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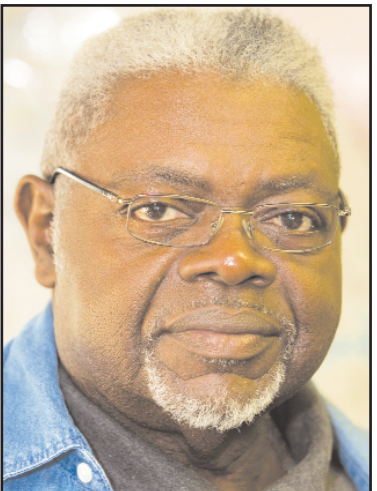
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DEATH IN FAMILY

BY **BERNEST HEWETT**
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WILL RETURN NEXT WEEK.

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County NAACP.



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Local BLM leader says nothing less than "BLACK LIVES MATTER"

BY CASH MICHAELS
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The leader of "Black Lives Matter-Wilmington" agrees with City Councilman Kevin Spears that nothing less than BLACK LIVES MATTER for a street mural will do, to be placed on Third Street downtown.

Sonya Patrick, head of the group, as well as the National Black Leadership Caucus for the Southeastern Region, tells *The Wilmington Journal* that neither she nor her members will accept any of the substitutes offered by

City Council members in an attempt to "soft soap" the message.

We will not compromise on the Black Lives Matter Street Mural on Third Street," Ms. Patrick told *The Journal*.

"If the Mayor Pro Tem honors Congressman John Lewis as she stated in the last city council meeting, she will respect the fact that the last public appearance Congressman Lewis made was on Black Lives Matter Plaza in [Washington]DC, which is the name of a street which displays a Black Lives Matter street mural. We feel certain that if Congressman Lewis were here

today, he would have concerns with the mayor and City Council's not approving a street mural in a city that imposed the only successful government takeover known as the 1898 Massacre, killing unarmed Black men, women and children."

Noting that "...old school good old boy money does not fund all ...tax dollars generated by New Hanover County, just a portion," Ms. Patrick went on to assert that "We are taxpayers too, and 5000 of



SONYA PATRICK

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Obama makes North Carolina endorsements

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Remember when former President Barack Obama was carefully keeping himself publicly at arms length from anything political once he left office?

Well, apparently those days are over. Beyond giving a full-throated endorsement of his former vice president in the upcoming November election a few weeks ago, and speaking out forcefully against what he sees are the excesses of the current Trump Administration, the nation's first Black former U. S. President is now endorsing 118 Democratic candidates for federal, statewide and state legislative offices across the country, including here in North Carolina.

The high-profile move further confirms North Carolina as an important swing state in the crucial Nov. 3 elections. Pres. Trump had already declared North Carolina as a key state in his re-election, having originally chosen it for his Republican National Convention, only to cancel much of it here because of COVID-19.

According to the press release from his office, Obama "...set guiding principles for issuing this fall's endorsements. He selected candidates because their election would advance key goals: winning control of the U.S. Senate and holding the majority in the U.S. House; electing Democrats who will support fair redistricting in 2021; supporting alumni of his campaigns and administration; and promoting diverse, emerging leaders for this time."

In his Monday endorsement announcement, Obama threw his backing behind incumbent Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, now vying for his second term.

Then Obama listed several Democratic statewide hopefuls for support, including State Rep. Yvonne Lewis Holley for lieutenant governor; Ronnie Chatterji for state treasurer; Wake County Commissioner Jessica Holmes for state labor commissioner, and former state



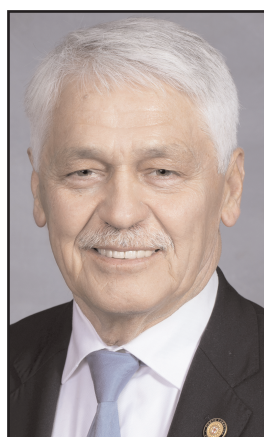
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Sen. Cal Cunningham for U. S. senator, and former State Supreme Court Associate Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson for U.S. House

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DR. CHARLES FOUST

NHC school board hires first Black superintendent

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The New Hanover County Board of Education has hired the first African-American superintendent in modern history to lead the school system in its history.

His name is Dr. Charles Foust, Superintendent of the Kansas City, Kansas Public School System since August 2018, and, according to the New Hanover County NAACP, when Dr. Foust starts on Sept. 1, 2020, he has a lot of work to do.

"The New Hanover County NAACP welcomes Dr. Foust to our community, Ms. Deborah Dicks-Maxwell, President, New Hanover County NAACP said in a statement to *The Journal*.

"It is always good to return home, as he is doing by coming back to North Carolina. He has a history of improving school systems and we all know New Hanover County is in need of improvement to become a fairer and more equitable school system."

"He has a lot of work to do," Ms. Dicks-Maxwell said.

"Issues like elementary school suspension, increasing staff morale, providing a safe teaching environment during COVID-19, reductions of SRO's for disciplinary measures the school should address, are just a few of the issues with which he will have to contend, in the opinion of this branch," Dicks-Maxwell continued.

"We are also cognizant of the fact that he will be

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"Poor people" could turn the election, says campaign study

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If poor and low-income voters turned out to vote as much as those with higher incomes this November, they could change the course of the election, especially in North Carolina, says a new study commissioned by The Reverend Dr. William Barber's "Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival."

According to a new study

by Robert Paul Hartley, an assistant professor at Columbia School of Social Work, "Low-income people are less likely to vote in national elections than those with higher incomes for many reasons, including that candidates don't speak to their issues; they don't think their vote will make a difference; they have mobility/time impediments."

However, based on data from 2008-2016, poor or low-income voters could elect U. S. senators in 16 states in the upcoming Nov. 3 gener-

al elections if they voted at the same level of higher-income citizens.

In North Carolina, according to the study, "...low-income eligible non-voters made up 22% of North Carolina's total electorate relative to average midterm election years from 2006 to 2018."

The study continued, "The percentage of the low-income eligible non-voting population equal to the average 2006-2018 midterm senate election margins is 12%. That means that, if

12% of low-income eligible non-voters in the midterm elections voted, they would match the average margin of victory in those contests."

"In North Carolina, 44% of people are poor or low income - a total of 4.6 million people," the research states. "This includes 53% of children (1.2 million); 46% of women (2.3 million); 58% of Black people (1.2 million); 67% of Latino people (699,000) and 36% of White people (2.2 million)."

As a result, the Poor

People's Campaign, a non-partisan issue advocacy organization, with less than 100 days before the Nov. 3 election, is undertaking a voter outreach drive in North Carolina and 15 other states called "We Must Do MORE: Mobilizing, Organizing, Registering, Educating People for a Movement that Votes."

