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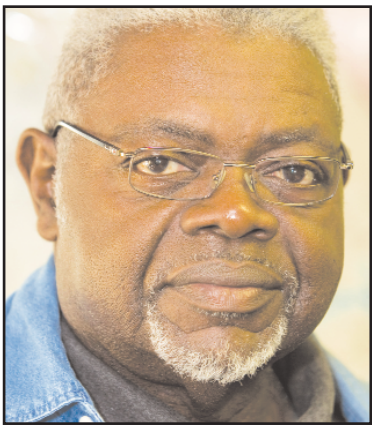


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President had advance notice

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today we find ourselves in the middle of a virus in the world. It has shut down plants, factories, other workplaces and processes of everyday life. This has left people all over the world in danger of their lives. I find that we could not have stopped its spread here in the United States, but we could have been more prepared for it and maybe saved more lives, but it has been proven that our President had advanced notice of this virus and its serious nature. However, he ignored its warnings with a statement that this was a Democratic ploy, fake news, and when it was brought to his attention again, he said this was some of Obama's politics, put into place to stir up the people. There were several more statements of nonsense which he

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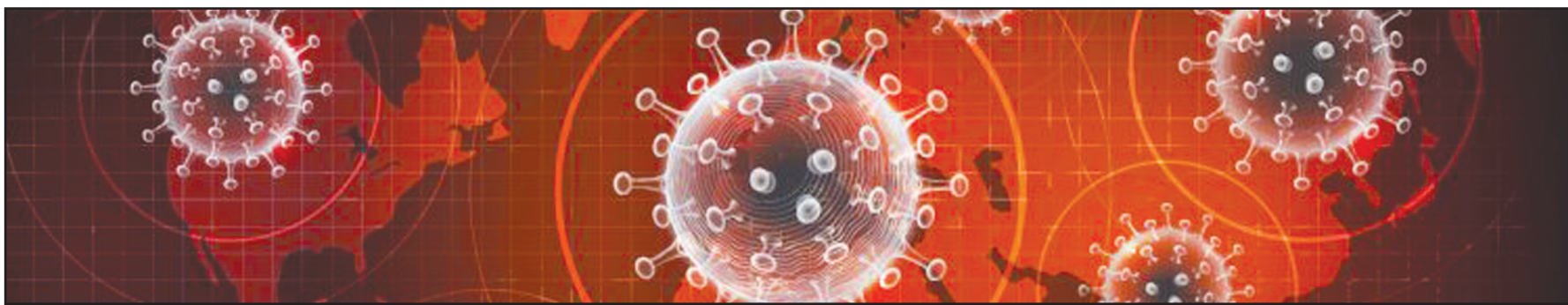
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COVID-19 UPDATE

The real reason why Blacks are susceptible to COVID-19

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Racism, and our environments hold the keys.

In the eyes of the national media, the COVID-19 pandemic has slowly, but surely, evolved into a Black people's "problem," and many African-Americans don't like it.

Reports from states, like Louisiana, where 70 percent of the victims of COVID-19 deaths, as of last week, have been Black, and the major Midwest city of Chicago, which logged over 9100 cases, as of Monday of the week, with, according to Mayor Lori Lightfoot, more than half of them have been Black.

Here in North Carolina, which, at press time, is expected to tally over 5,000 confirmed novel coronavirus cases by the end of the week, if not sooner, African-Americans comprise 38% of those cases (and 39% of the 90 deaths thus far).

Furthermore, the NCNAACP has filed suit against the state to release nonviolent prison inmates now because of the danger of infec-

tion in close quarters. A COVID-19 outbreak was reported at the Smithfield prison in Johnston County, and, at least, three prisoners at the federal prison in Butner reportedly contracted the virus last week.

Many medical professionals have noted that those people with comprised immune systems, the body's natural defense system that fights off disease, are highly susceptible to the physical ravages of COVID-19 the can result in high fevers, corrupted respiratory breathing and, in many cases, death. So African-Americans already suffering from diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer and other traditional maladies associated with low income living, have fallen victim.

But why, and can the environments that typically produce these dire results be turned around?

According to social scientists, the coronavirus pandemic has exposed, without doubt, the nation's "dirty little secret" about how it treats its poor, and the environmental and

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Amidst Covid-19, Black psychologist, others tell African-Americans how to maintain mental, emotional health

BY BRIANNA NARGISO

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As Coronavirus cases have risen to well beyond a half million confirmed cases in the United States, it can be difficult to remain positive, minimize anxiety and work through times of painful transition and uncertainty.

Psychologist Dr. Esther Hyatt, PhD., a retiree from the New York City Department of Education, shares a few tips that could benefit Black people during the quarantine. She advises the following:

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Trump points the finger of blame at another Black man for COVID-19

President blames the World Health Organization for not providing timely information, WHO says coronavirus was public health emergency in January

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE SPECIAL TO THE TRICE EDNEY NEWS WIRE FROM NORTHSTARNEWSTODAY.COM

President Trump has found a Black man other than former President Barack Obama to point the finger at for his and his administration's failings.

Trump is now attacking Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Ethiopian-born head of the World Health Organization, one of the go-to organizations dispensing important data concerning the coronavirus pandemic.

The U.S. is a major WHO funder, and Trump has threatened to cut the Geneva, Switzerland-based organization's funding, charging that the WHO "really blew it," being persuaded by China to downplay the coronavirus outbreak.

"They could have called it much earlier," Trump said at a coronavirus task force briefing Tuesday evening. "When they call every shot wrong, that's no good." He charged that the WHO was very "China-centric." "Fortunately, I



DR. TEDROS ADHANOM GHEBRYEYEOS

rejected their advice on keeping our borders open to China early on...Why did they give us such a faulty recommendation?" Trump posted in an April 7 tweet.

