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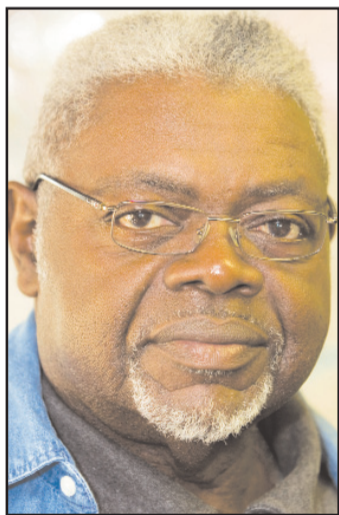
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BERNEST HEWETT

MEMORIAL
DAY

BY BERNEST HEWETT
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Memorial Day is just around the corner. This is a time when we all are supposed to celebrate freedom and pay tribute to the dead who served in the war for the freedom which we have, and as I think of the soldiers who served and gave their lives, I also think of the ones who lived and came home. There are many, and they have gone unnoticed, or even cared about, especially in the Black community. I have some living right around me whom I know, one being Mr. Levi Marlow, a World War II veteran. There are some Korean veterans who are here, and some of them have received The Ambassador for Peace medal and proclamation from the Korean

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Black leaders push for nationwide police reform

BY FREDDIE ALLEN
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WASHINGTON (NNPA) - In the wake of the tragic death of Freddie Gray and the protests that followed in Baltimore, Black civic leaders continue to call for wholesale changes in policing and an end to police brutality in urban and predominately Black communities across the nation.

Barbara Arnwine, the president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a nonpartisan group that works to end racial discrimination and inequality, said that when the Civil Rights Coalition on Police Reform was formed, American society was long overdue for a concerted

push to restructure policing in America and to prevent the killing of unarmed African Americans.

"We have been reactive, but we have also been proactively advancing a platform of policy reforms and recommendations for change," said Arnwine.

Those recommendations include the passage of the "End Racial Profiling Act," the mandatory use of police body cameras, better accountability of the use and distribution of federal military weapons and equipment to local law enforcement and reform to grand jury process.

Cornell Brooks, the president and CEO of the NAACP, said that the conversations happening around

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ATTY. BARBARA ARNWINE



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FAYETTEVILLE ALL BLACK LIVES MATTER AT FSU



A concerned Fayetteville State University student reads about the devastating effects of abortion to the African American community.

Project educates students about African American abortion rates

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The Reverend Martin Luther King said in his book, *Stride Toward Freedom*, "If you will protest courageously and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, there lived a great people - a black people - who interjected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization."

It was in that spirit that the Life Education and Resource Center, along with the Center For Bio-ethical Reform, presented the "ALL Black Life Matters" Project on the campus of Fayetteville State

University, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The results were profound and rewarding!

Rev Dr. Johnny Hunter, the National Director of LEARN, commented, "These students were engaging respectful and some very challenging but this was a dream come true, I saw so many being enlightened, some weeping and others willfully joining our opening and closing prayers, the dialogue was transforming."

The CBR Genocide Awareness Project, under the vision and direction of Greg Cunningham, constructed the signs to seize this moment in time to

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DR. BEN CARSON

Carson to run for president

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During an interview with WPEC-TV in West Palm Beach Florida, Carson, said: "I'm willing to be part of the equation and, therefore, I'm announcing my candidacy for president of the United States of America."

Carson, who is originally from Detroit, will kick start his campaign there. This is his first ever run for office, and he is currently polling ahead of several other established Republican contenders in Iowa, the site of the first caucus.

A long history of accomplishments
Carson has a lot of notable accomplishments, especially as a doctor. For example, in 1987, he became the first surgeon to successfully separate twins conjoined at the head. In 2008, for that accomplishment, he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George Bush. The very next year, his life was portrayed in a

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Myth of the 'absent' Black dad refuted

BY JAZELLE HUNT
NNPA WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Contrary to the myth, though Black men are more likely to live apart from their children than Whites, they are more involved in the lives of their children than Whites and Hispanics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study.

The report covers a sample of sample of 10,403 men aged 15-44 years from 2006-2010.

It is true that Black dads are more likely to live apart from their children; the Pew Research Center reports that 44 percent do.

However, Pew also found that 67 percent of Black fathers who don't live with their children see them at least once a month, compared to 69 percent of White dads and 32 percent of Latino dads who don't live with their children.

Among fathers who resided with their kids, African American dads were more involved in their children's lives.

In the survey, fathers rated how often they performed certain activities with any or all of their children over the previous four

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Study reveals that Black fathers are more likely to be involved with their children.



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Veterans' Association for
their service there. Two such
men are William Richardson
and Kenneth Bellamy, whom
I know personally.

In my family, there were
five in World War II at one
time and two in Korea. All of
us, at one time or another,
have had members of our
families in military service.
Some, after serving in wars
or conflicts, were blessed
to come home. We need to
know that these people
served proudly and wore
their citizenship with pride,
but it seems that the country
they fought for wants to
make them second class
citizens, take away their
rights and their honor.
However, I say to you,
"I will let nobody turn me
around." I paid my

ABORTION

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reach the African American
community with the detri-
mental results of abortion.
"CBR has always been bur-
dened by the fact that the
abortion rate in the African
American community
remains tragically high.
Black women account for
36% of all abortions despite
constituting only 11% of the
female population," said Greg
Cunningham.

