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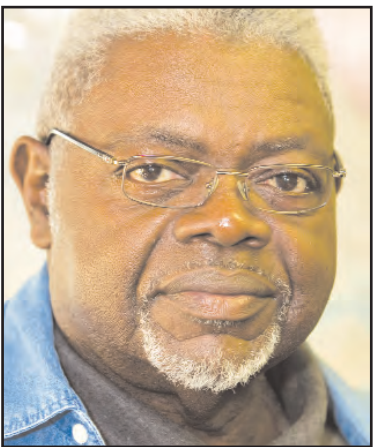
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STOP THE CALLS

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I have in the last six months gotten more calls than ever before. There have been such messages as your warranty is about to expire! They have been designed to interest me in life insurance, final expense insurance, Medicare supplement, Medicaid assistance, medical devices, plans

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NEWS ANALYSIS

N.C. GOP declares war on affirmative action and relevant race history

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The gloves are now off! Top N.C. Republicans have now publicly vowed to fight the practices of affirmative action and teaching relevant race history (what they call "critical race theory") in public schools legislatively to ensure that people of color and women are not afforded what the GOP perceives to be any advantage over White citizens.

"Children must learn about our state's racial past and all of its ugliness, from the 1898 Wilmington Massacre to Jim Crow," the conservative Carolina Journal online magazine quoted Senate Leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, as saying at a news conference July 14, prior to a committee meeting. "But students must not be forced to adopt an ideology that is separate and distinct from history; an ideology that attacks 'the very foundations of the liberal order' and that exalts 'present discrimination' - so long as it's against the right people - as 'antiracist.'"

The Carolina Journal story continued, "Berger said he opposes Critical Race Theory and "will combat it with everything that I have because I believe the doctrine undoes the framework that produced the most successful ongoing experiment in self-government in the history of mankind ... whether you acknowledge it or not, this doctrine seeks to recast the foundational principles of American society. We must not let that happen."

North Carolina has now officially jumped onboard the anti-Critical Race Theory train, even though not one public school teaches, or

is slated to teach what, in reality, is a 40-year-old legal term for determining institutional and systematic racism in American society.

That didn't stop Republican N. C. Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson from telling the Senate Education Committee, "I want to make one thing clear: The issue of indoctrination in our classrooms is real. It's not some figment of somebody's imagination. It's happening all across the state, unfortunately."

That committee is working to toughen HB 324, which, if passed, would effectively make it illegal to teach that "one race or sex is inherently superior to the other," or even have discussions about America's racial history, because that could be interpreted as "indoctrination."

In effect, Republicans believe that what they call "CRT" would teach White children that they are inherently bad because of how badly their ancestors have historically treated Black people. Apparently, White parents across the nation have that impression and are rising up in arms at local school board meetings, apparently taking the GOP political bait that Democratic liberals are trying to miseducate their children.

Last week, a New Hanover County Public School Board meeting had to be halted because "concerned" White parents demanded that CRT not be taught.

Sen. Berger has cited both Durham and Charlotte, where public school leadership have respectively welcomed a more accurate teaching of America's racial history, as examples of exactly what he vows to fight "...with everything I have."

NC Democrats, as best as they can, aren't having it.

"If we want to learn from history, then we need to teach history, all of it, the good and the bad," N. C. Senate Democratic Leader, Dan Blue (D-Wake), wrote in a July 14 tweet. "When we exclude the hard parts, we are doing a disservice to our students and our country," he continued. Sen. Blue's Democratic colleagues agree.

"HB 324 would limit teachers' and students' ability to have crucial conversations that address the systematic inequities in the United States that persist today," say NC Senate Democrats.

"I fear that what it really does away with is critical thinking in the classroom," said Sen. Jay Chaudhuri (D-Wake).

But Democrats in the State Senate and House are in the minority, so unless Gov. Cooper can veto the HB 324, it will become law.

Not willing to pass up a golden political opportunity when they see it in the leadup to the crucial 2022 midterm elections, N. C. Senate Republicans are moving to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot to ban affirmative action in the State, and that's something Gov. Cooper cannot veto.

If passed, that would prohibit North Carolina colleges and universities from using race as key factors in admissions and employers from using it in hiring.

Thus, Senate Bill 729 "...would prohibit discrimination against or preferential treatment toward "any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

Currently, race is allowed to be a factor in North Carolina university admissions.

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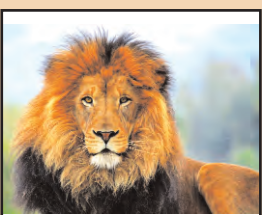
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STATE BRIEFS

COMMUNITY
EXPRESSES
CONCERN ABOUT
POLICY 5120

[WILMINGTON] Concerned citizens met with members of Black Lives Matter and New Hanover County Educational Justice Tuesday afternoon at the 1898 Memorial to discuss how NHC Public Schools Policy 5120 is written regarding whether parents have to be called if students are questioned by law enforcement or searched by law enforcement. That policy was passed on first reading Tuesday

night. The main concern was that without clarification, students of color; special needs students and others will be abused by law enforcement. Even though the new version of Policy 5120 reportedly suggests that parents will be called, there was still concern by community activists that the language is still not clear enough before it is adopted.

"This policy has to be changed and the parents should be present when law enforcement talks to their children even if it's as a witness or interrogation of any form or fashion. I want people to understand that we have to stand up for our children and be the voice for our children," said Sonya Patrick, local leader of Black Lives Matter.

NHC SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING HELD
REMOTELY AFTER
PREVIOUS OUTBURST

[WILMINGTON] After last week's New Hanover County Public School Board meeting was disrupted by people speaking out of turn, and angry parents yelling about the possibility of Critical Race Theory being taught, the board decided to complete the meeting by Zoom this week to forestall any other disruptions. The board even had speakers who were properly signed up last week but not heard tape what they had to say.