The study is produced by a faculty affiliate of the Center on Poverty and Social Policy and Columbia Population Research Center.

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Eighth Congressional District. Other Obama picks for the

November 3 elections were new Democratic candidates for the State House and Senate, including Brian Farkas in District 9; Adam Ericson in District 20; Terence Everett in District

35; Sydney Batch in District 37; Kimberly Hardy in District 43; Frances Jackson in District 45; Ricky Hurtado in District 63; Dan Besse in District 74; Christy Clarke in District 98; and Brandon

Lofton in District 104.

For the N.C. State Senate, former Pres. Obama endorsed Donna Lake for District 7; Harper Peterson for District 9, Allen Wellons for District 11 and Kirk

deViere for District 19.

President Obama is also expected to be active in terms of fundraising and campaigning for Democratic candidates this election.

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[us] petitioned for a BLACK LIVES MATTER street mural, although the petition was altered, and there was no way [to] change it back."

Patrick further states that BLM was not asked "to the table" by those planning the art installation that the council seems to be leaning

toward.

"The current artwork needs improvement to reflect the spirit and historical significance of our culture. The city's request for "Black Lives Do Matter" ...is unacceptable. If Black lives do matter, we would not need the movement Black Lives Matter."

Ms. Patrick also made the point that the BLACK LIVES MATTER street mural on Third Street would not be a traffic

obstruction in any way.

"BLM street murals are visible by plane, helicopter and walking traffic. There is no walking traffic on Third street which is where we want the mural to protect it from vandalism."

"However, the [mural] can be visible from the 1898 monument if placed on Third Street."

The Council is expected to make its decision at its next meeting.



PHOTO: KHALID AJI-ALLAH U. S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) stands with DC Mayor Muriel Bowser on Black Lives Matter Plaza during protests sparked by the police killing of George Floyd.

DR. FOUST

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the first African American school superintendent since Reconstruction," she continued. "This is important from a historical perspective, and his presence should also encourage our youth to aspire for a career in education. He will be held to the same standards of accountability as any other superintendent."

"It is our sincere hope that the community, school board, staff, principals, teachers, and non-classified personnel will support him, as there will be change because there has to be for this county to improve. Our courts have stated that each child deserves a 'sound basic education' which we are not equitably providing. Dr. Foust has a large task, and, with our support, it can be achieved."

Dr. Foust, unanimously chosen by the school board from a

list of 39 well qualified candidates, will earn \$225,000 annually as NHC school supt. As far as School Board Chair Lisa Estep is concerned, he's worth every penny.

"The members of the New Hanover County Board of Education unanimously and enthusiastically support Dr. Foust's selection as our new superintendent," Estep said in a statement. "We are certain that Dr. Foust's energy, aggressive goal setting, and experience with school turnaround will lead our high achieving school system to

even higher achievement. His demonstrated commitment to equity, communication, and transparency made his selection a strong choice for our schools and our community right now."

Foust was appreciative.

"Thank you to the New Hanover County Board of Education in this new partnership," said the new supt. Friday. "What an honor to be entrusted as the next district leader of New Hanover County Schools. I sincerely believe all students have the ability to learn; our job is to create and offer a first-

class education in a safe and inviting setting. My charge is to assist all employees in the development of our school district so that we move from a good district to a world class educational facility. I'm thrilled to be at the helm at this critical moment for our school district, which I believe has the potential to be an exemplar of educational excellence and social impact."

Charles Foust has deep North Carolina roots.

Before leading Kansas City Public Schools, Foust was chief school performance officer in

the Union County Public Schools in Monroe. He started his education career as a fourth grade teacher, then as a principal, asst. principal, and curriculum facilitator for the Guilford County School System in Greensboro.

Foust also served as an asst. principal, school support officer and principal in the Houston Independent School District in Houston, Texas.

He has served in public education for 23 years and has a strong record of student achievement.



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OAK ISLAND UNDER CURFEW IN HURRICANE AFTERMATH
 [OAK ISLAND] One of the coastal areas damaged by

Hurricane Isaias was Oak Island, forcing officials to order a mandatory evacuation and daily curfew in the storm's aftermath. Sections of the island were ordered closed, including the beach, until further notice as a result of flooding, wind damage and power outages. Several other coastal and Eastern North Carolina areas, including Wilmington, also experienced wind and flooding damage.

ORANGE COUNTY HEALTH DIRECTOR WANTS UNC-CHAPEL HILL TO CANCEL IN-PERSON CLASSES

[CHAPEL HILL] With COVID-19 cases in Orange County nearly doubling since June, Health Director Quintana Stewart wants UNC-Chapel Hill to curtail in-person instruction until November, or at least for the first five weeks of the fall

semester. Stewart, in a letter to the university, wants student housing to be restricted to only at-risk and international students. UNC faculty have already expressed similar concerns about the school reopening.

UNCW CREATES CAMPUS DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

[WILMINGTON] In an effort to address issues of

diversity, equity and inclusion on UNC-Wilmington's campus, and in the aftermath of the death of controversial Professor Mike Adams, the school has created The Chancellor's Renewal and Change Accountability Committee. The group will be comprised of both students and board members. Chancellor Jose Sartarelli says the committee is an "opportunity to reaffirm the

university's commitment to an inclusive campus." Prof. Adams was forced to resign from UNC-W because of statements he made that many considered to be racist and sexist. He was found dead in his home two weeks ago, the result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

The COVID vaccine decision awaiting us

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

COVID-19 has turned the lives of every man, woman, and child on the planet upside down, and continues to sweep around the world with a vengeance. Here in the United States the virus particularly vicious, as we watch in horror as it becomes crystal clear it's not going anywhere for the foreseeable future.

To date, the best understanding in the medical and scientific field is that transmission and spread of COVID-19 will not slow down until 50% to 70% of the population is infected. One prominent epidemiologist sums it up by saying, "We will be dealing with this forever".



Glenn Ellis

The U.S. declared a national emergency in mid-March, and here we are almost six months later; the death toll continues climbing and the human toll of the virus in America has just passed 150,000 lives lost, with all indications that we will most likely exceed 200,000 deaths by the end of this year.

I know, some of you are reading and saying, "Doesn't this guy know that we are on the brink of a COVID vaccine?" Sure, we might have a vaccine soon, but many experts are already stating with confidence, "some communities are not ready to accept it." Well, I belong to one of those communities, and let me tell why I believe they are right.