"Black
activists also popularized the
over-arching term 'Black
Lives Matter', but we co-opted
that too with the pro-life slog-
an, 'All Black Lives Matter -
Born and Unborn.'"

"This was long overdue,"

stated Rev. Clenard H.
Childress Jr, who is the
Assistant to the National
Director of LEARN. "This is
where the problem is and
there is so much misinforma-
tion in the minds of many of
the students. I met a lot of
natural leaders here! The
conversations and the debate
was, well, 'off the chain'. I
was even invited by the radio
station manager to debate the
issue for one hour! Those stu-
dent are so gifted with so
much to offer but still a lot to
learn, it was awesome! The
host even allowed me to have
'The Final Say.'

Michael Novak points out
in National Review (Notre
Dame Disgrace, April 9, 2009),
that "Black women make up
11% of the national female

population but have more
than 36% of all abortions..."
He adds that, "...Of the 47
million children aborted
since 1973, some 16 million
have been black. If those chil-
dren had been allowed to live,
the black population... [in
2009 would have been] about
50% larger than it...[was]
about 49 million instead of 33
million." At that rate, by 2014,
18 million black babies had
been killed. Planned
Parenthood "abortion care"
has suppressed the black vote
more effectively than poll
taxes, literacy tests, voter I.D.
requirements and Ku Klux
Klan lynching's combined.
Facts like these were on
12'X4' signs heralding the
message: "Abortion
Suppresses the Black Vote".

Samantha Linnemann,
CBR Director of Maryland,
says she is very determined
to support L.E.A.R.N. and
their social activism efforts
on college campuses, conven-
tions, schools or wherever
they decide to go. She stated,
"We had a special three days
at Fayetteville our team won't
forget and neither will
Fayetteville State college. I
believe they were impressed
to see African Americans
along with white working
together, holding hands and
openly praying together to
bring them a message to
protect them and warn them
of the evil of abortion. We
had great conversations!"

Dave Richardson, a volun-
teer from New Calvary
Baptist Church where the

Rev. Childress is the Senior
pastor, said, "I wish we could
do this full time! Sometimes
you feel people know these
facts, but then you see how
lost they are on this issue. I
also have to remember I go to
a church where we are taught
about what abortion is." The
local Planned Parenthood
came out to question why
was the display there, and
took business cards to deter-
mine who was responsible.
Planned Parenthood is the
leading abortion provider in
America.

"It is obvious they find the
HSBC Fayetteville fertile
ground. The school's policy is
that they will pay for the first
abortion for any female stu-
dent on campus," says
Childress.

FATHERS

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weeks. Black fathers were
most likely to bathe, dress,
diaper, or help their children
use the toilet on a daily basis.
This was true for 70 percent
of Black dads who lived with
their children, compared
with 60 percent of White dads
and 45 percent of Latino
dads.

Although few fathers out-
side the home could say they
did this every day (across
race), but Black dads were
the top hygiene helpers (12
percent, compared to 6 per-
cent for Whites and 7 percent
for Latinos).

According to a similar
report from the Pew Research
Center, 62 percent of all
Black fathers read to their
children at least several
times per week. Black dads
in the CDC survey who didn't
live with their children were
more than twice as likely as
their White counterparts to
host story time every day.

These same "absent" Black
dads were significantly the
most likely to talk to their
school-age children about
their day - more than 50 per-
cent reported having done so
several times per week or

more, compared to 34 percent
of absent White dads and 23
percent of absent Latino
fathers.

But critics from President
Obama on the left to Fox
News on the right have been
unstinting in their criticism
of Black males absent from
the home. However, their criti-
cism invariably overlooks
the extent of their involve-
ment revealed by the CDC
report.

As recently as last week,
President Obama defended
what some consider his talk-
ing down to Black audiences.

At a panel discussion on
poverty at Georgetown
University, Obama said: "It's
true that if I'm giving a com-
mencement at Morehouse
[College] that I will have a
conversation with young
Black men about taking
responsibility as fathers that
I probably will not have with
the women of Barnard. And
I make no apologies for that.
And the reason is because I
am a Black man who grew up
without a father and I know
the cost that I paid for that."

According to CDC, Black
patriarchs are the likeliest of
all men to be stay-at-home
dads (13 percent of Black
dads who live with their chil-
dren are), while 29 percent of

Black fathers are single
heads of their households.

Black marriage (or a lack
thereof) is closely related to
the absent Black father story,
and it too brings its own mis-
conceptions. It is true that
Black families are least likely
of all races to be led by a mar-
ried couple; Pew data asserts
that 72 percent of Black
fathers have a child or chil-
dren out of wedlock, and only
36 percent are married to the
mother of their children.
Cohabitation, co-parenting,
single parenting, and blended
or extended families have
always been more common in
the Black community than
among other races.

But in the CDC study,
cohabiting and single fathers
of all races either outper-
formed or held their own in
raising their children when
compared to married fathers.
The data suggests that cohab-
itation or co-parenting isn't
necessarily a weaker family

structure, nor does it neces-
sarily result in poor paternal
involvement.

