of education, and they loved Shaw

University. We grew up and attended church just a few blocks from here, and some of our most wonderful experiences have been in connection with Shaw. Since this is the 400th year since the landing of Africans on these shores, it is a perfect time to celebrate the founding of the first university in the South for the education of sons and daughters of Mother Africa. I'm sure our parents will find great delight in glory to see Shaw University continue to provide a quality education for generations to come."

Members of the Forbes family include: Mr. Gerard Richardson, Mr. Cy Richardson and the late Mrs. Evangeline Forbes Richardson; Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., Mrs. Bettye Franks Forbes and Mr. James A. Forbes, III; Congressman (retired) Edolphyn Towns, Mrs. Gwendolyn Forbes Towns, Mr. Darryl Towns and Ms. Deidra Towns; Mr. Jonathon West, Mr. Terrance West and the late Mrs. Effie Forbes West; Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr., Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" Spaulding Forbes, Mrs.

Cheryl Forbes Moore, Dr. David C. Forbes, Jr. and Ms. Denise Forbes; Ms. Barbara Forbes, Mr. Gregory Carr and Ms. Kimberly Carr; Mrs. Anna Forbes Towns, Esq., Mr. Jason Towns and Mr. Jerome Towns; Dr. Ronald Forbes, Sr., Mrs. Giola Greene Forbes, Ms. Alicia Forbes, Mr. Ronald Forbes, Jr., Mr. Carlton Forbes and Mrs. Melanie Forbes Goins.

The Forbes family's legacy gift was the largest in the Homecoming Week that saw several donations to Shaw University by individual

alumni, alumni chapters, corporations and other supporters. The total amount raised to date is \$1.7 million, and the gifts have continued to come in. "We are very appreciative of everything our alumni and friends do for the University and our students. Every donation helps us to fulfill our mission; every gift brings us nearer to realizing the vision for Shaw's future," said Dr. Dillard.

The Shaw Bears added even more excitement to a big Homecoming Week with a win in Saturday's football

game.

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90th Birthday Anniversary Celebration



MAMIE B. WILLIAMS

What A Wonderful Time!

It would not have been a great time without EACH of YOU, who popped in for Mamie B. Williams' 90th Birthday Anniversary Celebration! Mamie turned 90 on Wednesday, October 3, 2019! Her 3 sons; Michael, Jerry (Brenda) and Clarence (Jackie), hosted a party to celebrate and honor her for this milestone in her life! The event was held, Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., at Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 160 Van

Campen Blvd. - Wilmington, NC. The honoree was accompanied by numerous family members and friends, of which many traveled from near and far for this special occasion! Those in attendance enjoyed great entertainment, great fellowship and a delicious food spread, catered by her cousins; Victor & Lillian Hussey from Greensboro, NC.

When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says. Proverbs 31:26
Remain Blessed Momma! We Love You!

Friendship Baptist Church holds "Friends and Family Day" services

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Friends and Family Day services were held at Friendship Baptist Church in Southport on Sunday, October 13, 2019.

The morning service began at 11:15 a.m. with the Pastor, Reverend Samuel Spicer, in charge. He read the scripture and Bobby Brown Prayed. Rev. Cary Godwin, Missionary, brought greetings from the Ocean View Baptist Association. A special presentation was made by a representative of the estate of the late Jesse A. Francis. Mr. Francis was a trustee and Sunday school teacher at Friendship Baptist Church for more than 40 years. Ronnie Reaves (lawyer) of Roanoke Rapids and Ricky Francis (son) of High Point presented a financial gift to the Church. Rev. Spicer delivered the sermon, "The Laws of Christ". Dinner was served at assigned family tables immediately following the morning service.

The annual musical program began at 3:00 p.m. with Sister Judy Fowler serving as mistress of ceremony. The scripture was read by Sister Barbara Rose and the prayer was given by Sis. Rhonda Davis. An inspirational message (Genesis 1:26-31) was given by Reverend Eddie Davis. The youth choirs from Friendship and Bethlehem Baptist churches performed along with the Jinwright Singers.



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Ricky Francis (son - L) and Ronnie Reaves (lawyer) present a financial gift from the Jesse A. Francis estate to Rev. Samuel Spicer.



Church officers, Marjorie Clemmons (L), Rev. Samuel Spicer, Beatrice Flythe, and Deacon William Flythe accept the financial gift from Ricky Francis (2nd L) and lawyer Ronnie Reaves.

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Lower emissions, cleaner environment: API says 'We're on it'

BY STACY M. BROWN
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When it comes to lowering emissions and reducing its environmental footprint in the U.S., the American Petroleum Institute (API) wants the world to know that the natural gas and oil industry is already doing it.