The majority of people with little, or no, experience nor insight to the lives of members of these communities, automatically default to the U.S. Public Health Syphilis Study at Tuskegee! Well, the issue is much deeper than that.

We make a huge mistake of resting all of our attention and focus on attributing the mistrust and suspicion on vaccines and Blacks on that one atrocity; there are a plethora of factors!

Perhaps (in the interest of time and space), these "factors" can best be summed up by an article in the *Journal of Healthcare for the Underserved*, "Several factors that affect the participation of African Americans in studies have been identified including elements of study design, logistical problems, low levels of health literacy, sociocultural factors, and specific attitudes that hinder research participation. Mistrust of academic and research institutions and investigators is the most significant attitudinal barrier to research participation reported by African Americans".

All of the issues and conditions that have disadvantaged poor and communities of color in this country, are the very things resulting in the disproportionate burden that Black people all over this country are experiencing with COVID. Discrimination; healthcare access and utilization; occupation; education, income, and wealth gaps; and housing: All, according to the CDC are associated with more COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in areas where racial and ethnic minority groups live, learn, work, play, and worship. Researchers at the CDC found that 47% of US adults have an underlying condition strongly tied to severe COVID-19 illness. By middle age, 50% of Blacks have hypertension, and 70 percent of retirement-age Blacks.

FDA data shows that Blacks, Latinos, Asians, and others are underrepresented in clinical research in the U.S. According to U.S. Census data, Black or African Americans represent 13.4% of the U.S. population, yet make up only 5% of clinical trial participants. The disparity is even greater for those of Hispanic or Latino origin. They represent only 1% of clinical trial participants.

If FDA approves the any drug or treatment, it will be prescribed for people of all different ages, genders, races, and ethnicities; so, it is essential that data reflects the effectiveness and potential side effects for all groups. So, if we are not included in the clinical trial, how in the world are we supposed to know that it's safe and effective for us? How do we make an informed decision?

Lastly, I have to address the issue of rationing. Who will even be offered the opportunity to get the vaccine first? How will we give priority to different groups or communities whose case load and death rate indicate that they are most vulnerable and deserve to be vaccinated first? In an ideal world, the elderly, Black and Brown communities, and essential workers. The overwhelming majority of the "essential workers" in this country are members of Black and Brown communities. Going to work, therefore, could mean being exposed to a virus that disproportionately targets those "essential workers" with underlying health conditions.

The social and structural factors that make Black and Brown people, in this country, especially vulnerable are long-standing and historical. What makes it all so frustrating and tragic is that some of the things that could have fixed them were not done...ever!

Let's do what's necessary, and for once focus on health literacy, equitable distribution of healthcare; and full inclusion and retention in the clinical research for COVID-19

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MATTERS OF OPINION

One more reason

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

By the time you read this, it will no longer be Breaking News that one of the cancers which has plagued Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, has returned. Thankfully, she has declared her intention to remain on The Court and, prayerfully, her longevity will extend well-beyond the January 2021 Presidential Inauguration. I have no doubt that if, before then, she should no longer be able to fulfill her responsibilities as an Associate Justice, Mitch McConnell would attempt to push a Supreme Court nominee through Senate confirmation with mercurial speed.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

Justice Ginsberg has proven herself to be a woman of character, strength, integrity and endurance. Her judicial decisions have identified her as a champion of the people and a staunch proponent of real justice. "The Notorious R.B.G.," has been a force for equal rights and justice for decades – long before her confirmation to the Supreme Court. I can only assume that her commitment to women's rights, civil rights and rights for the LGBTQT

community is based upon her experiences as a victim of discrimination. For all citizens of conscience, the news of the recidivism of her cancer should be met with deep regret and, especially for political progressives, provides one more reason to vote against #45!

Justice Ginsberg's decisions and declarations from the bench have commonly met the test of practicality and good judgment. For me, her most notable quote referenced SCOTUS' 2013 dissolution of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act. In her dissent, she wrote: "The sad irony of today's decision lies in its utter failure to grasp why the [Voting Rights Act] has proven effective. Throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet."

With the 2020 election and the prospect of a new administration in 2021, the health and well-being of Justice Ginsberg looms large. Notably, she is one-fourth of the Liberal Wing of the Supreme Court. She's reliable in her support for liberal positions of jurisprudence. Her decisions have always been based upon protections and greater inclusiveness for individuals without regard to race, gender or gender identification. Current administration and Senate dispositions guarantee that any replacement for her would hold a judicial philosophy that was diametrically opposed to hers and would work to reverse many of the hard-won civil rights gains of the past fifty-years.

Understanding this gives us one more reason to vote. Although we specifically vote for president and vice-president in a national election, our vote for them means so much more. This is demonstrated by the election of #45, and his supporting cast in the Senate.

Many, even his niece, Mary Trump, have labeled #45 a virulent racist, but he's not the only one in the White House. Stephen Miller, the identified architect of the

Muslim Ban and Family Separation/Border Detention has been identified as a racist in the ilk of his president.

Over twenty-thousand times, #45 has been a documented liar. I have watched innumerable cabinet members and members of the executive staff, who serve on the inside of the administration's revolving door, lie with the same vigor as their chief. In reflection, we have generously paid three consecutive press secretaries to lie to us whenever and however 'the boss' determined it necessary. And they aren't the only ones!

We should not need a reason to vote beyond our civic responsibility; but, with #45's lies and self-promotion, his mis-management of COVID-19, the growth and his promotion of racial injustice, and, now, the potential for molding the Supreme Court in his malignant image, we must vote. Voting must be a personal and collective imperative

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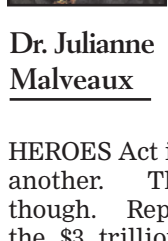
Both the economy and the Senate stumble

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

On the same day we learned that the US economy contracted by 9.5 percent in the second quarter of this year, the United States Senate adjourned and went home, even though the economic contraction is the largest since growth data has been collected. They left without passing the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act. They left without continuing the \$600 per week emergency assistance for those out of work because of COVID-19. They left without meaningful action, although another 1.434 million people had filed unemployment claims, an announcement that was made the same day that they fled Washington. Hopefully, if they help constituent service hours in their home states, they will be greeted with resounding boos.

closed – with more than 40 percent of black-owned businesses being shuttered, some permanently. And there is still no coronavirus vaccine.