Nearly 40,000 people have flown from China to the United States since the president imposed travel restrictions between the two countries.

And others have piled on with the blame. U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham, a Trump loyalist, said on Fox News he will push to cut WHO's U.S. funding unless there is a change in leadership. The U.S. provided \$900 million in funding to the WHO in 2018 and 2019. Trump wants to cut it to \$57.9 million and Graham wants to cut the funding to zero.

During a virtual news briefing, Dr. Hans Kluge, WHO regional director for Europe, said it wasn't the

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How can Black businesses survive COVID-19?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Will Black businesses, such as restaurants, barber shops, beauty salons, and others, survive the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or fall prey to the current "stay-in place" safety restrictions, and if they do survive, can they navigate a probable national economic recession?

"Music is GONE," opines popular jazz singer Eve Cornelious, "Self-employed musicians are in trouble."

Both are open questions now, particularly in a state that boasts of being in the top five when it comes to Black businesses nationwide. Given the historic struggles Black businesses encountered long before "the rona," as some in the community nickname COVID-19, began infecting the nation earlier this year, there is serious doubt about what will happen next.

In a normal environment, Black businesses face being pigeon-holed racially; lack both the capital and access to credit to build and hire more in the community; have to compete with non-Black businesses sometimes within their own communities; adequately pay bills even when patrons fail to pay theirs on time; not considered good enough; and maintaining product and service quality.

Indeed, according to national figures, eight out of ten Black business startups fail in the first year.

"Black-owned companies averaged lower sales than those with White, Asian, and Hispanic owners, according to Inc. Magazine.

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STATE BRIEFS



NCDP CHAIR CALLS FOR BURR'S RESIGNATION AMID NEW REPORT

[WASHINGTON, DC] Wayne Goodwin, chairman of the NC Democratic Party, demanded that Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) immediately step down amid a

new report that he sold his Washington, D.C. townhouse to a well-known lobbyist for well-over fair market value. According to the report by *ProPublica*, the lobbyist is a longtime donor to Burr's campaign. Goodwin was one of many to call for Sen. Burr to step down after it was revealed he dumped \$1.6 million in stock right before the COVID-19 pandemic

cratered the stock market. Burr has asked for an ethic investigation.

LT. GOV. DEMANDS PANDEMIC INFO FROM NCDHHS

[RALEIGH, NC] Lt. Gov. Dan Forest, a candidate for governor this fall, has demanded a list of information dealing with the current COVID-19 pandemic in North Carolina because, he

said in an April 13th letter to NCDHHS Sec. Mandy Cohen, "Now, it's time to start planning how to rebuild." Forest and other conservatives have been bellowing that Gov. Cooper's measures to slow the transmission of the virus down by closing restaurants and bars, and imposing stay-at-home measures, has "seriously damaged" North Carolina's

economy. Cooper has said that the stringent measures must remain April 30th, and then he'll look to see whether the rate of transmission has slowed sufficiently.

500 INMATES CONSIDERED FOR PRISON RELEASE

[RALEIGH, NC] At least 500 prison inmates are being considered for early

release because of the COVID-19 pandemic, NC Dept. of Public Safety officials say. Those inmates may be moved to home confinement, but they have meet certain confinement requirements, says Eric Hooks, secretary of DPS. They must also already have a release date for 2020.

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Now comes the coronavirus, and, in an effort to

slow down transmission of the dangerous infectious disease, Governor Roy Cooper orders all restaurants, bars and "nonessential" businesses closed, and all people to stay at

home. That order effectively closes many small businesses in the Black community, let alone many small businesses over-

all. Ideally, what was supposed to happen once the \$2.3 trillion CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security) Act was passed by Congress in March was that

small businesses were to have access to \$350 billion "Payroll Protection Program" in loans (up to \$10 million) from the federal government to the stave off layoffs and closures if employees are forced to stay home.

There was also \$10 billion for emergency \$10,000 grants for small businesses for operating expenses.

If a company has 500 or fewer workers and maintains its payroll during the pandemic shutdown, the employer could receive up to eight weeks of cash flow assistance from the government, and if the business owner continued to pay employees while essentially shutdown, the portion of the government loan from the bailout used to cover payroll, pay interest on an outstanding mortgage, rent and utilities, would be forgiven.

However, reportedly, what Trump administration officials promised would be a simple process of just going to the bank and making application online for the CARES Act loan, has turned

out to be anything but that for small businesses overall, thanks to administrative problems with the U.S. Treasury and the Small Business Administration.

And worst of all, banks would favor small business customers with whom they already have a lending relationship.

That one factor has locked a large number of small Black businesses out, primarily because many aren't able to access substantial credit on a normal basis, and thus, don't have the strong bank relationship required to take advantage of the CARES Act loan.

Ironically, the CARES Act does provide funding to the Minority Business Development Agency, but it's only \$10 million.

It may take follow up Congressional funding, along with strong input from the Congressional Black Caucus, for small Black businesses to get the real financial assistance that they need to survive the coronavirus.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

RAINBOW COALITION

Coronavirus illustrates our failure to create a fair society

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The media has just discovered that the coronavirus is far more deadly to blacks and Latinos than to whites. Twice as deadly in New York City, according to the New York Times. Seventy-two percent of the fatalities in Chicago are blacks who constitute about 30 percent of the population. The news is treated as a shocking revelation on the BBC, CNN and CBS and in newspapers across the country. Why should anyone be shocked? Over 150 years after the abolition of slavery, and over six decades since the end of legal apartheid in this country, America still remains, as the Kerner Commission concluded in 1968, "two societies, one black, one white, separate and unequal."