School Board Chair Stephanie Adams chided those who disrupted last week's live meeting, one that she did not attend. Adams maintained that disruptions

cannot be tolerated.

STUDENTS WILL STILL
HAVE TO WEAR MASKS;
NEW SOCIAL STUDIES
CURRICULUM ADOPTED

[WILMINGTON] Many parents believe that with the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic waning, their children should not have to wear protective masks to school. Tuesday evening, the NHC Public School Board maintained that the state still requires children's faces to be covered while they're in class.

Meanwhile NHC Public Schools will adopt the new NC Social Studies Standards for this fall, which are designed to dive deeper into "underrepresented voices" throughout history, and challenge all

students to learn more about the impact of slavery and the civil rights movement, but challenge them to better understand these events through critical thinking and discussion.

NHC Public Schools Supt. Dr. Charles Foust assured the public that what has been labeled as "Critical Race Theory"-- a 40-year-old law school lesson--is not part of the curriculum. "Is there reference of slavery in history? Yes. Is there reference of injustices in the history books? Yes. Are we teaching critical race theory as it's written at the collegiate level and at when you are getting your JD? No."

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Top Biden advisor says president always has Black community on his mind

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Cedric Richmond, senior advisor to President Joseph Biden and former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, says he never has to bring up the needs of African-Americans in his conversations with Biden because he usually gets to it first.

"I don't have to bring it up because he brings it up and the vice president brings it up. They are very intentional," Richmond said in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "And you have a president who talked about racial equity in his inaugural address; that talked about it in his joint address to Congress. So, just like he talks about it in front of the camera, he talks about it in the back of the camera."

In the exclusive interview the day after Richmond attended a meeting between Black civil rights leaders, President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, Richmond listed a host of examples of how the President is targeting and specifically addressing issues that directly and often separately affect Black people.

On Voting Rights:

He said he thought the meeting with civil rights leaders that largely focused on voting rights legislation now before Congress "was a great meeting."

Richmond said, "Our African-American civil rights leaders were very succinct and clear in their assessment of where we are and what people in the community are saying what they need what they need to hear what they need to see, how we need to help educate them, how we need to help motivate them to get past this while we fight it in the courts and in the halls of Congress. So, it was good," he said. "The president listened. He talked to them about what he saw, what he wants to do."

President Biden has tapped Vice President Harris to lead the Administration's efforts on voting rights "because it's so important," Richmond said. "He reauthorized the Voting Rights Act himself while he was in Congress and got every senator to vote for it."

According to Richmond, the leaders were on one accord in the White House meeting, acknowledging Biden's past record on voting rights. "But they also articulated the challenges that we face now with these real threats to democracy. And this is not hyperbole, this is not exaggeration, but when you have people saying that the legislature will decide who won an election, that is dangerous. It really puts our democracy at risk."

On Gun Violence:

It was about a year ago that

Biden announced his "Build Back Better" campaign, focusing on issues across the board as he ran for President. Now, seven months into his administration, he is facing some unexpected crisis; including a rise in gun violence in most major cities.

Richmond says Biden believes his addressing economic and social issues across the board in Black and other communities will impact crime as well as targeting the dissemination of guns.

"I think if you're going to deal with violence and gun violence in any community, especially in the Black community, you have to invest in the community - period. So, we're giving money that can be used in technology such as gun spotter programs," he said. "I think the President says the idle mind is the devil's playground. So, we have to give our kids something productive to do. So, summer jobs reduce the likelihood of kids dropping out of school; also, after school programs. We have to invest in our families and that's how we look at it. At the same time, we do have to look at where these guns are coming from. So, DOJ [Department of Justice] has announced that ATF [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives] is going to go after these rogue gun dealers that are flooding our streets with guns."

Richmond says it takes a "very comprehensive approach" to deal with crime and violence in the streets. That includes investments in families, youth, and cities, he says.

"What we also did was we gave money to cities and now we just went back and gave them new guidance that says, 'Look, you can take that money that we gave you, you can invest in community violence intervention. So those interceptors to make sure that we stop crime before it happens. We want you to invest in summer jobs programs for our young people. We want you to invest in after school and recreational programs. We came up a really comprehensive way to invest in communities to help them - through economics and other means, technology and others - to fight this rising gun violence that we see."

On COVID 19:

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, African-Americans, at the height of the pandemic, were nearly three times more likely than White Americans to be hospitalized with COVID and about twice as likely to die from it.

Richmond said the struggle for racial equity in the fight against the pandemic was in access to the vaccines.

"So, you saw us come in quickly to get equity in the vac-



Senior Biden advisor Cedric Richmond sits by the President in a recent meeting with civil rights leaders.

cine distributions. We did community health centers; we did our own vaccination centers; we did mobile vaccination centers.

Poverty, Economics and Racial Wealth Disparities:

Vaccines without economic relief would not have begun full recovery from the effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Richmond said.

"So, we gave out \$1,400 checks to 168 and a half million households. Then, we increased the child tax credit and made it half refundable and paid it out in monthly installments," he recounted. "And so, starting July 15, Black children and their parents, all children and their parents, they're going to start receiving a check for \$250 for every child that they have under the age of 18, per month. And every child under 7, they will get \$300 a month. We figure that families shouldn't have to wait until the end of the year. That there are bills that become due every month and that we should help them," he said. "That's going to reduce Black child poverty in half. This year, it's going to reduce poverty in the Black community - period - by 30 percent some numbers say. So, that's what we did."

HBCUs:

Richmond indicated that among Biden's proudest achievements thus far has been funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

"We gave HBCUs a historic amount of funds - \$4.2 million - \$1.6 in debt forgiveness and \$2.6 in direct aid - to help them through the pandemic. So, we're doing a number of things to be very intentional about making sure the interests of African-Americans are being met."

Black Wealth

Still, the wealth gap between Black and White Americans is "staggering" according to the Brookings Institute. A Brookings report says the net

worth of a typical White family is nearly 10 times greater than that of a Black family.