One is expected sometime in 2021. Until then, the economy will continue to be a mess, and the Senate is taking a break. They took off Friday, July 31, and plan to reconvene on Tuesday, August 4. But in the face of an emergency, they might have foregone a long weekend to pass the



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

HEROES Act in some form or another. That's the rub, though. Republicans think the \$3 trillion relief is too much. They don't want unemployed people to get a federal subsidy of \$600 per week. They want people to waive their right to sue employers. They don't think the federal government should help reopen schools. And rather than sit down with Democrats and work toward a compromise, they stumbled home.

While too many people are hungry, broke, and out of work, the Senate is short on

solutions, mainly because the Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell refuses to work amicably with the House of Representatives, led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. And if the economic bad news is not enough, the political news is equally dire. The President has gone on a mindless rampage, suggesting that elections should be postponed because he does not believe that mail ballots are secure. Thankfully, the usually spineless Republicans pushed back hard with even McConnell asserting that there will be an election on November 3, 2020. This President considers the economy his strong suit, but with the economy stumbling, he needs to create some distraction. His resistance to having an orderly election is such a distraction.

The challenge is that the economy is likely to worsen before it gets better, and the coronavirus deaths, already at more than 150,000, are expected to grow. Cities and states will continue to have budget challenges. Too many children will learn little since distance learning requires technology that many poor households lack. Too many people will go hungry. And our "leadership" engages in

bombastic and divisive rhetoric. Every reference to the "China virus" is racist and vituperative. Vintage Donald Trump!

These times are replete with contradictions. While the Senate does not want to pass the HEROES Act, it intends to restore the tax deduction for business lunches. Guess who benefits from that? Undoubtedly not the working poor. Concern for the poor is nearly non-existent, even though the poor, especially the Black and Brown poor, bear the brunt of the coronavirus.

Republicans tend to respond to recession, and one way to fight recession is to pump money into the economy. But their fear that a few poor people will get their hands on "extra" money is greater than their fear of economic recession. The economy is stumbling, and so is the Senate. And thanks to the recalcitrant Senate, too many Americans are stumbling, hungry, and broke. Things will inevitably get worse before they get better. November can't come soon enough.

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vaccines.

I'll end with this. Health spending totaled \$74.6 billion in 1970. By 2000, health expenditures had reached about \$1.4 trillion, and in 2018 the amount spent on health had more than doubled to \$3.6 trillion. Yet, only one in 10 adults in the United States are health literate. Only about half of Americans say they would get a COVID-19 vaccine; 40 percent of Blacks say they won't, and 32 percent of Blacks say they are unsure. That represents 70 percent of all Black people! We deserve to be able to make informed decisions about our healthcare, just like everyone else.

Remember, I'm not a doctor. I just sound like one! Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible!

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly. Glenn Ellis, MPH is a Visiting Scholar at The National Bioethics Center at Tuskegee University and a Harvard Medical School Research Bioethics Fellow. He is author of *Which Doctor?* and *Information is the Best Medicine*. Ellis is an active media contributor on Health Equity and Medical Ethics. For more good health information visit: www.glennellis.com

TO BE EQUAL

Looming wave of evictions will deepen the economic crisis

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

The issue of inability to pay, poverty, and unemployment – that existed pre-COVID-19. The difference between now and then is that the pandemic has shifted the line of poverty. There are more people at risk than before. **Attorney Raphael Ramos of Wisconsin's Eviction Defense Project**

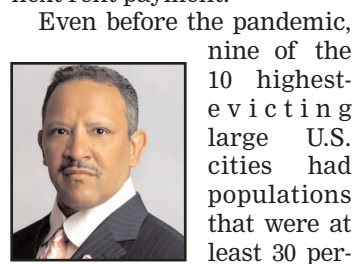
In his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *Evicted*, Matthew Desmond's book quotes a woman he calls Arleen describing the profound exhaustion of trying to keep a roof over her children's heads. She says, "Just my soul is messed up."

Her children are so defined by the experience of being evicted, over and over again, that one of them vows to become a carpenter so he can build her a house.

The moratorium on evictions that was imposed by the CARES Act in March expired last week. The estimates on the number of Americans on the brink of eviction range from 10 million to 28 million.

With the nation foundering in the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and poised to plunge even further, more than 12.5 million renters were unable to make

their most recent rent payment. Almost twice as many fear they won't be able to pay next month's rent. About 56% of those renters are Black or Latino. More than 3 out of every ten Black renters is behind on rent, and 46% of Black renters have no confidence they can make their next rent payment.



Marc Morial

Even before the pandemic, nine of the 10 highest evicting large U.S. cities had populations that were at least 30 percent black. Among the eviction cases filed since the pandemic began, nearly two-thirds were in communities with above-average populations of color. With evictions clustered in lower-income black neighborhoods, entire communities already struggling with massive job loss and business closures are disrupted by a churn of people moving in and out that severs close-knit social networks.

With supplemental unemployment insurance payments expiring and Congress nowhere near a deal to extend

them, the nation is facing an unprecedented wave of eviction that will drive the nation even further into economic crisis and despair.

Eviction doesn't just mean the loss of a home. It means the loss of self-esteem, peace of mind, community and support systems, and physical and mental health.

Safe, affordable housing has always been at the heart of the National Urban League's mission. As economic first responders, Urban League affiliates around the country are keeping people in their homes with emergency rental assistance, intervention and counseling. We are seeing the devastating economic effects of the pandemic first-hand.

Last October, before anyone ever heard of the novel coronavirus, the National Urban League issued an urgent call to presidential candidates to address the affordable housing crisis. The following month, we went then a letter.

It wasn't until late November, on the sixth night of debates, that the candidates finally were asked a question about the housing crisis.

Evictions are not just a result of poverty, they are a

cause of poverty. It can result in job loss and make it hard to find a new job. It can make it almost impossible to secure decent housing. It leaves scars that can last a lifetime.

This week, I joined Senator Kamala Harris, House Financial Services Chairwoman Maxine Waters and Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund to announce the introduction of the Housing Emergencies Lifeline Program (HELP) Act, which will provide funding so those at risk of eviction can access legal representation and any evictions will do limited damage to renters' credit. The bill would allocate \$10 billion in Emergency Solutions Grants, which provide funding to states and localities for homelessness prevention and outreach and legal representation for those on the verge of being evicted.

The HELP Act can do more than save people's homes. It can save entire communities. It can stop a cycle of poverty and hopelessness. For people like Arleen, it can even save their souls.

"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League."

CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES On white people and violence

As the occupant of the White House has sent people (I refuse to call them federal officers) to Portland, Oregon, and is planning to send more to designated cities including Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Albuquerque, Milwaukee and others, his battle cry is that it is his responsibility to "help combat rising crime." (<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/07/trump-sending-federal-troops-cities-200722200732081.html>)



Rev. Susan K. Smith

He doesn't like the violence that is going on in those cities, he says.