The coronavirus does not discriminate, but people do. African Americans and Hispanics are more likely to die because we bear the pre-existing condition known as race. The reality is harsh and inescapable. African Americans are more likely to be poor, more likely to be unemployed, more likely to lack health insurance, more likely to be arrested, jailed and incarcerated. We live lives of greater stress, in neighborhoods too often scarred by gun violence.

The result is a lower life expectancy even before the virus hit. This discrepancy is structural, and it is not accidental. It is, as the Kerner Commission concluded, the direct result of public policy and private prejudice.

African Americans are more likely to be afflicted with pre-existing health conditions that make the virus particularly fatal: heart disease, diabetes, asthma, obesity. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, we are 50 percent more likely to have heart disease and 40 percent more likely to die at an early age. Nineteen percent of us can't afford to see a doctor.

The majority of us live in the South where many Republican governors have refused to extend Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Antiimmigration rhetoric and policing make many Hispanics reluctant to go to the hospital or see a doctor, even if they can afford it. Blacks and Hispanics also constitute a disproportionate number of the frontline workers — the bus drivers and grocery clerks, janitors and mass transit workers, child care and nursing home staffs. They take the early bus. They do not have the luxury of "social distancing." They can't work from home and can't afford not to work.

These realities are pre-existing conditions that make us more vulnerable to the virus. They aren't a secret, even though they are seldom discussed. Now the virus is bringing them to public attention once more. The question is whether anything will be done this time. If the president or Congress were serious, they would create a new Kerner Commission, an independent commission to document the structures of racism and discrimination built into our public policies. And then they would act on the recommendations — many of which no doubt would be no different than those of the Kerner Commission itself over half a century ago. If they fail to act, governors could create similar investigations for their own states, and act upon the recommendations.

Donald Trump has failed to mobilize adequately the federal resources needed to combat the coronavirus effectively. But past presidents and congresses have failed for decades to mobilize the resources and make the wrenching changes needed to end the virus of white racism, and finally create an equal playing field for all in America. The coronavirus only serves to once more draw attention to the terrible human costs of that failure.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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THE WORD FOR TODAY IS PROPAGANDA

This post is for all new home-school teachers, middle and high school students, college students, millennials, baby boomers and retired people over sixty-six. As a retired vocational education teacher, I can advise and empathize with some of you. Parents you were your child's first and most effective teacher for six- years, you now have a lap top computer that weighs about five pounds to replace that heavy 50-pound set of encyclopedia or trips to the library. Some of you didn't like all your children's teachers in the first place (smile). Like me, your children's teachers (though we are not treated or paid that way) are professionals. Call them to help you teach your children. I encourage the other groups to take some time to watch the news on TV. I

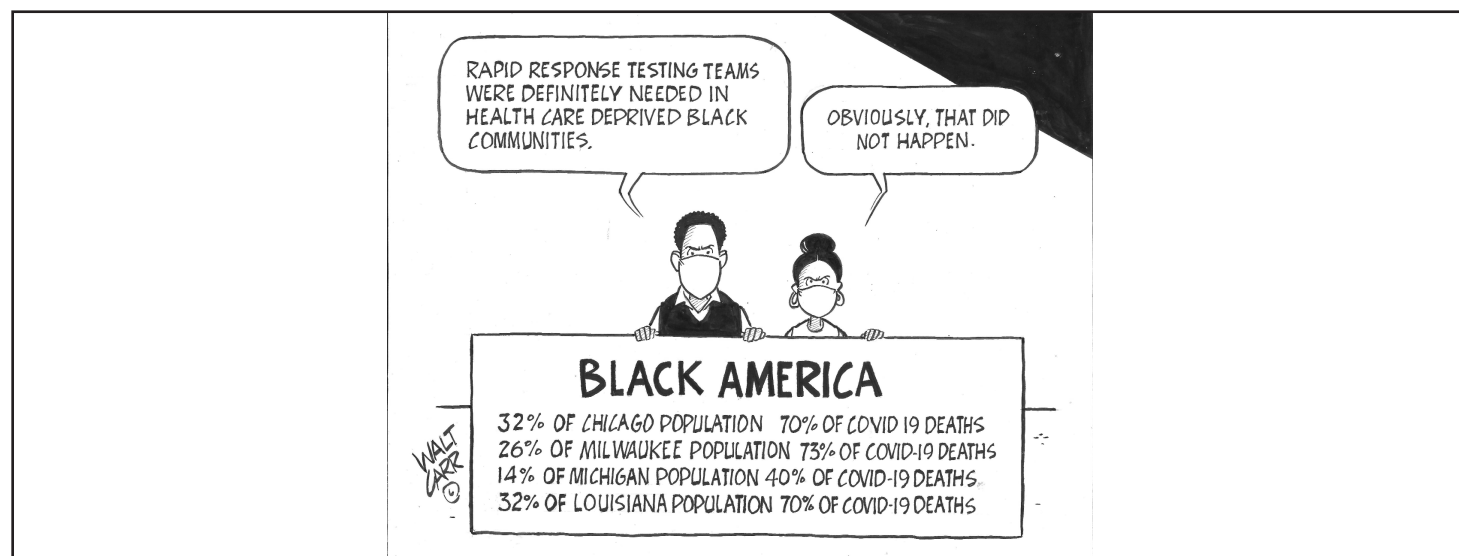
watch TRUMP break all the rules by using his press conference as a campaign rally every day to further his propaganda. As all good teachers do, I will give you an explanation of the word propaganda for the younger ones and for those who forgot. Propaganda is telling others the same old lies over and over until they believe it. Like the story your Uncle Billy Bob tells about how long and how big that fish was he caught or Aunt CC's story about how many points she averaged as a high school basketball star. Have you ever watched your team be down by 30 points with 2 minutes left in the 4th quarter and your cheerleaders dance and shout, we are number one? Vice-president Pence is a boring and very low-key cheerleader. I have never seen him dancing and waving his hands in the air as he praises TRUMP over and over at, his press conference/