Richmond says Biden has been on top of the leading wealth creators in the Black community - entrepreneurship and homeownership.

"We talk about both of those, and we act on both of those," he said. "The plan is to put \$35 billion more in the SBA [Small Business Administration] to help with the small, Black disadvantaged businesses, help them with access to capital, we're pushing the private sector and the federal government to provide access to contracts; so, we're going to go from 10 percent to 15 percent, which is \$100 billion over five years," he said.

"As for homeownership,

we've directed the secretary of HUD, Marcia Fudge, to root out systemic barriers and racism in housing policy. For example, the president specifically called out appraisals and other redlining where two homes in two different neighborhoods - one Black and one White - are worth different amounts simply because of where they are. So, we are going to tackle all of those things. We're going to help people buy a home because we know that that is the sound way to pass wealth off from generation to generation. And we're going to make sure that we invest in building those affordable homes that people can buy. So, we have a really all hands-on deck comprehensive approach to dealing with it all."

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As lawsuit in Andrew Brown, Jr. case filed, Republicans want to toughen bodycam law

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was three months ago this week, on April 21, when Pasquotank Sheriff's deputies fatally shot an unarmed Andrew Brown, Jr., 42, in front of his Elizabeth City home as they were serving a warrant for his arrest.

The three deputies responsible have not been criminally charged, but last week, the Brown estate filed a \$30 million federal lawsuit against Dare County Sheriff Doug Doughtie, Pasquotank County Sheriff Tommy Wooten, and the seven Pasquotank deputies involved. Reportedly, Dare County law enforcement worked with Pasquotank authorities in identifying Brown per the outstanding warrant.

Meanwhile, three months after the fatal shooting, none of the sheriff's deputies' bodycam footage of the killing has been officially released to the family or the media by a judge, as has been demanded by the family and protestors.

Now there's word that Republican lawmakers want to actually make it tougher for the families of police shooting victims or the media to obtain law enforcement bodycam footage in a timely manner after an incident. Currently, only a judge can release the footage.

In May, a bipartisan group of senators sought to rewrite the law so the families could have access within five days,



ANDREW BROWN, JR.

unless law enforcement can show why that should not be

the case. However, now, thanks to lobbying by the

North Carolina Sheriffs' Association, the families

would not have automatic access to the bodycam. A

judge would be the sole arbiter of who sees the footage and when.

The new proposed version, Senate Bill 300, also would not prohibit those who see the bodycam footage from describing what they saw, but it would criminally punish anyone who made an unauthorized copy, and then publicly released it.

SB 300 was passed by the Senate and is currently in the State House Rules Committee.

In the \$30 million lawsuit, filed by Andrew Brown, Jr.'s estate against the Dare and Pasquotank County Sheriff's Departments, it contends that Brown's constitutional rights were violated when deputies used unlawful deadly force as he drove away in an attempt to flee upon their arrival. The suit continues that there was no evidence of Brown posing a threat as he was unarmed, and thus, his was a "wrongful death" and "battery and assault."

The lawsuit also seeks the full public release of all bodycam footage of the Brown fatal shooting.

Some of that footage was displayed by Pasquotank District Attorney Andrew Womble during a May press conference wherein he announced that he would not criminally charge three of the seven county deputies for firing into Brown's vehicle.

Andrew Brown, Jr. was killed when one of the bullets fired by deputies at his moving vehicle struck him in the back of his head.



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Please run for school board

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Critical race theory (CRT) asserts that racism is woven into the very fabric of our nation's institutions. This is not new information for those who have studied how race affects our economy, politics, education, health care, and more. CRT is not an attempt to "blame" white America for its origins as much as it is a pedagogical approach to reality. Through critical race theory, we can see the many ways that the uneven application of laws allowed envious white people to destroy Tulsa's Black Wall Street, colonizers to gentrify Black neighborhoods, doctors to experiment on Black people and more. CRT helps us understand how California stole parts of Mexico, Chinese people were imported here (without wives or families) to build railroads, and how our Constitution defined black folks as fractions of people.

Attorney and Professor Derrick Bell (1930-2011) wrote about the many ways our racist gendered patriarchy systematically oppressed Black people and others at the periphery. He used both legal theory and fiction to amplify his points. Critical race theory has been taught in our nation's colleges and universities, and especially in our law schools, for decades. Now white legislators are passing laws in several states to outlaw the teaching of CRT because it hits too close to home.

Much of this legislation demonstrates how ignorant some of these legislators are. It also illustrates how heated the battle for fact and knowledge is. Some think the South won the Civil War, which they describe as the war of "Northern Aggression". Though the statues are coming down, there are still those who believe those statues were erected for heroism, not resistance to equality. And every time you see a Confederate flag flying, you must know that those stars and bars were only added to state flags after Brown V. Board of Education became law, and white Southerners wanted to communicate their allegiance to racism.

The legislators who oppose CRT also oppose knowledge. Now, their fearlessly foolish conservative leaders are urging them to "take over" the schools by running for school boards around the country. Rich Lowry, the National Review Editor, wrote a piece, "The Point of the Anti-CRT Fight Should Be To Take Over the Schools" (<https://www.nationalreview.com/2021/07/the-point-of-the-anti-crt-fight-should-be-to-take-over-the-schools/>). What he means is to take over young people's brains. Lowry is smart enough to know that the historical whitewash conservatives are attempting cannot withstand historical scrutiny. So he and his conservative minions would instead inject their ideology into our schools, using low-turnout, low-budget races to grab power.

Roland S. Martin deserves credit for lifting this. He has been looking at the damage school boards do for years. He says, and Lowry echoes, the power school boards have. To choose book vendors. To shape the curriculum. To select teachers and trainers. The anti-CRT crowd would shut this down. But we also shut ourselves down when we get stuck at the top of the ballot. It is essential to choose a President and Vice-President, a Senator and Congressperson, and it is equally important to select a zoning commissioner or a school board member. Rich Lowry's piece makes it clear and makes it plain. He says that "education is too important to be left to educators." He wants rabid (he didn't say white, but I will) parents to run for school boards and to use their passion to lock knowledge out.