"Operation Legend" is his effort to stop violent crime. Without being invited or asked, he has decided that it is his job to send these people into cities, clothed in military camouflage uniforms and armed with assault weapons. (<https://abc7chicago.com/operation-legend-us-attorney-general-federal-agents-chicago-president-donald-trump/6341130/>)

While he has adjusted his message to say that it is the responsibility of the federal government to protect federal property (as was the reason given for sending these men to

Portland, Oregon,) the truth of the matter is that most of the people his private police plan to assault are in no way attacking federal property.

But as one listens to this riffraff about being concerned about violent crime, a couple of things are clear. One, it is the paramilitary forces who are initiating the violence. Two, these people are ignoring the "rule of law" in that they are taking people off the street and putting them in unmarked cars, even as they deploy tear gas to these American citizens, and three, they are being the violent force in this country as white people have always been.

In story after story, we learn how mobs of "angry whites" have stormed black communities (Rosewood, Tulsa, East St. Louis, for starters) and wiped those cities out, forcing the black residents to move from their homes. (<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/07/23/racial-violence-red-summer-1919-witnessed-white-black-murder/1802371001/>) (<https://www.bet.com/news/national/2019/12/17/not-just-tulsa-five-other-race-massacres-that-devastated-black.html>) Whites, including law enforcement officers, have opted to lynch black people just because they could do it and know they would never be held accountable.

These white "officers" being sent into cities seem to be nothing more than classic American mobsters, breaking the law at will, terrorizing black people. The protests over police brutality is providing an easy way in for these people, as occasional violence breaks out. Even though it is becoming more and more clear to those who will read that much of the violence is being started by provocateurs, not a few of whom are white - the president ignores that fact. Some of the white protesters - even those with good intentions - are bringing their own issues to the protests. While the chant is "black lives matter," some people in the protests are there to air their own grievances, feeling comfortable that they can do it under the umbrella of the Black Lives Matter protests. (<https://www.usnews.com/news/top-news/articles/2020-07-31/in-portland-some-black-activists-frustrated-with-white-protesters>) (<https://asiatimes.com/2020/06/white-agents-provocateurs-infiltrate-us-protests/>) (https://www.democracynow.org/2020/7/29/headlines/umbrella_man_at_george_floyd_protest_in_minneapolis_idd_as_white_supremacist_provocateur)

White people in this country have a history of being violent against black and against each other, but they are protected by the attention paid to black people and the unfortunate violence that happens in too many black communities. But white violence is real, it is toxic, and it is responsible for much of the suffering that has led people to chant, "black lives matter!" (<https://www.newstatesman.com/world/2020/05/minneapolis-protests-george-floyd-killing-black-white-america-race-riots>)

Diverting attention to street violence helps keep the attention off the violence - and the rampant criminality - that exists in white communities. While decrying street violence, white people with money and power continue to break the law and get away with it because they have the money to pay their way out of jail. That they escape jail does not mean they do not need to be in jail. In our country which honors mass incarceration, white criminals ought to be in the cells in equal if not greater than the numbers of black and brown people in jail, many for petty, nonviolent crimes.

This "concern" for violent crime being expressed by the occupant of the White House is as disingenuous as is his concern for the lives and well-being of black, brown, and poor people in general. It is difficult to listen to him go on about being the "law and order" president, even as he and his friends are being exposed for their crimes, some being arrested and jailed. In addition, the policies being supported and pushed by this administration cause conditions which exacerbate the conditions in cities which too often result in crime.

That, it seems to me, has to be the ultimate violence. 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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Why we must support plans for a new reentry center in DC

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Advocates, faith leaders and members of the community in DC have long called for the nation's capital to build a more compassionate, holistic and effective model for providing social services to the men, women and young people transitioning back into society after incarceration.

Yet, despite a shared goal of providing better support to individuals making that daunting transition, the thorny question of how, exactly, to move forward has been the subject of much debate and sometimes, rancorous disagreements over the particulars. This has clouded the considerable consensus that something must be done and, as a result, stalled whatever progress was made.

In 2018, the Federal Bureau of Prisons awarded a contract to a nonprofit organization to replace the city's incumbent reentry provider, Hope Village, and manage a new program at an existing location in Northeast Washington. But some in the neighborhood resisted the idea of such a facility in their backyard, prompting the owner of the building to abruptly back out of the deal, leaving the city back at square one.

Now, after the BOP tapped the same organization -

CORE DC - in June to start up a new reentry center in Ward 7, the city once again finds itself at a critical moment. As an unflinching advocate for real criminal justice reform, I am determined to do all I can to help the community come together to bring about real change on this issue.

I have long followed efforts aimed at reforming DC's criminal justice system, and have spent many years giving voice to returning citizens, their families and the varied challenges they face. Often those of us in the wider community forget that we're dealing with our brothers and sisters, human beings who made a mistake but paid their debt to society. Unfortunately, the stigma of their incarceration follows them and they're often not afforded the opportunity to get a second chance. I articulated the need for the District of Columbia to move on from Hope Village if it was really committed to assisting returning citizens and providing them with the crucial support and range of services they need.



Barrington Salmon

Today I launched a new website calling on DC to support plans for a new reentry center in Ward 7. The website will also focus on other criminal justice issues. I did this because it is imperative that we not let this process suffer the same fate it did last year. Especially now that Hope Village has closed and there is not a single facility able to provide services to citizens returning to the community. Having no place for returning citizens to go for a safe place to sleep, to readjust to being in the community and get job training is not an option.

We should also take advantage of the profound social changes sparked by the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota in late May. It's clear that we are at an inflection point in our nation's history. Americans appear to finally be ready to confront the reality of the insidiousness of racism and its corrosive effects on all of us. Young people have taken the reins, eschewed asking for permission and are driving this movement forward. They are determined to hold their parents, adults, elected officials, the police and others in authority to account.

Our nation is grappling with a racial and moral reckoning that if successful, will change the way we look at the criminal justice system and those entangled in it. Americans are trying to figure out how to navigate the treacherous but long overdue dis-

course about social and racial justice, inequities, disparities and privilege and what our country will look like going forward.

The District of Columbia has a unique opportunity at this moment to take one seemingly small but important step in the right direction and set an example for other communities looking to take similar steps of their own.

We came together as a community to demand better services for those returning home from incarceration, and our efforts paid off. Hope Village - which became known as Hopeless Village in DC - is receding into our rearview mirror. Now, with a bold plan in place to provide services that will give returning citizens the support they need to transform their lives, we have an opportunity to demonstrate what real change looks like.