rally but he like TRUMP is full of propaganda. Some of you will register and vote in 11 years and others have never registered or voted. To educate yourself, please take 2 hours each day during lockdown, to listen to TRUMP and then research to see if he is telling the truth or spreading propaganda/lies. Why should you care what he is saying or doing? It is because your life is on the line. To date, over 24,000 in the U.S. have died from coronavirus. Do you know any of them? TRUMP said in February he ordered 167 million masks needed in all hospitals to protect the medical staff and all other hospital workers and patients. His statement was a lie, propaganda, he did not order the mask until March 24, 2020. If you didn't learn anything today, you were not listening class dismissed!!! PS I bet many of you wished the head cook in your family had taken

Home Economics when they were in high school (smile). I hope and pray the education administrators and school boards bring back home economics, carpentry, auto mechanic, bricklaying and other vocational classes. Yes, us "good" teachers love and pray for our students (smile). The minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour; Congress is trying to raise it to \$15.00. Those vocational training jobs pay 2 to 3 times more than what most of your children are paid now. Will you parents encourage your children to take them? One of TRUMP'S biggest lie was when he said we will have enough test kits to test all of us. They have tested less of 1% of us taxpayers. TRUMP'S family has been tested twice. How many people in your family have been tested?

James J. Hankins
Wilmington, NC

Visual Voice



YOUR VOICE

MATTERS OF OPINION

Refreshing the voter rolls

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

With the COVID-19 tragedy, our community has lost so many of our voters who've succumbed to the virus. As we grieve their losses, I thought about the untold number of brothers and sisters we've lost as voters when they were arbitrarily removed from voter rolls and lost their voting privilege when Republicans raided voter rolls

and removed thousands of our people. Not only have we lost potential voters, but we've lost many who regularly take the time to publicly support voter registration projects because we are all advised to stay indoors when they would normally be signing up voters. With that in mind, Bishop Joe Simon, the former rhythm and blues genius, and I talked about the terrible impact the coronavirus has had on his carefully laid out plans to personally travel to various of our communities to promote voter registration. As the virus grew worse and public officials began adding more and more time to how long we might still be under "shelter in place" orders, we decided that one

way to continue with voter registration would be to develop an online voter registration project. The project was launched through Joe Simon Ministries on Monday, April 6th.

We understand that everyone may not know how to use the appropriate online forms since every state differs in its requirements. I serve as President of the National Congress of Black Women whose early leaders included Dr. C. Delores Tucker (Founder and former Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) and the incomparable Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm. Joe and I decided we could do something to register voters since we don't

have the ability to travel to the towns planned. Members of the National Congress of Black Women agreed to learn each state's procedures so that we could provide technical assistance to anyone requiring it. The press release we've sent reads in part as follows: "If you are not registered to vote, you've moved since the last time you voted or changed your name, do the following: Download <https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote>; Check Voting and Elections and follow the prompts; If you need help, call Joe Simon's line at 877-805-8447.

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City finances are hard-hit by the Coronavirus

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Cities depend on density. They depend on people milling around downtown, or at neighborhood parks, or street fairs and restaurants. Not only does this milling about bring energy to urban areas, but it also contributes dollars to city coffers. Now with the coronavirus causing some cities to issue "shelter at home" orders, close restaurants except for pick up and delivery, and order the use of facial coverings in public places, the gush of revenue has slowed to a drip, and cities are being forced to revise their budgets to manage the new reality.

San Francisco's Mayor London Breed was quick to act, issuing a "shelter in place" order in late February. In contrast, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio dragged his feet on issuing a shelter in place order. While some cities closed

schools in early March, de Blasio dragged his feet until mid-March. As a result, San Francisco is in much better shape, in terms of infections, than New York is. At the same time, both San Francisco and New York are both grappling with the impact of decreased revenue. People won't necessarily feel it right away, and there will be some federal help available, but it will likely take cities years to recover.

The District of Columbia started the year with a projected budget surplus. It had 77 days of reserves on hand, more than they've had in years. These reserves were partly due to the steady leadership of Mayor Muriel Bowser and the economic expansion of the past several years. But as soon as the coronavirus lifted its ugly head and Mayor Bowser wisely ordered all non-essential commerce to cease, city finances were at risk. The mayor recently said the city will end this fiscal year \$600 million in the hole, which will cause a hiring freeze, a salary freeze, and other austerity measures.

The tourism industry is virtually non-existent these days, and many cities fund some

services with taxes on tourists. In San Antonio, about 270 employees will be furloughed because their positions were funded by the Hotel Occupancy Tax. In Detroit, the mayor expects to cut its already "to the bone" budget by \$100 million. Baltimore is relocating homeless people to motels to limit their exposure. In the short run, it is heartening that they chose life over budget. In the long term, we must wonder how the budget will handle it. Chicago was fiscally fragile when Mayor Lori Lightfoot was elected a year ago, and she faced crushing deficits. Now, dealing with the coronavirus, she has had to cancel projected tax increasing, plunging her city even further into the hole. She has imposed a 9 pm curfew until April 30 and exploring other ways to promote social distancing in her city.