"While more than one-quarter
(27 percent) of fathers are
living apart from their chil-
dren 18 or younger, there is a
huge variation in the type of
involvement that these - non-
co-resident fathers have with
their children," a 2011 Pew
report reads.

"On one end of the spec-
trum, almost one-fifth (18 per-
cent) report only occasional
contacts with their children,
and no visits in over a year. At
the other end of the spectrum
are the 14 percent of fathers
who live apart from their chil-
dren but report still seeing
them several times a week,
and talking with or emailing
them several times a week, as
well."

The percentage of kids liv-
ing apart from their fathers
has more than doubled in the
past 50 years, according to
Pew, but absent no longer

means uninvolved. And in
some cases, absent Black
fathers are the most involved
of all.

Even Obama has sounded a
note of optimism, saying at
Georgetown: "And I also
know that I have the capacity
to break that cycle, and as a
consequence, I think my
daughters are better off. And
that is not something that -
for me to have that conversa-
tion does not negate my con-
versation about the need for
early childhood education, or
the need for job training, or
the need for greater invest-
ment in infrastructure, or
jobs in low-income communi-
ties."



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DEMOCRATS CRY FOUL THAT ALLEGED ABUSER ALLOWED TO KEEP OFFICE

[RALEIGH] North Carolina Democrats who clearly remember how moderate party members moved quickly to prevent civil rights activist Rev. Benjamin Chavis from becoming executive director of the NC Democratic Party in 2014 because of past legal allegations, are now questioning why little is being said about criminal charges reportedly

being leveled against the new Eighth Congressional District Democratic Party chairman, Dylan Nash Frick. According to published reports, Frick, 20, was arrested in Greensboro on April 12 and charged with an alleged assault on a female, classified as domestic violence. Grace L. Galloway, former NCDP 8th District chair, questions why there is no uproar. "Now I'm going to sit back and watch as all of those who raced to condemn Ben Chavis now twist themselves around in a little ball to defend Dylan Frick," she said. At press time, there was no word from NCDP Chairwoman Patsy Kever.

ACLU UNVEILS "MOBILE JUSTICE NC" SMARTPHONE APP TO RECORD POLICE

[CHARLOTTE] While local police departments continue to debate the need for body cameras for their officers, the American Civil Liberties Union has weighed in with its own solution. This week, the progressive social action organization released the "Mobile Justice NC" for smartphones that allows users to tape encounters with the police, and then instantly send the video to the ACLU of North Carolina for safekeeping in case their phones get confiscated. Police advocates warn that users should not get directly

involved with police officers while they are involved in official business, and should tell officers that they are reaching for their phone so that they are not perceived as a threat.

NC HOUSE CONSIDERS \$22.1 BILLION BUDGET, WHILE SENATE STANDS READY TO COUNTER

[RALEIGH] If the Republican-led NC House has its way, all state employees would get a two percent raise, tax deductions for medical expenses would be put back, and tax credits would be granted for solar energy and research. Plus, the secretary of state Health and Human Services would be granted unprecedented

power to fully manage the state's Medicaid program. Those budget items were being debated in committee this week as the House prepared to vote on the budget and send over to the state Senate. Republican Senate leaders, however, have already made it clear that they're against tax credits, against returning the medical expense deduction, and would prefer to lower taxes again for individuals and businesses.

DUKE PROFESSOR STANDS BY STATEMENTS ABOUT BLACKS, ASIANS

A white Duke University Political Science Professor Jerry Hough is standing by

comments he made online in the New York Times editorial section where he said, "Virtually every black has a strange new name that symbolizes their lack of desire for integration," while adding that Asian-Americans "...didn't feel sorry for themselves [despite discrimination, and]...worked doubly hard." Hough, 80, says he doesn't think it's racist to say that Asian-American academic performance is better than black. Hough's colleagues at Duke have blasted him, and a spokesman for the school says while Hough has the freedom to express himself, the school does not agree with his views.

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police killings in Baltimore, Ferguson, Mo. and beyond are painful reminders of how this whole issue hits home.

The NAACP is headquartered in Baltimore and Thurgood Marshall, "one of our greatest heroes," lived in the Sandtown-Winchester community where Gray was arrested, said Brooks.

"We know that when an African American man is 21 times more likely to lose his life at the hands of police than his White counterpart, this is a reason to be fearful and a reason to think about running, but it is certainly not a crime," said Brooks. "Freddie Gray is not just one victim. He stands in a long tragic line of victims that stretches across the length and the breadth of this country."

Brooks expressed confidence in Marilyn Mosby, the Baltimore state's attorney who filed formal charges against six police officers who were involved in Gray's arrest and transport to Baltimore's Western District police station.

"She did not punt this to a grand jury, which she could have done, but she chose instead as the prosecutor to take responsibility in bringing these charges which prosecutors in jurisdictions all over this country are quite able to do, but too often are unwilling to do," said Sherrilyn Ifill, the president and director-counsel, NAACP

Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., a legal group that fights for racial justice and raises awareness of disparities. "This is a beginning, this is not a conviction." Ifill said that the Freddie Gray case allows community stakeholders, civic leaders and law enforcement officials to have a deeper and richer conversation about this issue that has roiled the country since last year.