There is still a great deal of work to be done, and one reentry center alone will not nearly be enough to bring down recidivism rates that are still far too high, but the city's plan for a new facility in Ward 7 is progress - not just progress on paper - and we should support it.

Barrington Salmon freelance journalist who currently freelances for several publications, including The Final Call, Atlanta Black Star, the National Newspaper Publishers Association and The Washington Informer

NFL chief doctor says teams, players must be educated about risks of COVID

(Via NNPA NewsWire.com)

Following a disastrous re-opening by Major League Baseball, where as many as 17 Miami Marlins players and personnel have tested positive for COVID-19 forcing the postponement of several games, the National Football League remains cautiously optimistic as training camps open.

"It's about education and understanding," NFL Chief Medical Officer Dr. Allen Sills told BlackPressUSA.

I think people are trying to be really thoughtful about this, and I think people do look at risk and risk mitigation in different ways. But I feel like it's the right thing to do, to try to learn to live with this virus."

A big part of the challenge remains findings ways to carry on safely, Sills agreed.

This week the heavy contact sport re-opened camps, but officials have decided not to hold traditional pre-season games to help keep risks at a minimum. All players are scheduled to report by August 4, but as many as 22 already have opted out of the 2020 season.

The season is scheduled to

kick-off on Thursday, September 10.

"Players and coaches [and other personnel] have to make the best decisions for them," Sills stated. The league announced that it has put in place safety measures that include increased sanitizing. Social distancing would be enforcement, including in player treatment rooms, weight rooms, meal-time, and on the playing field.



Stacy M. Brown

Reportedly, training camps are equipped with proximity tracking devices that will alert players or staff when they are too close to one other. The device also collects data, making contact tracing easier if someone does become infected with the coronavirus.

NFL players will live in and travel from their own homes, a contrast to the National Basketball Association, which has isolated all teams and personnel at one location in Orlando, Florida.

"If they're around each other each day, they're going



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to share risk. They also share a responsibility to each other, which means that they're each making good choices when they're away from the facility," Dr. Sills said.

"We've tracked the CDC risk guidelines, made decisions on which ones put our players at high risk, and players can rely on those risk fac-

tors to make decisions about whether they're going to play or not," he added.

Dr. Sills conceded that much is still unknown about the basics of COVID-19, so everyone has "to make the best decision for themselves."

Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent,

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Cameron Art Museum August virtual programming

Wilmington, NC – Cameron Art Museum (CAM) announces virtual programming for the month of August. Artist Willie Cole will be featured in the museum's Art and Social Justice Conversation series via Zoom on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:30 pm. Lien Truong, whose work is featured in the upcoming exhibition *She Persists*, will talk with Deputy Director Heather Wilson on Wednesday, August 26 at 10:00 am via Zoom as part of CAM's Member Conversations series. CAM livestreams virtual concerts by local musicians every Thursday night at 6:00 pm on Facebook Live in an effort to support local musicians. More information about these programs can be found at www.cameronartmuseum.org.

August Calendar of Virtual Events

Live@CAM: Justin Jernigan, Thursday, August 6 at 6:00 pm on Facebook Live. Join CAM on Facebook Live for Justin Jernigan, a singer/songwriter who plays the guitar and mixes elements of Rock and Roll and Blues and Country. Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, and Johnny Cash are some of the artists he enjoys. He has been playing music for 24 years. To join the concert, just click on CAM's Facebook page at 6:00 pm.

Live@CAM: El Jaye Johnson, Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 pm, Facebook Live Missing music at CAM

Cafe on Thursday nights? Smooth jazz anyone? How about a little R&B, blues, funk, or reggae? Like beach music or old school swing? Well, just ask El Jaye Johnson and he will be sure to find you just the flavor you need. Join El Jaye for a 30-minute set on the Cameron Art Museum Facebook page to enhance your date night at home.

Art and Social Justice: Willie Cole, Wednesday, August 19 from 6:30-7:30. Free for everyone!

Join CAM for a Zoom conversation with artist Willie Cole. In 2014 Cole's exhibition *School Pride* at CAM took the story of desegregation in eastern NC and translated it into an emotionally charged multi-gallery installation that referenced personal experiences and historical events.

Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_IpBESPM0QzWzhgnW6m2rxg

Live@CAM: Roger Davis, Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 pm on Facebook Live

Missing music in the CAM Cafe on Thursday nights? Join us for a live virtual concert on Facebook Live with Roger Davis. Describing his own sound as, "kind of world beat and jazz," Davis' guitar style has integrated itself with several genres and art forms throughout his career.

Member Conversations: Lien Truong, Wednesday, August 26 at 10:00 am. Free for members! Mark your calendar now for Conversations: Lien Truong.

Join Deputy Director Heather Wilson as she interviews Lien via Zoom about her work *The Peril of Angel's Breath*, which will be in CAM's upcoming exhibition *She Persists*. Lien Truong's practice examines social, cultural, and political history, exploring the influences that form belief systems and notions of heritage.

Register: <https://cameronartmuseum.wufoo.com/forms/s1fbsl7n08nuk3g/Live@CAM>: Raphael Namé, Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 pm on Facebook live.

Originally from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Raphael has been performing in the Cape Fear region since 2010. He is a singer and guitarist whose set list includes bossa nova, samba, Brazilian, latin, jazz and classical music. Pair Raphael's performance with a half-price bottle of wine that you pick up curbside from CAM Cafe and you've got the perfect date night. Just click on our Facebook page at 6:00 pm to join the concert.

These programs are part of #ConnectwithCAM, an initiative to connect the community with the museum during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other programs include Meditation on Facebook Live on Mondays at 11:00 am, Art Explorers on Thursdays at 10:00 am, and eight virtual exhibitions, which can be found at: <https://cameronartmuseum.org/index.php?c=current&s=index>.



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Minister Alonzo Feaster, Jr.

Minister Alonzo Feaster, Jr., affectionately known as "Duball" was born December 25, 1948 to the late Alonzo Feaster, Sr. and Juanita Davis Feaster and departed this life July 27, 2020 at his home.

Minister Alonzo served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era, as well as during Peacetime, July 3, 1969 - January 31, 1972, and June 30, 1973 to May 27, 1975. After service in the U. S. Army he became a Merchant Marine. He would often share of his time in the military which was so much a part of who he was. Some of those times were difficult to discuss, but he found the strength to share memorable details; one of which was the fact that helped to save lives during the Vietnam War and was the last soldier left alive in his squadron. His meritorious sacrifices earned him a Purple Heart, a medal given to those wounded or who lost their lives while serving, and is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members.