Cities are Blacker, browner, older, and younger than the rest of America. These folks, among the neediest, are also the ones at more risk to the coronavirus. It was no surprise to learn that Black folk are more likely to get the coronavirus than others. For example, African Americans are 23 percent of the Chicago popula-

tion, but a whopping 70 percent of th coronavirus cases. People want to be tested, especially if they are experiencing symptoms, but testing sites are not well geographically distributed. Those areas who can flex political muscles are likely to get more services, while Black and brown communities are likely to be ignored.

As an aside, it is essential to note that Black folk are among those most likely to risk their lives to ensure that life moves smoothly. We are quick to thank the doctors and nurses, and most deservedly so. Some are now lifting up grocery store workers (who earn an average of \$12 an hour), which is important because they keep us fed. But the invisible workers are our sanitation workers, and in some cities, these are mostly Black men. Imagine what might happen if these men disappeared? They are essential to city operations.

Years ago, David Caplovitz wrote a book, *The Poor Pay More*, that spoke of the "poverty penalty" that comes when the poor pay more for goods

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Many people who were concerned about voter registration have volunteered to help.

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young brothers and sisters to understand the blood, sweat and tears of our people who gave their last full measure—

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and services than their wealthier, whiter neighbors. Now the coronavirus is extracting a poverty penalty, especially in

cities, for those who are most vulnerable. The penalty is the immediate disproportionate impact of coronavirus on Black folk.

finances. Who will pay? The homeless? Education? Social services? City services? Urban leaders must speak up and talk about the price their cities will pay, and how they might be restored.

economist, author, media contributor and educator. Her latest project MALVEAUX! On UDCTV is available on youtube.com.

The fate of the American middle class is in the hands of regulators

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Last week, Congress passed phase three of its COVID-19 response, the CARES ACT, a \$2 trillion stimulus package that has become most well-known for its direct payments of up to \$1,200 for many Americans.

Home ownership has long been a quintessential element of the American Dream. It is more than a place to live. It is a tangible path to the middle class - and arguably the greatest investment an individual can make.

hand, non-bank servicers will not have the liquidity to advance mortgage payments at the high rate that will be necessary. This presents a challenge, considering more than half of all mortgages in recent years came from non-depository lending institutions—including larger parts of loans made to low-income families.

servicers with access to the necessary liquidity in the CARES ACT and puts the issue in the hands of regulators. Hours after Congress' omission of liquidity to non-depository servicers, Ginnie Mae announced plans to provide liquidity in the market for servicers within the next two weeks.



Donnell Williams



Antoine M. Thompson

However, an often unknown part of forbearance is that although homeowners around the country are receiving much needed relief, lenders and servicers are still obligated to pay principal, interest, taxes, and insurance, on the homeowner's behalf.

Now that the CARES ACT has been signed into law, it is important that regulators take the opportunity to clarify forbearance policy to not only provide needed economic relief to impacted homeowners, but also lay out guidelines for mortgage lenders to navigate this unprecedented challenge.

Servicers open the door for homeownership for many American families. These institutions play a key role in market diversification and provide new opportunities for a diverse group of borrowers. It is essential that regulators and Congress work to ensure that non-bank lenders and servicers receive the necessary protections and have access to needed liquidity, allowing them to continue the important role they play in helping families realize the dream of homeownership.

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Black communities deserve health equity during COVID crisis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

In 1966, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “[o]f all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and inhuman.” Dr. King's words ring true today.

COVID-19 provides a harrowing picture of the pandemic's impact on Black Americans and makes clear that African Americans are dying at higher rates than whites.



Kristen Clarke

vulnerable to coronavirus-related complications and deaths. Provider bias meant that some Black Americans were prematurely turned away at the hospital door or denied access to equitable treatment. Far too many African Americans have lost their jobs or been furloughed and are currently without access to health insurance.

national-level racial data. This data is a critical tool in the fight to ensure a strategically targeted response to the pandemic. That data can also help inform time-sensitive advocacy efforts to push more employers to grant paid leave that can literally help save lives.

Data revealed from pockets of the country have made clear that the pandemic is having a disproportionate impact on Black Americans. The Trump administration's lack of transparency and failure to release racial data on a national level has undermined efforts to develop a targeted response to the crisis.

Americans make up 27% of the population but 38% of deaths. In South Carolina, African Americans make up 27% of the population but 38% of deaths. And in Louisiana, Blacks make up 33% of the population but 71% of deaths.

We are also taking action to address overcrowded jails and prisons which are very vulnerable to rapid spread of the virus.

The few states and cities across the country that are publishing data are providing doctors and medical professionals with the critical information needed to help ensure that we are reaching the most vulnerable and high-risk communities.

The earliest days of the pandemic were ones in which we saw very little testing and the few testing options that were available were seemingly reserved for the well-connected and the privileged. Systemic racism and discrimination across our healthcare system has also left far too many African Americans beleaguered with pre-existing conditions that rendered them more

This season demands that we collectively leverage our voices to call for justice, equity and action to advance the shared goal of beating back this pandemic. We should heed Dr. King's calls and begin to push our leaders to address the “shocking and inhuman” disparities that have left African Americans particularly vulnerable during the current pandemic. We should view Covid-19 through a racial justice lens and demand equal access to healthcare as a critical civil and human right.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Does being wealthy and privileged alter one's capacity to care?

It has been striking to me to listen to the president and those who are aligned with him express so much more concern for the state of the economy than they have for the hundreds of thousands of people who are suffering because of coronavirus.