So this is my plea to woke, progressive Black folk. Please run for school board. There are tens of thousands of Black women who have retired from education. Would you please run for the school board? There are young people of color who understand the flaws in the education that was delivered to them. Please run for school board. There are entrepreneurs who decry the inadequate education that so many young people bring when they apply for new jobs. Please run for school board.

Many of these posts can be won with a few hundred votes and a few thousand dollars. The right-wing has their marching orders. We need to have ours, too. We can serve our communities and our nation by standing up for knowledge. Please run for school board.

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MATTERS OF OPINION

Even as pandemic eases, Black and Latinx adults face greatest financial challenges from chronic lack of affordable health care

(NNPANewsWire.com)

According to results from a new Commonwealth Fund survey, Americans who have suffered the most during the COVID-19 pandemic are also the most likely saddled with medical bill problems and debt.

The Commonwealth Fund, a foundation that promotes a high-performing health care system that achieves better access and improved quality, noted that adults ages 19 to 64 contracted the virus, lost income, or lost their job-based health insurance coverage.

Those individuals also reported higher rates of medical bills and debt problems than people not affected by the pandemic in those ways.

Researchers found those who lost income experienced medical bill problems at the highest rates, especially those who also tested positive or became sick with COVID-19 or lost coverage.

The report revealed that Black and Latinx adults "face the greatest financial challenges from chronic lack of affordable health care, even as the pandemic eases and more gain insurance coverage."

More than half (55 percent) of Black and nearly half (44 percent) of Latinx/Hispanic adults said they had medical bill problems and debt, compared to one-third (32 percent) of white adults.

Overall, one-third of U.S. adults said their income fell during the pandemic, but Black, Latinx/Hispanic, and low-income adults were particularly hard hit, the report continued.

Forty-four percent of Black adults and 45 percent of Latinx/Hispanic adults reported a loss of income.

Insured and uninsured adults alike struggle to pay their medical bills, but those without coverage face more significant challenges.

More than one-third of insured adults and half of uninsured adults said they had a medical bill problem or were paying off medical debt.

Stacy Brown

One-third (34 percent) of working-age adults with employer coverage reported medical bill or debt problems, as did nearly half (46 percent) of adults with individual and marketplace coverage.

Relatively few adults lost job-based health insurance coverage during the pandemic. However, many of those who did were left exposed to health care costs, researchers wrote.

The survey, which took place between March 9 and June 8, revealed that just 6 percent of working-age adults lost job-based coverage — whether through their job or that of a spouse, partner, or parent — since the pandemic began.

Of those individuals, 67 percent gained coverage elsewhere.

Just over half (54 percent) of people who lost coverage through their job and did not get COBRA were without coverage for three months or less.

About 30 percent did not gain

insurance until four to 11 months later, and 16 percent were uninsured for longer than a year.

An estimated 10 percent of working-age adults were uninsured during the first half of 2021 — a smaller share than 2020 estimates from federal and private surveys.

The survey findings suggest that more people have gained insurance than lost it since the pandemic began.

Federal efforts to help people maintain their Medicaid coverage, combined with state and federal efforts to encourage people to enroll in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) marketplaces and Medicaid, have increased enrollment in both.

The researchers determined that medical debt leaves people with lingering financial problems.

Thirty-five percent said they had used up most or all their savings to pay their bills.

Forty-three percent had received a lower credit rating because of their medical debt.

More than one-quarter (27 percent) were unable to pay for basic necessities such as food, heat, or rent.

The authors noted several policy options they said could alleviate medical bills and debt problems and provide relief, including making the temporary American Rescue Plan marketplace subsidies permanent.

That could reduce the number of uninsured by 4.2 million in 2022, the researchers said.

They also suggested providing Medicaid-eligible adults in the 13 states that have not yet expanded their program a fed-

eral insurance option to cover an estimated 2.3 million uninsured.

Reigning in deductibles and out-of-pocket costs in marketplace plans with new subsidies and rules also should help, they said.

More individuals with unaffordable or skimpy employer plans should be allowed to enroll in marketplace plans, the Commonwealth Fund researchers stated.

"Although the survey indicates improvement in insurance coverage during the pandemic, it also shows that health insurance in America is not protective enough," stated Dr. Sara R. Collins, the lead author and Commonwealth Fund Vice President for Health Care Coverage, Access, and Tracking.

"The persistent coverage inadequacy and vulnerability among U.S. working-age adults is compromising their ability to get the care they need and leaving many with medical debt at a moment when they should be recovering after months of financial insecurity."

Dr. David Blumenthal, the president of the Commonwealth Fund, remarked that people struggled with inadequate health coverage and mounting debt before the pandemic.

"Now, the administration and Congress have an opportunity to ensure not only that all U.S. residents have health insurance but that the coverage is affordable and comprehensive," Dr. Blumenthal declared.

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TO BE EQUAL

Civil rights leaders urge White House to put the "Full moral prestige and power of the presidency" behind voting rights

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The 21st century Jim Crow assault is real. It's unrelenting, and we're going to challenge it vigorously. While this broad assault against voting rights is not unprecedented, it's taking on a new and, literally, pernicious form. It's no longer just about who gets to vote or making it easier for eligible voters to vote. It's about who gets to count the vote -- who gets to count whether or not your vote counted at all. It's about moving from independent election administrators who work for the people to polarized state legislatures and partisan actors who work for political parties. To me, this is simple: This is election subversion. It's the most dangerous threat to voting and the integrity of free and fair elections in our history." - President Joe Biden

Last week, I had the opportunity to meet with President Biden and Vice President Harris to discuss the appalling attack on democracy that is ongoing in state legislatures across the country, as well as other issues

of racial justice.