Later in life, Minister Alonzo married for the first time, Mattie Wilson Howard, and with this marriage came nine children, of which he referred to as his sons and daughters, and many grandchildren who referred to him as "Papa Lonzo." He and Mattie were not just husband and wife, but they were road buddies. They both loved to shop and eat out at the local establishments, and of course visit the children and grandchildren. He made sure Mattie had anything she requested of him. It was nothing for an unexpected package to show up at their home with a surprise gift that he would have ordered for her to make her smile. He endured her longtime illnesses, taking her to many doctor appointments and hospital stays.

Minister Alonzo served faithfully at Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church of Riegelwood under the leadership of Rev. Robert Foggy, Jr. for close to 20 years. He loved his church and gave to his church in any way that he could.

In addition to this parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Mattie Mae Wilson Howard Feaster, brother Roscoe Feaster, two sisters Alberta Boney and Peggy Sanders and two stepsons William Howard, Jr. and John Howard. He leaves to cherish his memory two brothers,

John Feaster (Cassandra) of Castle Hayne, NC and Roy Feaster of Wilmington, NC; five step-daughters Mattie Brown (Melvin), Patricia Moultrie (Randolph), Terry Tshona (Luke), Marie Griffin (Kerry), Devonia Harrison (Tony); two step-sons, Alfonza Howard (Veraline) and Jeffery Howard (Amy), two step-daughters-in-law, Leona Howard and Peggy Howard, one aunt, Marie Feaster of Myrtle Beach, SC; two brothers-in-law Allen Sanders of Leland, NC and Richard Boney of Wilmington, NC; and a host of step-grands, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, Inc., 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com.

Herman Broughton

Herman Broughton, age 85, of Raleigh (formerly of Wilmington) passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Graveside services were held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his daughters, Robin B. Parson (Glenn) of Raleigh and Crystal Jenkins (Robert) of Jacksonville, 5 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Wendy A. Peterson

Wendy A. Peterson, age 89, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Oleander Memorial Gardens.

Her love and memories will remain in the hearts of her children, Phyllis M. Clarke of New York, NY, Dianne Y. Clarke of Queens, NY, Frederick W. Clarke of New Rochelle, NY and June A. Clarke of Wilmington; sister, Michelle Favory of Queens, NY, 1 grandchild, 1 great-grandchild 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

William H. Murray, Sr.

William H. Murray, Sr., age 83, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, July 31, 2020.

Public viewing will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave., Wilmington, NC 28401. Graveside services will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020 at Pollock Cemetery in the Scotts Hill Community.

His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Lillie Lillian Murray of the home; children, William H. Murray, Jr. of Greenville, SC, Kenneth Murray, Sr. (Dawn) of Lithonia, GA, Glendora Murray-French (Michael) of Durham and Diondre Murray (Lakima Wooten) of Wilmington; siblings, Maeola Murray of Scotts Hill, Lola Murray-Williams of Castle Hayne and George Murray (Henrietta) of Scotts Hill; a special brother-in-law, Arnold Brown, Sr. of Scotts Hill; special sisters-in-law, Mable Murray of Fayetteville and Mamie Wright of Atkinson, 12 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Frank K. Hewitt

Frank K. Hewitt, age 73, of Bolivia, passed away Friday, July 31, 2020. A celebration of Mr. Hewitt's life was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Bolivia. Interment followed at the church cemetery. His love and memories will remain in the heart of his wife, Lily Hewitt of the home; son, Steven Hewitt (Shaniqua) of Bolivia; siblings, Bernest Hewitt (Glenda) of Bolivia, Donald Ray Hewitt (Patricia) and Joe Rourk of Durham, 2 grandchildren and a host of other family 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.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Card Of Thanks



The family of the Late Mrs. Helen Mapson expresses utmost gratitude for every gesture of kindness extended to them during the loss of their precious matriarch. Mrs. Mapson transitioned on June 27, 2020. Graveside services and burial were held on July 2, 2020 at Johnson Chapel AME Zion Church Cemetery. The numerous cards, calls, visits, and donations of food and monetary gifts will be remembered as acts of love, care, and concern for Mother Mapson and her family.



Mrs. Margaret N. Simmons
August 3, 1923-April 22, 2020

'Happy Birthday to Mama in Heaven'

To the one who exhibited the sweetest name and added a gleam to the same. Who shared our joys and our cheers when we were happy and our pains when we were sad? Who taught us that the wages of sin are death and the gift of God is eternal life? Who admired every year of our success and gave us her blessings? She was our mother, our teacher, and the greatest friend we could have ever had. Longevity was her life as she said, "She must have done what God wanted her to do and liked". There is no other one who can fill her shoes or take her place as our dear 'Mother' as her heart was our garden of love. We love you Mama and miss you so much. 'Happy Birthday'. The Legacy of Love, Ethics, Religion, and Economics will be etched in our memory and archived for a lifetime as we let the work you did at home, at church and in the community speak for you.

Your memory will be cherished by your children-Thomas, Willie Jean, Maggie and Louis Andrew, daughter in-laws, 15 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, 14 great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, God children, and extended family members.

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TELL SOMEBODY

Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1

When the prophet Isaiah, made the universal call for salvation and deliverance in the name of Jesus Christ, he appealed to the "thirsty" soul of men. His message compelled everyone who was thirsty to come to the waters and drink.

Matthew 5:6, says, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." God's promise to the thirsty, is that if they would come to Christ, he would satisfy their spiritual thirst! When the soul of a man is thirsty, it seeks to find relief

and refreshment. The best known natural source of relief for thirst is water. Most of us would agree that after we enjoy a cool refreshing drink of ice tea, lemonade, juice, etc. we still need a drink of h2o, better known as water. Regular or decaffeinated coffee, carbonated or uncarbonated beverages are only temporary solutions for thirst. Even nutrition experts advise us to drink water first thing in the morning and even at night before going to bed to improve some health conditions.