I have also recoiled from the statements given by some pastors and governors that they will not issue orders for people to shelter in place to help curb the spread of the virus. (https://www.vox.com/covid-19-coronavirus-response-trump/2020/4/12/21218126/why-some-churches-are-holding-in-person-easter-services-in-defiance-of-federal-guidelines)



Rev. Susan K. Smith

I keep wondering how it is that people can care so little not just about themselves, but about the people of their families and of this country? How can anyone think it's OK to challenge the virus - when the virus has already wrought so much illness and death - for the sake of defying the government? They are citing the fact that in this country we have "freedom of religion," but does that right make it all right to expose others to illness and death? (https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-03-31/coronavirus-megachurches-meeting-pastors)

Attorney General William Barr, citing his desire that the American economy be jump-started, made a comment that people don't need to be going home and hiding under their beds.

(https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/attorney-general-william-barr-fox-news-coronavirus/2020/04/09/dfda1f94-7a12-11ea-a130-df573469f094_story.html) I've not heard him utter a word of concern for those who cannot stay at home, or a word for the health care workers and police and ambulance workers, the bus drivers and transit workers, who are staying on the battlefield, so to speak, to the detriment of their own health to help the rest of us?

From the beginning, it feels like this country discounted the virus and its power. The 1918 Flu Pandemic happened a long time ago and Americans have forgotten - if they ever knew - how devastating that event was in terms of human life and the American economy.

America likes to believe that bad things cannot happen here, and is on record for having ignored warnings from governments on medical and military crises. America was warned in 1941 when the Japanese were planning an attack on Pearl Harbor, but ignored it. (https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/northamerica/usa/8932197/Pearl-Harbour-memo-shows-US-warned-of-Japanese-attack.html). Likewise, America was warned about a possible attack on September 11, 2001. (https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rc=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&ved=2ahUKEwiEvpiezeXoAhUGIKwKHQL7DPiQfJABegQIBB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2013%2F07%2F27%2Fus%2Fseptember-11th-warning-signs-fast-facts%2Findex.html&usg=AOvVaw3uXozG2M5y5ntYV14AW5o1)

America was criticized for its response and reaction to the Ebola outbreak in this country as well (https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/ebola-virus-outbreak/report-slams-us-ebola-response-readiness-n313251)

In a word, America seems to think it is immune from the type of devastation of humanity we have seen in so many countries. We have never had whole cities wiped out, as have had cities in Europe. Except for our shameful immigration detention centers, we have had not had mass dislocation of American citizens, although during the Great Depression, an estimated 2 million people succumbed to homelessness. (https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rc=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=10&ved=2ahUKEwiG0ZyezuXoAhVJA6wKHdQB AU4QFJAJegQIBB&url=https%3A%2F%2Fedu.glogster.com%2Fglog%2Fhomelessness-in-the-great-depression%2F20jxfbe0tk&usg=AOvVaw2SaHdCbmb_H86ZEaQLXb)

That so little attention is being shown to the plight of people who are suffering makes me wonder: How can a nation that claims to be Christian be so unconcerned with the lives of so many American citizens? All I hear is the desire to get the economy back up and running - and not so much the small businesses, but instead, those giant corporations who have already benefited from huge, permanent tax cuts and stock buy-backs.

In the name of the Jesus people claim to love, where is the compassion? I have been looking for it and simply have not found it nor seen very many people in high places seeming to be concerned about it.

So much for being Christian and pro-life. Rev. Dr. Susan K Smith is nearing completion of a book, "On the Shores of America: Two Nations, Two Gods" and in November, her book, "Rest for the Justice-Seeking Soul" will be released by Whitaker House Publishers. To inquire about booking her, contact cassady2euca@icloud.com.

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Howard Deloras Davis

Howard Deloras Davis died April 2, 2020. A private service was held on Thursday, April 9, 2020. Howard was born to Dan Early and Arabella Davis on October 21, 1945. Howard was educated in the Brunswick County System and graduated from Brunswick County Training School in Southport, North Carolina. He was drafted into the Army on May 12, 1966 and was honorably discharged on May 11, 1972. Howard also toured Germany while in the military. After the military, he returned home and married Wanda Davis and from that union were born Howard Christopher Davis, Terrence Keith Davis (deceased), Brett LaNier Davis and Robyn Kascina Davis. Howard was employed with General Electric for 35 years before retiring. He also worked at Williston Elementary where he was head custodian for several years. He owned and operated Davis Dry Cleaners in Castle Hayne, NC. Howard later married Cheryl Johnson Davis and from that union Je'Mar Dominique Davis was born. He was also a father to Kenya Johnson. Howard loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dan Earl and Arabella Davis; his brother, Dan E. Davis and sister, Dianne Davis.

Cherishing his memory are: his children, Christopher, Brett, Robyn and Je'Mar'4 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; uncle, Harry P. Price; niece, Deboria Davis; nephew, Danny Davis; and a host of family. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Martha Wheeler

Martha Wheeler died April 3, 2020. Graveside services were held Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Martha of Maysville, South Carolina was born on March 13, 1945 to the late Andrew and Sadie Wheeler. She was the baby of 12 siblings. Martha was preceded in death by 2 brothers, Willie and Elijah Wheeler; 3 sisters, Susie Wheeler, Mary Lee Lowery and Louise Boyce. Martha, better known to everyone as "Gramps", loved to go fishing. She was loved by everyone she came in contact with. She joined Bowen Chapel Holiness Church in the late 1980's and later joined Apostolic Tabernacle.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: 4 daughters, Octavia Wheeler, Sandra Johnson, Willie Mae Williams and Margaret (Ernes) Fields; 3 sons, Fred Wheeler, Ricky Smith and Ernest (Treviette) Johnson; 11 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Margaret Wheeler Rubin; 3 brothers, James Wheeler, Lanton (Annie Mae) Wheeler and Liberty (Myrtle) Wheeler; all of South Carolina; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends; including valued and treasured friendships of Rudy Sidbury, Elizabeth (Bert) Oliver and Shelia Allen. The family also thanks David and Sandra Gause. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Adrian Smith