A few days later, President Biden delivered one of the most impassioned speeches of his presidency, echoing many of the themes we discussed in our meeting. He alluded to our meeting, reminding Americans of our commitment to "stay vigilant and challenge these odious laws in the courts." I was proud that we pushed the President to address the issue, and we intend to



Marc Morial

continue pushing.

The National Urban League helped lead the meeting between the White House and a group of leaders from eight legacy Black civil rights organizations. Joining me were Melanie Campbell, President and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation; Dr. Johnnetta Cole, National Chair and President of the National Council of Negro Women; Wade Henderson,

Interim President of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights; Damon Hewitt, President and Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Sherrilyn Ifill, President and Director-Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of the NAACP; and Reverend Al Sharpton, President of the National Action Network.

I was grateful for the opportunity to impress upon the President and Vice President the urgency of confronting the wave of anti-voter legislation that is surging through state legislatures. When we look at what is happening in this nation, we see an effort to impose a system of American apartheid on our grand and glorious multicultural nation. State laws are used to suppress the vote, the filibuster process is used to obstruct Congressional oversight. The courts are used to undercut the Voting Rights Act, all to subvert the democratic process and overturn the will of the people.

We urged President Biden to put the full moral prestige and the power of the presiden-

cy behind voting rights, to help frame the debate for the American people. As a candidate, he talked about the soul of the nation. No issue cuts to the soul of the nation more than voting rights.

I was glad to hear President Biden and Vice President Harris reconfirm their determination to push for passage of the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act — two vital bills that would protect voting rights and the integrity of the elections process.

We also discussed the frustrating delay in securing passage of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which is currently being negotiated in the Senate. Days after the meeting, Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, who is leading the negotiations for Senate Republicans, said he hopes a police reform package is approved by the end of this month.

We look forward to continuing the discussion and holding the President and Vice President to their commitments.

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For yourself family, you must be quicker than that. You got to evaluate everything from the left, right, front, and back. Let me share with you a few things that I have encountered over the last few days that caused me to say that.

Let me start with something that happened to me personally. I got an email from credit karma saying that because of my good credit file, I have a pre-approved offer for a personal loan in the 5-figures. Now there was a time in my life that I would have been jumping for joy, and hurrying up, and planning to tap that well, but I have grown in my mindset since then. So, I stepped back and took an assessment on exactly what it

would mean to me financially if I took that offer. At that present time, I did not have any specific use for that money. I did not have anything I could think of that I could take that money and flip it at least 1 time to make double back so I could pay that loan off within 24 months.

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Therefore, I did not click the link in the email, I did not pursue it at all because of one thing I know, if you do not have a plan for everything you do financially, then you are planning a set-up for yourself

to fail. No way I'm going to borrow that money to sit in my bank account, racking up interest on it, nor going to blow it on worthless personal items that will not bring back a return. I had to protect my own back on that one, and I did. Thanks, but no thanks.

Now let me tell you of a call I got from a 1st-time buyer that has owned her home for about 1- 1/2 years now. She called me and said "I've been getting all these mailings and calls from Realtors saying my house is worth \$25,000 more than I paid for it, and that it is a seller's market, and a great time to sell. Is that a good idea?" So, I told her, let's evaluate this to determine if it is. Now I already knew the answer,

but I had to make sure she saw it for herself. I proceeded to ask her questions. I said, did your income increase since you purchased your home? She said, I had 2 jobs when I was qualified to buy this home, but now I only have one job. I said, well did your bills decrease since you got that loan, like did you pay off a car or anything that had a large monthly payment? She said, no all of that is the same... I said, so if you got approved based on 2 incomes and now you only have one, and all of your debt is the same as you had on the 1st loan, then you trying to get a loan to purchase another home for the same amount you got approved for the 1st time is not going to happen.

That means you will be leaving a home as a homeowner to go into the rental market and becoming a tenant again. You purchased your home for \$165,000, and I can assure you there is nothing out here for \$165,000 anymore. Therefore, if you sell, you will be gaining \$25,000 if lucky after the payoff of the loan, paying Realtor fees, etc, just to go back in the rental market because you could not even get a \$165,000 loan due to you not having 2 incomes anymore. By the way, the rent amounts out here will be more expensive than that mortgage payment you currently have, and you will spend that money made from the sale within 2 years or less on rent. So, let me ask you

what you asked me, "Do you think it's a good idea?" She hurried up and said, "HECK to the NO, NO, NO!" She actually said something else, but I cleaned it up. lol. Okay then, tell those Realtors you got to be quicker than that! Yes, indeed family, you got to think about what you're doing before you do it. If you don't watch your back, who will? Hmmm.

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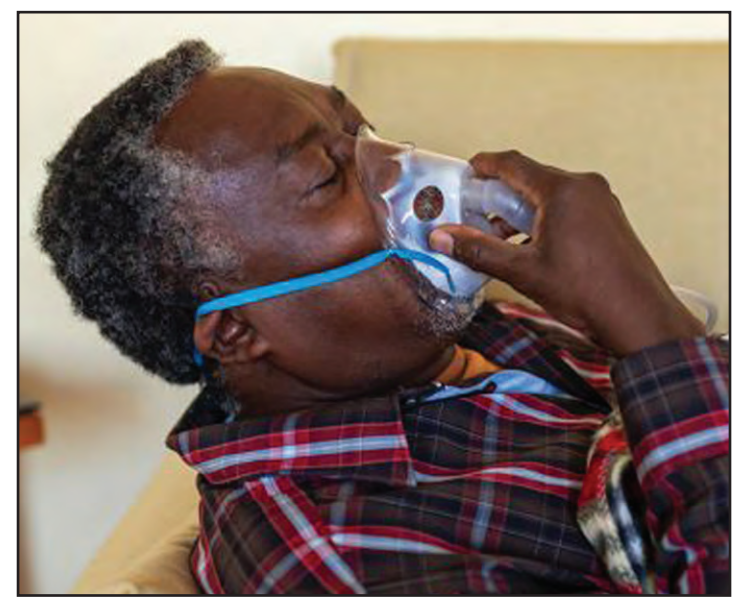


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Delta variant now makes up 83 percent of all U.S. COVID cases



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"The best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 variants is to prevent the spread of disease, and vaccination is the most powerful tool we have," Dr. Walensky asserted during a U.S. Senate hearing.