A new API advertising campaign highlights the natural gas and oil industry's leadership in reducing emissions, protecting the environment, making climate progress and serving consumers. While one commercial focuses on the role of industry as problem solvers, a second highlights industry's ability to solve complex problems.

API has already been vocal throughout the year on the climate role that industry plays in, while providing abundant, reliable, and affordable energy across the world. API President and CEO Mike Sommers notes that the industry is "laser-focused" on tackling the dual challenge of delivering energy globally and protecting the planet.

Sommers says that the industry is keeping pace with record demand for affordable fuels while reducing emissions every step of the way.

By investing in innovative technologies, developing state-of-the-art standards and supporting smart regulations that

reduce emissions, Sommers says the industry is improving sustainability, particularly in the production of clean natural gas.

API counts as the only national trade association that represents all facets of the natural gas and oil industry, which supports 10.3 million U.S. jobs and nearly 8% of the U.S. economy.

The 100-year-old trade association's focus is primarily domestic, but it notes that exported liquefied natural gas (LNG) also can help lower global emissions while addressing third-world countries' lack of access to modern energy.

API touts the benefits of increased use of natural gas in projections by the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) that energy-related carbon dioxide emissions will decline this year by 2.5%. Meanwhile a new Department of Energy report on the life cycle of greenhouse gas emissions associated with U.S. LNG exports confirmed the environmental benefits of natural gas vs. coal - which is significant given expanding markets in Asia and Europe for U.S. LNG.

EIA's CO2 projection, along with the projected 4.9% increase in natural gas consumed for power generation relative to 2018, underscores the point that increased use of natural gas in fueling power generation lowers CO2 emissions, and that the recent trend



The "We're on It" campaign underscores the commitment of the natural gas and oil industry to provide reliable and affordable energy, while reducing emissions and its footprint.

of the U.S. recording the lowest CO2 levels in a generation will continue.

Natural gas' competitiveness in the marketplace is a key to these national and global opportunities. The abundant, affordable fuel has driven emissions lower and helped the pocketbooks of U.S. consumers, especially low- and fixed-income households. Meanwhile, American liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports

are affecting the economics of power generation abroad.

While positive developments should affect all citizens, African Americans and other minorities should especially take note.

"Our industry certainly recognizes the great opportunity to enlist the talents and skills of more women, African Americans and Hispanics. A recent study projected nearly 1.9 million

direct job opportunities in industry through 2035, with women and minorities accounting for hundreds of thousands of them."

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"Today, the U.S. carbon dioxide emissions are at their

lowest in a generation, largely due to the increased use of natural gas, evidence that energy and climate progress can coexist," Sommers wrote last month.

"Through continued development of sustainable energy resources and collective action toward emissions reduction, the natural gas and oil industry will continue leading efforts to improve our environment."



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New Hanover County

First Baptist Missionary Church 520 North 5th Avenue, Wilmington, NC Fall Festival will be held on Friday October 25, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Trick O' Trunk, games, prizes. All are welcome. First Baptist Missionary Church Presents: Sacred Organ Music. Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 6:00p.m. Musical Guests include; Bro. Mychael Robinson, Rev. Vickie Walker, Bro. Keon Harrison, Sis. Fannie Watson, Bro. Herbert Temoney, Sis. Roberta Milhouse Mayo Proceeds benefit then Youth Scholarship Fund.

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 South 10th St., will hold a fish and Grits Brakfast on Saturday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

St. Stephen AME Church will celebrate the community service of Deborah Dicks Maxwell on Saturday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m. Contact Florence Warren at 910-520-0432 or Magdalene Johnson at 910-799-2825 for more information.

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Tré Redd and King Jones; three sisters, Mamie Fontes (Julio) of Canton, OH, Linda "Arlene" Smith (Demetrius Sr.) of Pembroke Pines, FL and Renee Sidberry (Roosevelt) of Hampstead, NC; two brothers, Phillip Jones (Gloria) of Canton, OH and Michael Shepard, (Fenita) of Raleigh, NC; one uncle, Fletcher Shepard of Charlotte, NC; sisters and brothers-in-law, Esther Snipes (Bobby), Reuben Redd, Roberta Johnson (Larry), Clyde Redd, Shere' Zorzi, Yvonne Redd and Gisele Sidbury; godmother, Wilhelmina Garrison; godchildren, Yolanda Shepard, Crystal Fuller, and Allen "Pede" Drye; special cousins, Mabel Drye, Marvin Fuller (Joyce), Barbara Fuller and Merwin LeBlanc; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Katie C. Nixon

Katie C. Nixon, age 95, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, October 17, 2019. A celebration of Ms. Nixon's life was conducted Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Price Cathedral AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave,

Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Stephen I. Johnson

Stephen I. Johnson, age 61, of Wilmington, passed away Saturday, October 19, 2019. A celebration of Mr. Johnson's life will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 25, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A visitation will be held one (1) hour prior to the service. Interment will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2019 follow in Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

Lawrence Moore

Lawrence Moore, age 91, of Wilmington, passed away Sunday, October 20, 2019. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Mr. Moore's life will be conducted at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 26, 2019 at First Baptist Missionary Church. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

"Gentleness/Meekness" Matt 11:29

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

We did not have the sun shining on us today but we always have the Son shining on us. Our meeting was called to order by our president Mrs. Gladys Taylor. She said Mr. George Hill is still mending, so we had the pleasure of lead in devotion by Mrs. Margie Robinson. Our opening song was, "O How I Love Jesus!" A fervent prayer was offered by

Mrs. Ethel Lawson. Thank you God for hearing our prayers! Next we sang, "I'll Fly Away." Minister Doris McQuillan said it is great to be here. She introduced our speaker Ms. Doris Alston Almoctar. Gentleness/meekness is one of the nine fruit of the Spirit. When Jesus spoke of gentleness He did not want us to think of being weak. It is not a sense of weakness. When we have the right attitude toward God we will have the right attitude toward others as well.

Meekness should be a part of you. Meekness has to do with our spirit within. God knows what is happening within us. There might be meekness on the outside but on the inside there might be a raging storm. Words can hurt! Mrs. Alston Almoctar was thanked and applauded for such a great message. Expressions were offered; we had one visitor, Mr. Alton Bowden. He was welcomed by Ms. Cherry Pearson. Our minutes were read by Ms.

Mildred Ellerby. Mrs. Almoctar was the caller winner with a total of nine persons present. Mrs. Annie Haskins shared the sick report. She asked us to keep all of our sick and shut-in in prayer; in fact we all need prayer. Next we entertained announcements. Mrs. Martin made us laugh once again; thank you Mrs. Martin. At the end of our meeting a movie was shown. There were 45 in attendance, to God be the glory!

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church celebrates its 153rd anniversary

Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 153rd anniversary on Sunday, October 27th during the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Pastor Rev. Sean Palmer.

Affectionately known to many by his last name, "Palmer," Sean is the oldest of seven children born to the late Sheila C. H. Palmer. Reared for most of his early childhood by the foster parents of his mother in Columbia, South Carolina, Sean grew up in a loving home by two educators who believed sincerely in God, which led them to devote their lives tirelessly to education and community involvement. As Sean became an adolescent, James Hasker and Thelma Lucille Payne, suddenly passed away successively over the course of a year. After their passing, his maternal grandmother, Lucy Alice Hampton, raised Sean until he went to college. In that home, Sean was influenced by his grandmother's commitment to God as both a faithful choir and usher board member. He often travelled with her throughout South Carolina, accompanying the "singing" usher board on their many engagements. While Sean accepted Christ as a child attending Second Calvary Baptist Church, his relationship grew immensely in his family's "home" church, New Bethel A.M.E. church.

God spoke to Sean through the music of the church. During his time as a teen, Sean enjoyed singing in a variety of choirs, and leading the youth activities of the church. While Sean knew in his teens that God was calling him to ministry, Sean did not answer this call until he was 29. Even though Sean had grown up in

the loving care of his grandparents (with much help from a hosts of aunts and uncles), the lack of parental involvement hindered his esteem. It was God's love that healed his heart and ultimately ushered Sean into his calling.

Sean's natural acumen for leadership, music, and scholarship have proven to be touchstones for the way in which Sean lives out his life as God's servant. His calling has been manifesting through his love for the Black Community, which is evidenced by his work as an African American Studies scholar and as the Director of the Upperman African American Cultural Center at UNC-Wilmington, where he has been able to create a fresh and dynamic environment for students, community liaisons, and professionals alike. As well, Sean's musical abilities, coupled with his love of worship (both personally and corporately) have opened many doors for him to direct choirs, serve as a ministerial leader, and lead workshops. As a gifted visionary and administrator, Sean has been effective in developing a host of programs both within and outside of the church. As a student leader, Sean sought to advance students' rights, often rebuilding organizations. As a higher education professional, Sean has sought to reinvigorate programming and mentor students. As a ministerial leader, Sean seeks to live a life premised on the model of Jesus: leading others in worship, counseling people, and preaching the Word of God. Too, Sean attempts to be a vulnerable servant who loves God by loving God's people. Sean seeks to always answer God with an affirmative "Yes!" Even though answering