When Jesus spoke to the

woman at the well, he realized that her natural problems and struggles grew from the source of her spiritual need, which was the actual thirsting of her soul! She was searching for the things that could not satisfy her soul. Her lifestyle reflected the root cause of her continuation of bad choices that sullied her life and ruined her reputation. "Jesus answered and said unto her; If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living waters." John 4:10

"Jesus answered and said unto her; Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up

into everlasting life." John 4:13,14. The living water that Jesus spoke of to the Samaritan woman at the well, was able to satisfy her deepest needs and inner longings. It is the grace and mercy of God that looks beyond our faults and see the need in our lives. He knows our frame and understands our being. This is further reflected in what Jesus said in John 7:37, 38. "In the last day that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

The water of life that Isaiah the prophet spoke of and Jesus Christ testified of, is still being offered freely to every one of us, and any man that will

believe continually on Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. "And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come. . . And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17 Our heavenly Father God wants us to come to him through his Son Jesus Christ so much, that he invites us to come without money and without price. This is an offer; we should not refuse, if we want our soul to be satisfied. If we admit, that we are thirsty, we need to COME to Jesus. Read Romans 10:8-13

Prayer - " Father I come in the Name of Jesus, asking you to quench the thirsting of my soul. Lord, to you I come. Amen"

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

Where will we go from here? Choose this day whom you will serve! In this computerized world, we don't use the same thing that we use when I was a boy, which was a road map. We establish where we were on the map, and then found the best route to take and it took some time in doing so.

But now we have what we call a GPS that you purchase or have it on your iPhone or build in most of all new automobile you purchase, and you program it to take you to places you have never been before. The methods are the same, you must establish where you are and program it according to where you are and where you want to go.

Life is the same way you must program your destination based upon where you are! According to the Bible, which is our spiritual road map, we all began our life journey from the same place, position, or source. Let's turn now to the teaching of the infallible Word of God which is the fountainhead of all truth and the complete will of God for man.

Psalm 51:4-10 (KJV) 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in

thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest and be clear when thou judgest. 5 Behold, I was shapened in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. 9 Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

What is a sin according to the Word of God: 1John 5:17, All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death. 1. We must know that all unrighteousness is sin. Too many people think too lightly of some sins. They rank sins, feeling that some sins are not so bad and are more acceptable to God. They feel that... some sins are small; others are big. some sins are white; others are black. some sins are more permissible; others are less permissible. some sins are more acceptable; others are less acceptable.

But note what Scripture says: "All unrighteousness is sin." There is not a single act of unrighteousness that is not sin. There is only one sin that is ranked as a sin unto death. As seen above, that sin is either apostasy, denying that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, or else obstinate and persistent sin that just refuses to repent. This is the ultimate sin, the unpardonable sin. But God does not list this sin to say that we can commit all the other sins and get away with them. He tells us about the sin unto death in order to warn us that we can sin too much. We can turn away from Christ too often, so often that we become engulfed and encrusted with sin-so hardened that we cannot break away. We doom ourselves if we continue to sin. All unrighteousness is sin; no matter how small and white or how permissible and acceptable we may think the act of unrighteousness is,

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it is sin to God. And if we persist in it, we are moving toward becoming so engulfed and encrusted in it that we border on the sin unto death.

The point is this: the way we live free of sin is to know that all unrighteousness is sin. There is not an act of unrighteousness that is not sin. No matter what we think, no matter how we may rank sin, there is no rank of sin with God. Sin is sin; unrighteousness is unrighteousness. We must repent and forsake all sin-know that all unrighteous acts are sin-if we are to live free of sin. (POSBC)

Romans 1:18, "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness".

Romans 6:13 "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God".

Romans 14:23 "And he that doubteth is damned if he eats because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin".

(James 4:17)."Therefore to him, that knoweth to do good,

and doeth it not, to him it is sin". We must have a precise knowledge of sin and its consequences, it separates from God (Sin in the heart is like carrying a rattlesnake in your pocket or your purse). At an unsuspected time, you will be bitten that may cost you your life

The Amplified says, "We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice sinning, but the One Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him - Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil - and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him]."

The Bible is our road map the Holy Spirit is our GPS: John 14:16-17, And I will pray for the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter; that he may abide with you forever; 17Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. V.26, But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your

remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

John 16:13-15, Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

We cannot have the spirit of the world and the Spirit of God directing our path because light and darkness cannot exist in the same room or body, the absence of light is darkness, the absence of darkness light. "As many as are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" Father, in the name of Jesus we come boldly before the throne of grace asking forgiveness for all our sins and give us a pure heart to follow Jesus in all our ways. Amen. To be continued.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Lofton Merrit Irving**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **16th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of July, 2020

Tiffany Irving, Administrator
Po Box 10161
Wilmington, NC 28404

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

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Having qualified as the Executrix of the Estate of **Robert D. Moore III** (New Hanover County File No. 20 E 613) late of 1107 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to serve them on the undersigned at 201 N. Front Street Suite 408, Wilmington, NC 28401, on or before the **16th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of July, 2020.

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Attorney for Monita M. Ozment
20 I N. Front Street Suite 408
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

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This the 23rd day of July, 2020

Carmela Carrano, Administratrix
5630 Old Garden Rd. Apt 104
Wilmington, NC 28403

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Victoria Dewsbury Martenis**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **30th day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of July, 2020.

Robert W. Martenis, Executor of the Estate of Victoria Dewsbury Martenis
9004

Saint Stephens Place
Wilmington, NC 28412
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC
1979 Eastwood Road, Suite 101
Wilmington, NC 28403

July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

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Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **John T. Marinaccio Kuharcik** (20-E-833), late of New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 6, 2020** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 6th day of August, 2020.

Carrie Marinda Marinaccio
c/o Craige & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

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This the 23rd day of July, 2020

Valerie D. Williams, Executrix
4006 Live Oak Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27604

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Charles J. Paone**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **23rd day of October, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 23rd day of July, 2020.

M. Jane Paone, Executrix of the Estate of Charles J. Paone
8528 Bald Eagle Lane
Wilmington, NC 28411
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This the 23rd day of July, 2020

Angela Cooper McGuire, Executrix
109 Superior Ct.
Hampstead, NC 28443

July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Jerome Lee Herring, Sr.**, deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **6th day of November, 2020**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 6th day of August, 2020.

Susan S. Herring, Executrix of the Estate of Jerome Lee Herring, Sr.
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**IN THE MATTER OF:
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OLLIE MARIE TEACHEY HATCHER
IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
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BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO. 20 E 0753**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher** of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher to present them to the undersigned on or before **October 23, 2020**, that being three (3) months from the first date of publication of this Notice or same shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of July, 2020.

Melanie Hatcher Philip
Executrix of the Estate of
Ollie Marie Teachey Hatcher
c/o Stephen E. Culbreth
CULBRETH LAW FIRM
P.O. Box 446
Wilmington, N. C. 28402

July 23, 30, August 6, 2020

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
FILE NO. 20-CVD-1040**

**CATHERINE D. LEWIS,
Plaintiff,
vs.
KIMBERLY HENDERSON and
UNKNOWN FATHER,
Defendants.**

TO: Unknown Father

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