On July 3, the CDC noted that the delta variant accounted for about half of U.S. COVID cases.

That number has dramatically increased.

The latest delta surge also has led to increases in hospitalizations and deaths, Dr. Walensky stated.

She remarked that deaths have risen by about 48 percent over the past week, and the U.S. now averages 239 COVID-related fatalities each day.

Dr. Walensky insisted that the surge could have been prevented.

"Each death is tragic and even more heartbreaking when we know that the majority of these deaths could be prevented with a simple, safe, available vaccine," she demanded.

About two-thirds of U.S. counties have vaccinated less than 40 percent of their residents. That has allowed for the emergence and rapid spread of the highly transmissible delta variant," Dr. Walensky continued.

President Joe Biden previously set a vaccination goal of reaching 70 percent of eligible adults by July 4, but the U.S. fell short.

Medical experts have warned that the delta variant is highly contagious and easily transmitted compared to other strains.

"The reason it's so formidable is the fact that it has the capability of transmitting efficiently from human to human in an extraordinary manner, well beyond any of the other variants that we've experienced, up to now," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White House's chief medical

advisor, said during the Senate hearing.

Dr. Ebony J. Hilton, the medical director for GoodStock Consulting, LLC, and Associate Professor, Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the University of Virginia, repeatedly warned that the combination of vaccine hesitancy, the refusal to wear masks, and the delta variant would create the perfect storm for a worsening pandemic.

Expressly, Dr. Hilton has noted that Covid-19 deaths in predominately White communities have continued to rise at dramatic rates.

She said the snapshot provides a glimpse into just how bad the pandemic remains in African American neighborhoods.

"We see the disparity starting to close, but not because Black people are dying less, it's because white people are dying more," Dr. Hilton remarked.

"Between February and March, 58,000 White Americans died of COVID, and it's largely because of the 'I don't want to wear a mask,' crowd."

Dr. Hilton concluded that all should strongly consider getting vaccinated, and everyone should continue wearing masks.

"People are dying today, and they are likely leaving behind orphans," Dr. Hilton determined.

"We know that one in 9 Black children were already likely to see foster care in their lifetime. Because of COVID, imagine how many now if we are not taking it seriously and not getting vaccinated? It is not worth the risk. We have an agent, an intervention that has been proven safe, and it works."

Dr. Hilton concluded: "Look at the studies. We have 77 percent of people saying that they are not fully back to being themselves after they have experienced COVID.

"They have brain fog and other problems. It is not worth the risk, especially when we think about how the Delta variant has shown to be more contagious and more transmissible for our younger generation. We are setting ourselves up for a crisis."

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Rosa Logan Davis

Rosa Logan Davis died July 10, 2021. Graveside service was held on Friday, July 16, 2021 at Oleander Gardens.

Rosa Logan Davis, daughter of the late Mr. Eugene Logan, Sr. and Mrs. Willie Ferguson Logan, was born on July 17, 1944 in Wilmington, North Carolina. On July 10, 2021, God said, "This journey has come to an end. Take my hand thy good and faithful servant to a new life with me." Rosa was educated in the New Hanover County School System. She graduated from "The Greatest School Under the Sun, Williston Senior High School in the Class of 1962. At Williston she was a member of the band as a clarinet player. Rosa was also a member of the Homecoming Court in 1962. Rosa was one of the first Blacks who attended Wilmington College (UNCW). She received her degree in Business Management. Rosa accepted Christ into her life at a very early age. She joined Piney Grove AME Church which later became known as Murph Chapel Church. Murph Chapel became known as Praise and Deliverance AME Church which later merged with St. Stephen AME Church. During her Christian journey Rosa served as a Pastor Steward, Trustee, Sunday School Superintendent, served on the Finance Committee and the Lay Committee and also served as a Delegate for the Annual North Carolina AME 2nd Episcopal District Conference. She was truly a dedicated and faithful servant. From a very early age Rosa became an activist during the Civil Rights Movement and participated in the sit-ins in Wilmington, NC. She was a very active member with voter registration and served as a Precinct Judge as well as in other capacities at the polls. She was an active member of Precinct W-29 in Wilmington, NC. Rosa was employed for over 40+ years at the General Electric Nuclear Plant in Wilmington before retiring. She loved her job and enjoyed the bond with her co-workers. Rosa was formally married to Walter Davis for 40 years. Rosa was always a person you could call on for your ups and downs, tears and Many laughs. She was never judgmental; She always had the right words to say and always with an upscale voice. To everyone Rosa met she was a friend. Everyone was welcome in Rosa's world. She was also a member of Rose Fidelity, Chapter #651, OES-PHA. Her love, understanding, sincerity, and devotion to duty, will forever be remembered by her family, church, friends and community.

In addition to her parents, Rosa was preceded in death by her son, Walter Antonio Davis; one brother, Eugene Logan, Jr. and her nephew, Kawaski Eugene Logan.

Rosa is survived by: one daughter, Elychia Davis Redmond of Wilmington, NC; three grandchildren, William (Samantha) Davis of Phoenix, AZ, Logan Davis of Atlanta, GA and Demetria Redmond of Pembroke, NC; one great-grandson, Blaize Davis of Boca Roca, FL; two aunts, Margaret Ferguson of Wilmington, NC and Gwen Ferguson of Chicago, IL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, her GE Family; other relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Mother Ethel Magnolia Mitchell Corbett

Mother Ethel Magnolia Mitchell Corbett died July 11, 2021. Funeral service was held on Saturday, July 17, 2021 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; 4925 New Centre Drive; Wilmington, NC 28403.