"This year the tide has shifted," said Ifill. "Why has it shifted? It has shifted, because cell phone videos have shown the entire the country the kind of brutality that many residents of this country live with in terms of their relationship with the police."

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has made it harder for police to

suppress the record of that brutality by offering a free software application for smartphones that allows users to save video files remotely, so that even if the file is deleted or their phone is destroyed, a record of the encounter still exists.

The Missouri branch of the nonprofit group that defends constitutional rights of individuals and organizations in the U.S. released the iPhone app that enables users to record "exchanges between police officers and themselves or other community members in audio and video files that are automatically sent to the ACLU of Missouri," according to a press release about the software.

The software, called "Mobile Justice," also lets users send out alerts to notify others users nearby so that they can come to the scene and record the interaction.

The "Mobile Justice" app is available through the iPhone app store and for the Android platform through the Google Play store.

Pamela Meanes, the president, National Bar Association, a network of predominately Black lawyers and judges, called for changing the laws associated with policing at the state, local and federal levels.

Brooks said that a fundamental shift in the culture and modality of policing in this country is needed. "It has been said that it's hard to do or that this can't be done or that this is something that might be done at some distant point in the future," said Brooks. "The fact of the matter is there are police departments across the country that have brought down crime increased trust with the community made their police officers safer, prosecutions easier and made it more likely that witnesses will come forward by effectively deploying community policing."

Pamela Meanes said that the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department must be appropriately funded to be able to do the type of patterns and practices investigation that they did following the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. That investigation uncovered deep-rooted racial discrimination in law enforcement and the courts that led to resignation of the city manager, court officials and eventually the police

chief in the small North St. Louis County town.

On May 8, Attorney General Loretta Lynch opened a civil pattern or practice investigation into Baltimore Police Department (BPD) at the request of Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

"Our goal is to work with the community, public officials, and law enforcement alike to create a stronger, better Baltimore," said Lynch. "The Department of Justice's

Civil Rights Division has conducted dozens of these pattern or practice investigations, and we have seen from our work in jurisdictions across the country that communities that have gone through this process are experiencing improved policing practices and increased trust between the police and the community.

Lynch continued: "In fact, I encourage other cities to study our past recommendations and see whether they

can be applied in their own communities. Ultimately, this process is meant to ensure that officers are being provided with the tools they need - including training, policy guidance and equipment - to be more effective, to partner with civilians, and to strengthen public safety."

Arnrwine said that, since the beginning, the Freddie Gray case in Baltimore was rife with injustice.

"We have been saying to the Department of Justice

that the reason that a pattern and practice case needs to be opened against the police department in Baltimore. This case of Freddie Gray is systematic of deep and abiding culture within that department that has to be investigated fully and reversed," said Arnrwine. "This is just one step. Every officer needs to be held accountable and the racism that has infected our policing must be stopped."

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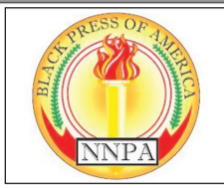
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Our Voice

Legalized torture of prisoners

Freddie Gray is neither the first, nor will he be the last person to die in police custody. According to a 2011 report from the Department of Justice, 4,813 people died in police custody between 2003 and 2009 (the most recent data, reported in 2011). However, not every state reports their data, so the number is probably higher. A new report is scheduled to be released this year or next.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Many of those who die in police custody are bipolar or have other mental health challenges. Too many officers of the law have not been trained to deal with people with mental health problems. The mentally ill need help, not a fatal bullet.

Tanisha Anderson had a heart condition and bipolar disorder. When she was detained in Cleveland, she was pushed and forced into a prone position, which led to her death. Anthony Hall, unarmed and bipolar, was an Air Force veteran. He was running through an Atlanta street. Instead of being calmed down and clothed, he was killed. Robert Saylor had Down's Syndrome. He was killed at the Regal Cinema Westview Stadium in Frederick, Md. over a \$13 movie ticket. He was handcuffed, made to lay face down on the ground, and was asphyxiated.

Police officers need more training to deal with the mentally ill, and those with Down's syndrome. Unless these "violators" are flashing a weapon, they should be talked down, not shot down. Instead, those officers think they have a license to shoot and kill harmless and helpless people? These deaths are should be classified as police misconduct, but these "officers of the law" rarely pay a price for their behavior.

There are exceptions. In Chatham County, Georgia, Matthew Ajobade, 21, had bipolar disorder. He was placed in a restraining chair, and held in isolation. After being put in the restraining chair, he was tasered; that action ultimately led to his death. All nine of the sheriff's deputies who detained him were fired. In Oakland, Calif., Johannes Mehserle spent a few months in jail before he was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the death of Oscar Grant. He was sentenced to two years in jail, but served only 11 months because he received time off for good behavior.

There is other abuse that too frequently goes unpunished - rape. In fact, inmates are so frequently raped when they are imprisoned that Congress passed the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. This legislation mandated that the Department of Justice collect data on sexual victimization. They measured more than 80,000 reports of sexual activity in the 2011-2012 year.