Adrian Smith died in Ashville, NC. Graveside services were held Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Adrian Terrell Smith, a.k.a. "ACE", was born on June 12, 1990 in Wilmington, North Carolina to Angela T. James and Andra Smith. Adrian was educated in the Buncombe County Public School System. He was an honor student and a talented basketball player. Adrian loved children and giving back to the community. He supported back to school programs ensuring children had school supplies and shoes. He was an entrepreneur always looking for opportunities to support his children. Adrian loved life, but most importantly he was a loving father. He leaves to continue his legacy: three children, Azalea Smith, Adira Smith, and Elijah Fleming.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Angela T. James of Charleston, SC; three brothers, Anthony L. Durham of Burgaw, NC, D'Andre T. Smith of Charleston, SC

and T.J. Smith of Florence, SC; two sisters, Anice T. Smith of Asheville, NC and Kenzie Farley of Hickory, NC; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Josie James (late, Emmanuel James), paternal grandparents, George and Barbara Smith; mother's special friend, Mr. Anthony Harper; a host of aunts, uncles, special cousins, and dear friends. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Irving Everett

Irving Everett died April 7, 2020. Graveside services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Salem Cemetery, Delco, NC. There will be no visitation. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Jimmy Marshall Jones

Jimmy Marshall Jones died April 10, 2020. Graveside services will be held 2:00 P.M. on Friday, April 17, 2020 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 5-8 on Thursday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

John Michael Freeman

John Michael Freeman died April 11, 2020. Graveside services will be held 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation is 5-7 PM Tuesday. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Betty Debose

Betty Debose died April 10, 2020. Graveside services will be held Friday, April 17, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation is 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Thursday at Mt. Olive AME Church. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

William Clyde Murphy

William Clyde Murphy died April 3, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

John Howard

John Howard died April 13, 2020. Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Freeman Cemetery, Freeman, NC. A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Dillard McKoy

Dillard McKoy, age 94, of Wilmington, passed away, Sunday, March 29, 2020. A celebration of Mr. McKoy's life was held on Sunday, April 5, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Dark Branch Cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his children, Dillard Delts (Theresa) of Omaha, NE, Geraldine Bardon, of Ash, NC, Alfred Delts (Juliette) of Dark Branch, NC, Charles Berkley and Lydell Nixon both of Wilmington, NC and Carlton Clark of Atlanta and a host of other relatives 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.

Robert F. Hewett

Robert F. Hewett, age 72, of Bolivia, passed away, Sunday March 29, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Hewett's life was held on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his wife, Brenda Hewett of the home; siblings, Margaret L. White and Haweda Ted Hewett both of Bolivia and a host of other relatives 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.

Henry Harrison

Henry "Bush" Harrison, age 79, of Leland, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020. A graveside service was held on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at New Hope FWB Church cemetery. His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his children, Rickie Jones of Wilmington, Lamar M. Harrison of Augusta, GA, Anthony F. Harrison (Terri) of Independence, MO, Shomari Harrison of Atlanta and Cordell Dewey of Kansas City, MO; siblings, Ernest Harrison, Jr. of Holland Park, NJ, Franklin Harrison (Laura) of Bolivia, Della Mae Morris of Leland and Victoria Evans (Thomas Ray) of August, GA, 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives 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.

Bishop James C. Bellamy

Bishop James C. Bellamy, age 91, of Atlanta, GA passed away on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Graveside services were held on Saturday, April 11, 2020, at the Jones Family Cemetery, Leland, North Carolina.

He leaves to cherish his memories, five children, Rufus Burst, Robin E. Smith (Stanley), Veronica D. Bellamy, Karen A. Doyle, and Vincent J. Bellamy; 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives 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.

James Gaffney

James Gaffney, age 91, of High Point, passed away, Friday, April 3, 2020. His love and memories will remain in the hearts of his son, Bryant Keith Jackson (Tonya) of Wilmington, 9 grandchildren and a host great-grandchildren. 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.

Emma Lee Walker

Emma Lee Walker, age 82, of Bolivia, passed away Friday, April 3, 2020. A graveside service was held Thursday, April 9, 2020 at Randolph Family Cemetery.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Emily Grissett of Bolivia, Linda Williams of Bolivia, Myra Fullwood (Darrell) of Holden Beach and William T. Walker, Jr. (Veronica) of Bolivia; siblings, Annie Brookins of Bolivia, Julia Joyner of Bolivia, Ella McClain (Kenny) of Southport, Lindell Randolph (Jackie) of Bolivia, Rufus Randolph (Nita) of Bolivia, Mary Berry (Robert) of Somerset, NJ and Louisiana Tooley of Bolivia, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives 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.

Geraldine Radford

Geraldine Radford, age 73, of Brooklyn, NY (formerly of Northwest), passed away Saturday, April 4, 2020. A viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. No GATHERING/LINGERING. Graveside services will be conducted at 2:30 PM at Northwest 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.

Harlee Jordan

Harlee Jordan, age 85, of

Wilmington, passed away Monday, April 13, 2020. A viewing will be held from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 PM Friday, April 17, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. (No GATHERING / LINGERING). Graveside services will be conducted at 1:000 p.m., at Pollock 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.

Roger O. Butler

Roger O. Butler, age 73, of Shallotte, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his siblings, Mitchell Butler of Supply, Donald L. Butler of Shallotte, Barbara B. Stanley (Karl) of Whiteville, Joseph

W. Butler of Shallotte, Lester K. Butler, of Charlotte, Gloria M. Davis of Raleigh and Donnie Moody (Carmen) of Virginia Beach, VA and a host of other relatives 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.