Mother Corbett was born on January 20, 1927 to the late Thomas Mitchell and Susie Jordan Mitchell in Wilmington, NC. Mrs. Ethel Corbett was an anointed, praying woman of God. She laid hands on the sick and dying, anointing them with blessed olive oil. And, many, miraculously recovered. Her love for Jesus was impeccable. She led many to Jesus. She lived her testimony daily and would always say, "I don't want to be lost. I don't want to miss heaven." She reminded us that we don't want to mess around and miss heaven and that you have to be ready and stay ready because you don't know the minute or the hour when Jesus is coming back. Her favorite scripture was John 14. Mother Corbett was a faithful and on fire member of Macedonia Fire Baptized Holiness Church of Wilmington, NC. Even after moving away to Georgia with her daughter, the church was still in her heart and mind. Sometimes she would say, "I helped a lot of people and my work is not finished yet." Thank God, even in her latter years, she kept encouraging people and touching their lives with her loving words, teaching and hugs. Mother Corbett was a witness for Jesus from her childhood. She often held prayer meetings as a kid in their home, even though her father wasn't saved. Throughout her life as a Missionary, Evangelist, Pastor of Northwest Mission, YPI District Supervisor, Eastern NC District Missionary residing, and more in the Fire Baptized Holiness church, Sister Corbett touched many. Many lives. Her personality

drew people to her as she shared her love for them and the Lord Jesus. She did not declare herself as a prophet; but if she told you something, you could expect for it to happen sooner or later. She laid hands on several people to become anointed musicians and they became just that, including her daughter, Gwen. The connection that she had with God was one that didn't happen overnight, but through years of commitment to holy living, dedicated prayer and obedience to Almighty God. Sometimes you could hear her singing, "I Wanna Be Like Jesus, OH How I Love Jesus, I Know It Was the Blood, Remember Me, Power Lord and I Will Trust in the Lord Until I die." Certainly, do not forget the song that she wrote, "Hold On Jesus Is A Coming". Mother Corbett was married to her sweetheart, the late Bro. Frank Corbett for over 60 years. The two were a match made in heaven. If she wanted or needed anything, Deacon Corbett stood by her side and made sure she had whatever it was. Her love for her husband and her children was unsurpassed. Nothing was too good for her family. Mama knew how to make a delicious meal from almost nothing, her children declared. She was amazing and taught us about God, loving one another and Jesus, too. Elder Corbett worked as an elder care nursing assist for many years. She and Bro. Corbett operated their own grocery store and youth center.

She is survived by: her children, Samuel Mallette (Claudia) and E. Marie Highsmith, all of Toledo, OH, Joyce Oglesby (Henry) of Stone Mountain, GA, Pastor Gwendolyn Maultsby of Woodstock, GA, Lawrence Corbett (Janette) of Rex, GA, Carolyn Corbett (Hurley) of Wilmington, NC and Emmer Dell Davis of Detroit, MI; 32 grandchildren; 88 great-grandchildren; 28 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Geraldine Wheeler

Geraldine Wheeler died July 15, 2021. A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Johnny Mosley

Johnny Mosley died July 16, 2021. A memorial service will be held 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Catherine West

Catherine West died July 17, 2021. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Larry Nelson

Larry Nelson died July 18, 2021. Graveside service will be 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. Visitation is 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Corey Prather

Corey Prather died July 18, 2021. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel. Visitation is from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Alfred Nixon

Alfred Nixon died July 20, 2021. Service information is incomplete at this time. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*



Thank you

We would like to thank you for the cards, flowers, visiting with us, attending the service and any other kind expression of sympathy shown for our beloved,
Mrs. Marie Boone Shaw.

Whether you kept us in your thoughts or prayed for her family, your support at this difficult time brought us great comfort and was very much appreciated. Again, we say thank you and you will always be remembered.

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"He that hat pity on the poor lendeth unto the Lord and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:17

Remember- To call to mind

Most of us were not born with a silver spoon in our mouths; and many of us have to admit we came up on the rough side of the mountain. We have first hand knowledge of what it means to be poor. When we look out of the back door of our lives, even though, some of us were barefoot, raggedy and hungry, we made it! We wore hand me down shoes, clothing and lived in sub standard housing. We have not arrived, but we have survived! God has brought us out and now poverty is only a memory. That is

especially why, we should remember the poor! But for the grace of God, there go I.....

Even though many of us are doing better than we ever have, there are too many of our brothers and sister, neighbors and friends still struggling to make it from day to day. There are people around us who are sick and cannot afford a doctor. They have no job, no insurance, and no medicine.

When the Love of God is in our hearts, we cannot ignore and overlook poverty. Not only should we talk about it, and look at it, we also need to do something about it!

Proverbs 28:7 says, He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." When we give, it should be done discreetly and with sim-

"Remember The Poor"

licity. God will bless you so much, you will not even miss whatever you gave away. We cannot shut up our bowels of compassion regarding the estate of the poor.



Sylvia Hooper

need of others.

Giving to the poor is making a spiritual investment into the lives of others and our own heavenly bank account. THE Lord has promised rich rewards for those who remember the poor!

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" Numbers 23:19

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Psalm 41:1 As Christian Believers, we need to stand up and be counted among those who are coming to the aid of the poor, including disaster victims. If we cannot go, we can always send our money to help get food, clothing or supplies needed for the poor. Prayer is not enough, because faith without works is dead! Before we do all of our personal spending, why not remember the poor, in the name of Jesus? Hear what Jesus said to his disciples concerning the treatment of the

poor.