Some of these sexual encounters were described as "consensual" but an imprisoned person hardly has the means to withhold sex from a jailer. Some trade sex for more food, a blanket, or a better cell. Whether consensual or not, it is illegal for guards to engage in sexual activity with prisoners. These guards are often neither disciplined nor fired. What is a prisoner to do? Report the violation and subject themselves to additional abuse?

In addition to sexual abuse, prisoners are subject to the loss of their dignity and their physical safety in many instances. Prisoners in San Francisco were forced to fight each other (as if they were Mandingos during slavery), for the entertainment of deputy sheriffs. According to the San Francisco Examiner, these fights were described by some as "little more than horseplay." But who wants to be thrashed in the name of horseplay? Further, this so-called horseplay reduces inmates to gladiators, to people who are perceived as less than human.

Many "law enforcement officers" in San Francisco, Ferguson, Mo. and other places reveal their attitudes through text messages they send to one another. They refer to African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans using crude language to show contempt for these populations. They treat people of color as far less than human, and their text messages reflect that.

These killings, rapes, arranged fights and other forms of oppressive harassment are just the tip of the iceberg. Few officers will tell the truth about legalized human rights violations because they are protecting their colleagues. In covering up these violations, they contribute in the erosion of trust in some communities.

To be sure, only a small percentage of police officers violate the human rights of prisoners. A far greater number are silent in the face of evil. Inhumane attacks on the lives and liberties of prisoners will stop when silent officers open their mouths and put and put and end to the legalized killing and torture of prisoners.

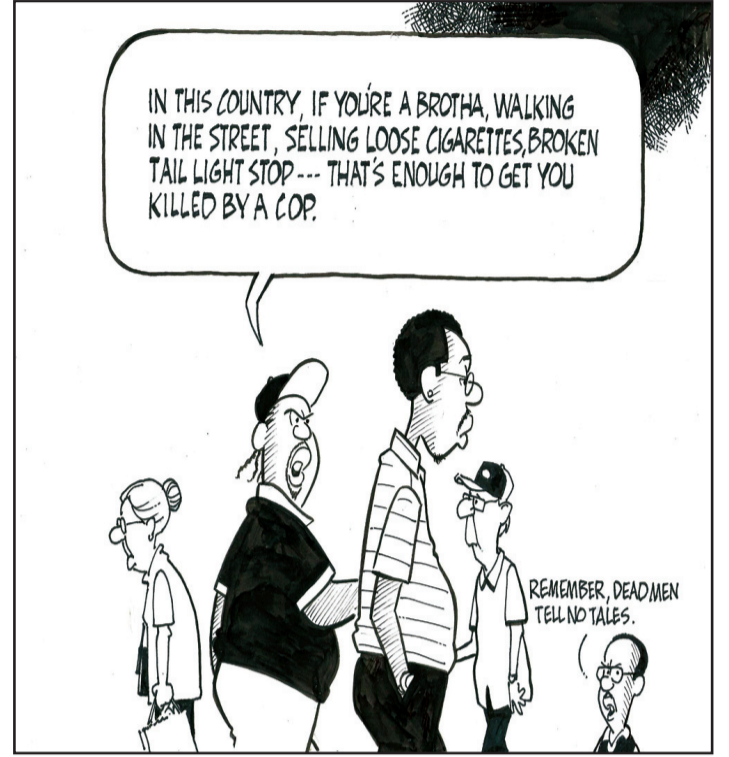
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The BLACK PRESS

USE IT or

LOSE IT!

Visual Voice



Matters of Opinion

Michelle Obama resists taking the easy way out



Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr.

More than any other first lady of the United States of America, Michelle Obama continues to stand above those who would attempt to distort her leadership. First Lady Obama's recent commencement address at the Tuskegee University in Alabama exemplified her courage to speak truth to the world without fear of repercussions.

Michelle Obama's resilient optimism is refreshing as well as sobering. I am certain the class of 2015 at Tuskegee will always remember the strong and poignant words of wisdom that they were given during their graduation ceremonies. But we all can learn from her timely remarks.

We live today in an increased atmosphere of racial polarization in America since the election and re-election of President Barack Obama. We, therefore, should welcome public utterances that transcend the prevalent negativity surrounding any attempt to address the question of race in the United States.

Michele Obama is perfectly qualified and strategically positioned to use her leadership in a constructive manner to advance the interests of Black America and all those who struggle and cry out for freedom, justice and equality. As a talented Harvard Law School graduate, devoted mother, and loyal spouse to the president, the first lady has risen to become one of the most admired persons in the world.

The first lady eloquently stated, "But here's the thing - our history provides us with a better story, a better blueprint for how we can win. It teaches us that when we pull ourselves out of those lowest emotional depths, and we channel our frustrations into studying and organizing and banding together - then we can build ourselves and our communities up. We can take on those deep-rooted problems, and together - together - we can overcome anything that stands in our way."

In other words, we should strive to avoid complacency and the cynicism of hopelessness. The history and the centuries-old legacy of African people in America and throughout the world proves our ability to overcome the hardships of oppression and injustice. It was also good to hear Michelle Obama call for Black American unity and

"banding together."