In Loving Memory Of Our Mother



Willie Mae Faison Murphy
Sunset: April 7, 2005

We did hear your last farewell, not your final sigh. We only knew you slipped away, with a last good-bye. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. Sadly missed by Your son, Alexander Murphy; daughters, Deloris M. Devane, and Celeste R. Murphy, grandchildren and great grandchildren

In Loving Memory Of Annie Jinwright Smalls
February 10, 1928 - April 6, 2016



We miss our mother and loved one dearly, especially in times like these. One of her favorite hymns for years of service in Gospel and Senior Choirs, and as a long-term director of a Junior Choir was, "God Will Take Care Of You." In her memory we dedicate that Good News to all readers.

Submitted by: Children, Sylvia Ghee, Charles Smalls Sr., and Bev Smalls; Jinwright, Thomas, & Gillespie Family Lines

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you,
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you.

God will take care of you
Through every day
Ore all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you.

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God will take care of you,
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We encourage you to stay informed about this virus and how to stay safe. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website is a great place to start:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Current Restrictions
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TELL SOMEBODY

"Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." *Philippians 4:8*

Themes for our thought life and rules for living can be found throughout the Word of God. With so much negative press, fear based politics, and bad news in general, we must maintain our sanity and peace of mind by focusing and thinking on the things that uplift, edify, and encourage. This is not a form of escape from reality, simply a way to maintain our mental

health while balancing God's Truth with man's opinion.

In order to obtain and maintain the Peace of God, we must gird up the loins of our mind with the message of hope found in the holy scriptures. We must not allow what is happening in the world to get in our spirit. Without Christ, the anchor for our soul, we could be overwhelmed with feelings of anger, doubt, panic, and paranoia. When we replace negativity with a positive attitude, we can be transformed by the renewing of our mind. (Romans 12:2) Through Christ, we can defeat depression, calm all fears and win the victory on the battlefield of the mind!

As Christian disciples, we must remember that we are in the world, but not of the

world. We must recall the everlasting words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, when he said in John 16:33. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."



Sylvia Hooper

The choice is ours to make in choosing which direction to send or receive thoughts into our mind. For example, if we focus on whatsoever things are true, we will be reminded that God wants his people to be truthful. (Ephesians 4:25)

If we focus on whatsoever things are honest, we will desire to obey God. (Romans 12:17) When we focus on whatsoever things are just, we are reminded to treat others in the way we want to be treated. When we focus on whatsoever things are pure, we strive to keep ourselves ready to see the Lord at His return. Matthew 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

When we focus on whatsoever things are lovely, we want to embrace and possess the Love of God! Ephesians 3:19 says, "And to know the love of Christ which passeth all knowledge." Yes, we admit there is a lot of sad and bad news in the world, there remains a good report, if we care to seek and find them! In spite of political corruption

and moral decline, there remains virtue in the land. God will always have a people reserved for His glory, who will obey His will.....and who have not bowed down to worship the modern day Baal.

Last, but not least, there is always a reason to praise the Lord! Psalm 150:6 says, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

Prayer: Father I ask you in the name of Jesus to keep my mind on the things you have told me to think upon. I want to prosper and I want to be in health, even as my soul prospers (3John 2). Lord I need for you to make my way prosperous, and give me good success. (Joshua 1:3) Thank you so much!

Tell Somebody !!!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a

native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The Coronavirus is a product of what we are sowing

Editor's Note: The article that was published on April 9, 2020 was titled "The Coronavirus is a product of what we are sowing", however the content was inadvertently pulled from another article. This is the correct article this week. Scriptures are from the KJV unless otherwise posted

Galatians 6:7-8, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."

"The word "mocked" (mukt?rizetai) means to turn one's nose up at God. By rejecting God's word, the word whom God had sent to them, the Galatians were rejecting God. They were not only mocking and turning their noses up at the teacher of God, but they were mocking God. However, Scripture declares in no uncertain terms: "God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also

reap." If a man sows a life of rejection, this turning up of the nose, he rejects and turns his nose up at God. And if he rejects God, he shall be rejected by God. Whatever a man sows toward God's word he reaps. He shall bear the judgment of his behavior toward God's. "mock, means to treat with contempt or ridicule, derive, delude or defy."(POSBC)

Proverbs 1:20-33, Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: 21She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, 22How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scornors delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? 23Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. 24Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26I also would laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when your fear cometh; 27When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

Proverbs 14:9, Fools make a

mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

Notice: CDC reported the number of abortions in the US for following years: 2013, 664, 435; 2014, 652, 639; 2015, 638,169; 2016, 623,471; 2017, 862, 320.

As of 4/14/20 at 9:30 am there were 829 abortions performed and 247,144 for the year. On one side of the street we are trying to save lives and on the other side we are killing the innocent unborn. This is hypocrisy; it is defined as "the contrivance of a false appearance of virtue or goodness, while concealing real character traits or inclinations, especially with respect to religious and moral beliefs; hence, in a general sense, hypocrisy may involve dissimulation, pretense, or sham. Hypocrisy is the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another. In moral psychology, it is the failure to follow one's own expressed moral rules and principle." Romans 1:32, "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction. Vs.20-33, Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: 21She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, saying, 22How long, ye

simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scornors delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? 23Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. 24Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: 26I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. 28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: 29For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Proverbs 9:9-11, 9Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. 10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding. 11For

by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

The wisdom of God is the word of God: 1 Corin. 1:24-26, But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. 25Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: Vs. 30-31, But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Here is the wisdom of God: Jer. 32:17, Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee: 33:2-3, Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof, the LORD that formed it, to establish it; the LORD is his name; 3Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Why don't you call Him Now. He's waiting!

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