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me. I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the

least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:34-40

Prayer: Lord, help me to remember the poor. Teach me to be sensitive to the needs around me, and willing to do my part to make things better. In Jesus's Name. Amen

Tell Somebody! Remember the Poor!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

The power that saves is the same power that heals

The power that saves, is the same power that heals, they are one and the same. "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction" (Ps 107:20). Healing and being born again (saved) is the same thing because they are the results, the fruit of Adam and Eve fall in the Garden because they ate of the forbidden fruit, which bought a curse upon the human race. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Sickness and diseases). God the Father through His Son Jesus the Christ provided the vaccine for our sins, sicknesses, and diseases. God's will that all men be saved (healed) they are one and the same, in the mind of God!

I want to use this text in Psalms 103:1-5, (KJV) as the backdrop for this lesson, it was written one thousand years before Jesus was born as the Lamb of God, Who came to redeem man from the fall. I call this the gospel according to King David given to Him by the Holy Spirit: Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless

his holy name.² Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:³ Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;⁴ Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;⁵ Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles. This is the answer, the vaccine, the cure for the Human race. Notice, what James said to the church in chapter 5:14-15, (KJV) 14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (AMPC) 14 Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders (the spiritual guides). And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name.¹⁵ And the prayer [that is] of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Notice this is

an all-inclusive prayer, God will save, raise them up, restore and forgive them.

Romans 10:9,9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. The word saved in this verse is the same Greek word used by Mark 6:56, when he said, as many [sick people] as touched him were made whole,

Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

were translated from the Greek word, Sozo. Each of these words found in the following scriptures is translated from the same Greek Word, Sozo: mark 5:23, saved; Mark 16:16, healed; Luke 8:36; saved in Acts 2:21; healed in Acts 14:9; saved in Ephe.2:8; saved in Luke 18:42; save in James 5:15; made whole in Mark 5:34; the list goes on and on.

The power that saves is the

same power that heals and forgives. It is repeated over and over in the word God. It's the same power that Jesus uses, the same power He gave to His disciples. In Matthew 10:1, And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. Vs.7-8, 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

In Luke's gospel 10:1, After these things, the LORD appointed other seventy also and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. v.9, And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God has come nigh unto you. Vs. 17-21, 17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.¹⁸ And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.¹⁹ Behold, I give unto you power

to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.²⁰ Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.²¹ In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

In Mark 16:15-20, (KJV) 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.¹⁹ So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was

received ²⁰ And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. 2 Cor: 4:13, We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; In conclusion: the same power and authority that was available and given and received by the disciples, is also available for us today, to do the working of ministry. Hebrews 13:8, KJV 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Acts 1:8, KJV 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Hebrews 13:8, 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Reverend Naconiel Fullwood currently the pastor of MRDRC Ministries (Miracle, Restoration, Deliverance, Revival) Center Ministries Inc.) located in Wilmington, NC.

Trust, a blessing to have, a curse to lose

BY JAMES A. WASHINGTON, JR.
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Sometimes words alone cannot convey meaning and feelings the way we'd like them to. "Trust," for example.

I know I've talked about this before so please humor me. The reference point for my meaning today is "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all things acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6.

Trust is such a complex thing. Have you ever been betrayed by someone in whom you had total trust? Have you been able to totally trust another person since? See how easily misplaced trust puts you in a terribly vulnerable place? It's uncomfortable. It's abnormal. It ain't fun.

Yet, in this passage we are instructed to put our trust in the Lord. The question is can you do it? Are you able to put trust in your heart after you experience devastating betrayal? And we've all been betrayed in one way or another; either by having our beliefs proven false or maybe your heart has been broken.

Everyone knows someone who has been crippled by a

lover or spouse gone crazy or watched someone stumble up on the truth about a situation when everybody but them knew the real deal.

In the real world that kind of stuff hurts. In a real sense, once destroyed, trust 'don't' come round here anymore. But now, wait a minute. Go out and trust in the Lord implicitly. You get my meaning?

Extreme caution usually follows crippling betrayal. New relationships are founded largely on mistrust and "prove it to me," not blind faith and unconditional trust. Life teaches us that only a fool would allow themselves to be misused again.

Therein lies my question about trust and what it means to you. Can you deal with this concept every day? How much of a struggle are you having to trust people who have taught you not to give them the time of day? Do you treat all people this way or just the one(s) who betrayed you? Can you forgive? Can you ever forget? Do you really want to? And what does all of this have to do with God? How are you treating Him in the trust area?

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." 1 Corinthians 4:2.

Now exactly, who's proving



How much of a struggle are you having to trust people who have taught you not to give them the time of day?

what to whom? Are you requiring God to prove something to you before you trust Him? Are you demanding from God those same things you demand from someone, anyone before you would even consider giving him or her your love?

You see it is so easy to succumb to a lifestyle which

requires proof before love is given. It's so easy to demand the impossible from people who are incapable of giving it to you. But how can you base your relationship with God on worldly principles grounded in betrayal and disappointment? Are you requiring God to prove His love to you before you give

yours to Him?

The key to this trust thing lies deep within each and every one of us. We first have to confront those demons which have plagued us for years. And yes, that means all the pain that goes with them.

Then and only then can we begin to even accept the concept of trust and loyalty, total

and without equivocation. Because then trust means knowing. Trust means truth. Trust means no matter what, I know that regardless of conditions and circumstances, I am God's child, made in His image and the recipient of His love.

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Joy D. Morgan, Executor

5601 Marsh Bay Dr.
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July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

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Mike Kozlosky,
Executive Director,
Wilmington Urban Area
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July 22, 2021

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This the 15th day of July, 2021

Wanda Hunt, Executrix
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This the 1st day of July, 2021
Morris Jackson Permenter,
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This the 1st day of July, 2021.

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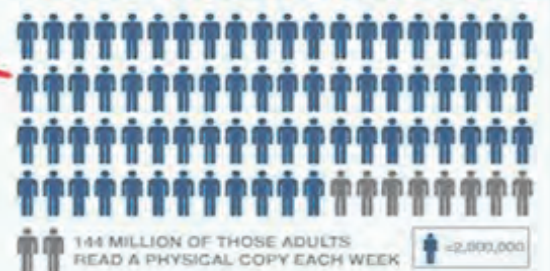
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