Our families and communities across the nation are certainly in critical need of greater unity and collective resolve to stand up together to provide leadership and direction in particular for our youth and young emerging leaders. We cannot afford to permit the evolution of an ahistorical generation of young people who have not been given the truth of our history nor given the encouragement that they need to excel and make their mark on history today.

In fact, over the next weeks we will witness numerous graduation ceremonies in particular at other Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The good news is that thousands of Black American college graduates from HBCUs and from other institutions of higher learning will be pushing forward to demand greater access to wealth-building careers with the intent on giving more back to the communities from which they have emerged. Like the first lady, I am optimistic about the future to the extent to which we continue to stand up to injustice while at the same time pressing forth to economically empower our families and communities.

Education and empowerment are both goals that must be attained and each genera-

tion has to rise to the occasion with persistence and focus. There will be setbacks and sometimes disappointments in everyone's life. Yet, the enduring lesson from Michelle Obama's magnificent address was that when those life challenges happen, do not let your problems or critics define you are. We have to have faith in our own capacity to rebound and to stand for truth even when it might not be the popular or politically expedient.

We are a resilient people. We resist oppression. We are against inequality and injustice. We stand for liberation and freedom for ourselves and for all people. The more we stand together, the more we make progress. We are grateful that in our lifetime we are privilege to witness how the first lady epitomizes what it means to be a freedom fighter with courage and grace, but most of all, with a glowing resilience that motivates and inspires others to excel.

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Galloway in Canada

Abraham Galloway did not reside peacefully in Kingston and lay bricks for very long. After his escape from bondage and his arrival in Canada west, he threw himself into the struggle to end slavery in the United States. Between 1857 and 1861, as the United States moved closer and closer to disunion and war, he traveled through some of the darkest, most dangerous corners of the continent's abolitionist movement.

We see him, however, only in fleeting glimpses, and his whereabouts were reported mainly in rumor and innuendos. According to Robert Hamilton, the African American publisher and editor of New York City's Anglo-African, and his confidant in later years, Galloway wandered all over New Hanover County and Canada between his first appearance in Kingston and the beginning of the Civil War. Risking life and liberty, Galloway made his way back across the border between the United States and Canada, gave anti-slavery speeches in Ohio, and later testified that White abolitionists saved his life there at least once. He made his way to New England in these first years of his freedom as well. He visited Massachusetts, where he

somehow won the confidence of perhaps the country's most influential White abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison, the founder of the American Anti-Slavery Society and editor of an important journal, the Liberator. While in New England, Galloway also grew close to militant abolitionists who had been key supporters of the Boston Vigilance Committee and the Boston Anti-Man Hunting League, antislavery groups that matched wits, and sometimes fists, with bounty hunters in pursuit of fugitive slaves.

Whether he was mapping antislavery speeches or guiding slaves north to Canada, Galloway faced grave dangers when he returned to the United States.

This commentary was penned by David Dowdy, former Vice President of the New Hanover County NAACP and President and Founder of Friends of Abraham Galloway.

These three people made it possible for the marker honoring Abraham Galloway. It took a year to get the plaque and it was a great day when they received the call that the marker was approved. The three who made this marker a reality are (l-r) David Dowdy, Sylvia Colbert and James Hankins. A John Davis Photo



The scars of Vietnam

As a baby-boomer who grew up on war movies, I thought of veterans as various forms of heroes. I knew that in going to war some soldiers died; some were wounded; others came home ...and that, I thought, was that. While I vehemently opposed the U.S. war of aggression against Vietnam, for many years I did not think much about what it had actually meant to have fought that war. Nor did I consider the less obvious wounds suffered by those who engaged in combat.

Wallace Terry's now famous book *Bloods: Black Veterans of the Vietnam War: An Oral History* was

eye-opening, as was interacting on a closer level with veterans of the Indochina War. Getting close to veterans, which was not particularly easy for reasons I will address below, meant casting away virtually everything that I had learned in watching war movies. With the possible exception of the post-World War II film "The Best Years of Our Lives," the U.S. media pays little attention to the plight of the combat veteran.

Even in the case of World War II, where veterans returned home as heroes, their sacrifices and the horrors that they witnessed - and sometimes perpetrated - have been quickly ignored. Combat veterans are expected to pick up from where they left off and get on with their lives, much the way that others of us who have experienced traumas are regularly treated.

Vietnam War veterans were hard to get to know. I do not mean that they were or are rude or unfriendly. Rather, there is a part of most of them that they are reluctant to share. At first I thought that this reflected some sort of attitude towards me, given that I had not been drafted, had not served in combat and had opposed the war. It turns out that it was something entirely different.

In case after case, combat veterans were simply surprised that I gave a damn. Their reluctance to discuss their experiences seemed, more than anything else, to reflect a defensiveness brought on by experiencing, time and again, a combination of lack of interest, denial, and impatience on the part of non-veterans regarding what they - the combat veterans - had seen, heard and done.

While living in Boston in the 1970s and 1980s, I came to better understand the critical need for supportive environments for Vietnam War veterans. There was no real reason for them to trust people like me, and the first thing that I had to appreciate was that it was nothing personal at all. They had no reason to trust that any of us who had not been in combat not only could "get" what they experienced, but that we cared to shut up and listen to the stories that they told. In many respects that is why reading *Bloods* was so important for me: I had to sit there, shut up, and listen to voices tell stories that I would not otherwise have heard.