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO REVEREND SEAN PALMER

God's call has not always been easy, Sean began to prepare for pastoral ministry in 2008 when he left his position at a small Historically Black College in Augusta, Georgia and his church where he had been in ministerial leadership, to attend Duke Divinity School. Having grown attached to both his students and his congregation, Sean was faced with a difficult decision to leave positions that gave him immense joy...and where he readily saw God's hands moving. After much prayer and fasting, Sean journeyed to Durham, where he attended school and ultimately met his wife, the former Jhaniqua Farrar from Cary, North Carolina. Attending Duke catalyzed Sean's understand-

ing of God's call as he was given opportunities to serve in a variety of congregations that were different from his own. In all environments, Sean excelled, and was blessed by God's people. Sean's ability to do as God commands, in the environments to which he is called, makes him an inspiration to his friends. He continues to shepherd many mentees, who call on him often for counsel and advice. He loves his family unconditionally, knowing that he has been privileged by education. Finally, he seeks to be the kind of pastor who embodies the following notion: "God Moves, and So Shall I!" The public is cordially invited and dinner will be served after the service.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The destruction of the Black family is the destruction of the community

The satanic, holocaust, and genocide of blacks through the inhumane killing of black babies in womb of its mother which suppose to be the most safe haven for the development and grow of the unborn child (19,000,000 black babies) have been aborted in this country since 1973. "Holocaust is defined as destruction or slaughter on a mass scale; genocide is defined as the deliberate killing of a large group of people (babies), especially those of a particular ethnic group; inhumane is defined as without compassion for misery or suffering; cruel". Satanic means, of or characteristic of Satan, connected with Satanism or extremely evil or wicked. Jesus describes the devil as a thief in John 10:10a (KJV) the thief cometh not, but for to steal, and kill, and destroy (so this is of the devil disguise women rights)..

ership in Washington, DC or the largest civil rights organization in country, where are the voices of the churches? The Black community need to lift up their voices as one and cry loud, and spare not, that we must address the issue of killing of the unborn first because if life have no value in the womb then it have no value in the street of our cities. The structure of the Black family have been destroyed it is estimated that 74% of all babies that is born is without a daddy in the home. What has happen to the family as God design it



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

to be? It is because we are disregarding moral values and moral values only comes from the God of the Bible. We cannot forsake the principles of the Bible, which means we have forsaken the God of the Bible and think we can have a productive community! The Bible which is the Word God is what keeping a society from lapsing into hedonism. The Bible is the vaccine through the Blood of Jesus to save us! "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus: What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus". My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness, I dare not trust the sweet frame but wholly lean on Jesus name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand all other ground is sinking sand". Jesus is the only Hope for Black America! Abortion's Devastating Impact Upon Black Americans: Abortion cannot be allowed on economic, social, or racial grounds-to afford a higher standard of living, for the convenience of uncommitted relationships, or because a minority racial group is involved. February 11, 2019, by Arthur Goldberg

When Stacey Abrams lost her bid for Georgia governor last November, she explained away her loss with the common liberal talking point that racism deprived her fellow African-Americans and other minorities of their fundamental right to vote. Her campaign was largely focused on turning out the minority vote.

In contrast, her silence was deafening concerning a far more potent factor holding down the black vote: namely, the staggering number of abortions in the black community. The inconvenient truth of "black genocide" significantly decreased the potential black population of Georgia over the past fifty years. According to recent Centers for Disease Control (CDC) statistics, while African-Americans constitute 32.2 percent of Georgia's population, 62.4 percent of abortions in Georgia are performed on African-American women. By contrast, whites constitute 60.8 percent of the Georgia population, but only 24.7 percent of abortions were performed on white women. Even pro-abortion groups like the Guttmacher

Institute admit that "black women are more than 5 times as likely as white women to have an abortion. These abortion numbers have curtailed population increases in the African-American community. Michael Novak calculated in 2002 that without the incidence of abortion, the African-American population would show at least a 36-percent increase. Even this number does not take into account the number of children who may have been born to those who were aborted".

"In its endorsement of Abrams, Planned Parenthood referred to her as an "unwavering champion for reproductive health and rights." In proudly accepting their endorsement, Ms. Abrams emphasized that she would "not whisper" her campaign's pro-choice position, proclaiming that abortion would be a "proud and central facet" of her campaign and governance. By aligning herself with Planned Parenthood's agenda, Abrams ignored the warnings of community pastors such as Clenard Childress, Jr., who warned, "If the current trend [of abortions in the black community] continues, by 2038 the black vote will be insignificant." I personally believe within ten years the black vote will be insignificant!

Father, in the name Jesus help us see through the lens of the Bible what we need to do. Amen

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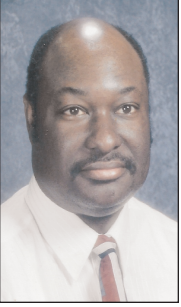

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