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Bill Fletcher

Obama leads discussion on poverty

President Obama recently participated in a long overdue panel discussion on poverty at Georgetown University. As regular readers of this column know, I have been complaining for years about the fixation this administration has had on helping the middle class while giving only passing mentions to race and poverty.



George Curry

I wrote in July 2013, "According to research conducted by Daniel Q. Gillion, an assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, in Obama's first two years in office, the nation's first Black president made fewer speeches and offered fewer executive policies on race than any Democratic president since 1961."

In addition, I stated, "Frederick C. Harris, director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University, noted that Obama's 2011 State of the Union address was the first by any president since 1948 to not mention poverty or the poor."

So, I was not only delighted that Obama joined the Georgetown discussion on poverty, but elated that he candidly addressed the issues of poverty and race.

In his 1964 State of the Union address, President Lyndon B. Johnson declared "unconditional war on poverty," introducing Head Start, Upward Bound, and the Job Corps program, providing food stamps and nutritional programs for the poor, and expanding Social Security benefits.

Nearly two and a half decades later, President Ronald Reagan declared in his 1988 State of the Union remarks, "We fought a war on poverty, and poverty won."

Obama disagrees. "I think it is a mistake for us to suggest that somehow every effort we make has failed and we are powerless to address poverty," he said at Georgetown University. "That's just not true. First of all, just in absolute terms, the poverty rate when you take into account tax and transfer programs, has been reduced about 40 percent since 1967."

"Now, that does not lessen our concern about communities where poverty remains chronic. It does suggest, though, that we have been able to lessen poverty when we decide we want to do something about it."

The problem is Congress' unwillingness to conduct more than a budgetary skirmish on poverty.

"...We have been stuck, I think for a long time, in a debate that creates a couple of straw men," Obama explained. "The stereotype is that you've got folks on the left who just want to pour more money into social programs, and don't care anything about culture or parenting or family structures, and that's one stereotype. And then you've got gold-hearted, free market, capitalist types who are reading Ayn Rand and - think everybody are moochers. And I think the truth is more complicated."

President Obama explained, "Now, one other thing I've got to say about this is that even back in [fellow panelist's] day that was also happening. It's just it was happening to Black people. And so, in some ways, part of what's changed is that those biases or those restrictions on who had access to resources that allowed them to climb out of poverty - who had access to the firefighters job, who had access to the assembly line job, the blue-collar job that paid well enough to be in the middle class and then got you to the suburbs, and then the next generation was suddenly office workers-all those things were foreclosed to a big chunk of the minority population in this country for decades."

"And that accumulated and built up. And over time, people with less and less resources, more and more strains - because it's hard being poor. People don't like being poor. It's time-consuming. It's stressful. It's hard. And so over time, families frayed. Men who could not get jobs left. Mothers who are single are not able to read as much to their kids. So all that was happening 40 years ago to African Americans. And now what we're seeing is that those same trends have accelerated and they're spreading to the broader community."

President Obama called out Fox News for its distorted reporting on the poor, with various commentators saying such asinine things as if "they don't want to be poor" they should get a job and "the rich suffered more."

Enough said about Fox. Obama thinks that this may be a unique time to finally unite around the issue of poverty.

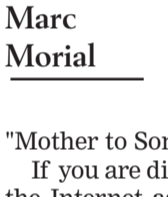
He said, "I think that we are at a moment - in part because of what's happened in Baltimore and Ferguson and other places, but in part because a growing awareness of inequality in our society - where it may be possible not only to refocus attention on the issue of poverty, but also maybe to bridge some of the gaps that have existed and the ideological divides that have prevented us from making progress."

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TO BE EQUAL

A message for the class of 2015

"Life for me ain't been no crystal stair. / It's had tacks in it, / And splinters, / And boards torn up, / And places with no carpet on the floor-Bare. / But all the time / I've been a-climbin' on, / And reachin' / And landin', / And turnin' / And sometin' goin' in the dark / Where there ain't been no light. / So, boy, don't you turn back." -- Langston Hughes, "Mother to Son," 1922



If you are disposed to using the Internet as your guide, a diploma will generally be described as the proof of your successful completion of a course of study, or the bestowal of an academic degree. Speaking from personal experience, I can tell you that diploma in your grasp, occupying a prominent space on a wall or waiting to be pressed into your eager hand is so much more than the sum of your years-long efforts to be where you are today. Your degree is a key that opens a new door, a new phase of life and a new set of challenges. Your life's journey - and its

achievements - does not end here. Celebrate, because you've earned it; bask in your well-earned feeling of accomplishment today, because tomorrow you will find that there is much work to be done.

On the other side of that new door is a staircase, and that staircase may not be the kind fashioned from crystal with smooth, reliable, clear-cut steps. Obstacles may slow or impede your climb. There may be tacks, broken floorboards and torn up carpet that would trip, or at worst, defeat someone without the training you have been so fortunate to attain. There is no shortcut here, no elevator, or bypassing of these difficult steps and turns. There is, however, the choice to apply the perseverance and commitment to excellence you have already shown in your higher education journey.

On the one hand, there is much to celebrate in our country when it comes to academic achievement in African-American communities. Today, we enjoy the highest high school graduation rates in history. More students of color are in college and dropout rates are at historic lows.

But the wealth and unemployment gap between Blacks and Whites remains wide. While the Black unemploy-

ment rate has finally dipped into the single digits, it stubbornly remains more than twice as high as the jobless rate for Whites. As our country's economy continues to make steady gains after the debilitating 2008 recession, millions in Black and Brown communities are being left behind. In this country-founded largely on the principle of economic progress through hard work-the American dream of upward mobility remains only a dream for too many of its citizens.

Your education, drive and diploma, may likely shield you from the harsh economic realities experienced throughout communities of color across our nation, but it does not strip you of an obligation to be an actor, rather than a spectator, in our country's struggle to create one nation with liberty, justice and economic opportunity for all.

No one gets to where he or she is on his or her own. You have parents, grandparents, friends and family members who invested in your future success, put you on this path and made sure you stayed the course. How will you repay their commitment to you? Whether your ancestors came here by plane, by train, by ship or shackled underneath the hull of a ship; whether the continent they called home

was Asia, Europe or Africa, what they did when they reached the shores of our nation, what they sacrificed-all of it is debt incurred. How will you choose to compensate them for their struggles?

Among you are the teachers who will lift the standard of education in poor communities and begin to close the achievement gap; among you are the preachers who will heal the wounds of communities torn apart by violence; among you are the elected officials who will institute laws and policies that promote social and economic fairness for all of America's citizens. Herein lies the answer. The answer our nation has been searching for is you and your talent, put to a higher purpose.

I cannot promise you that your climb to success in this life will be a crystal stair. You may very well encounter dark corners and obstacles. What I can promise you is that you have been prepared to meet these challenges head on. And more than meet these challenges, you have also been prepared to be an actor in solving so many of the long-standing issues and inequities facing our nation, so "don't you turn back."

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

BLACKONOMICS

The case for student loan debt forgiveness

By the time you read this article, millions of college students will have graduated and be looking for jobs, many will be going on to grad school and millions will suddenly be faced with paying off college loans or contemplating obtaining a loan for graduate studies. Neither option is attractive. Even if students are fortunate enough to have a job when they graduate, if they are laden with tens of thousands of dollars in debt, it will be very difficult to save money for their future, pay living expenses and costs associated with the job they accept, and make \$300-\$600 in monthly payments for college loans.

For those moving on to grad school, unless they have a fellowship or some other kind of grant, they will have a tough decision to make when the loan officer at their school or the bank says, "No problem, here's a \$30,000 check to pay for your degree." I hate to think what it costs for an medical degree these days.

At more than \$1 trillion, having surpassed credit card debt, college loan debt

is an albatross around the necks of students, some of whom had no idea of what they were getting into and some who did know but refused to do anything about it until now, when it's too late.

With the job market the way it is and has been for Black people for decades, some graduates will have an overpriced college degree without a commensurate job prospect. They will be faced with the challenge of paying back their loans while looking for a job that does not exist. Or, they will have to accept the prospect of joining the ranks of the "underemployed."

This is indeed a sad state of affairs for our best and brightest, the grandchildren of the baby boomers. It is said that "millennials," as they are called, are the first generation that will be worse off than their parents. Most parents want their children to do better than they did, and most parents participate in that aspiration by putting a little money aside to help their children get off to a reasonable start in life. However, in today's economic climate, there is very little of that kind of help available from parents who are struggling just to pay the rent and keep the lights on.

What can we do? High on our agenda should be a demand made, to Congress and whoever is

running for president, for student loan debt forgiveness. A strong, independent bloc of voters must go to candidates in both parties and make this demand. Keep in mind, however, as I have said before, a demand without power backing it up is just rhetoric. I think we have heard enough and had enough of empty words by some of our leaders to know that it will take more than just asking for what we want. We must be willing to withhold our votes in order to get what we want-and that goes for both parties.

The banks and other financial entities got their \$780 billion bailout. Where is ours? Why not bail the students out, and why not bail the homeowners out rather than merely "adjusting" their loans? The bankers were given billions that they used to make even more money from the taxpayers (That be us, y'all) who paid their bills. Contrary to what we were told, lending was curtailed rather than expanded, and hundreds of thousands of folks are still homeless because there was no real bailout program for them.

The so-called American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as of January 1, 2014, had paid out \$816.3 billion in tax benefits, grants, contracts, loans; and entitlements. Who got that money? In my neck of the woods, the

folks who got the most were those who worked on the roads and expressways; of those contractors and workers, few if any were Black.

Georgia recently embarked on a \$1 billion-plus road improvement project, and even with 3.2 million Black folks in that state, the fourth highest in the nation, Black contractors and workers will not benefit as much as they should. Department of Transportation inclusion rules are based on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Programs, in which White female businesses get a significant share of the contracts, and "front" companies rule the day.

So with all of the barriers facing our 2015 graduates, and the bleak outlook for improvement of their lot, the least we could do is bail them out of their student loans. Politicians said the banks were "too big to fail," and I guess the bankers were "too big to jail." They caught a huge break from George W. Bush and Obama. It's time for a break for Black and poor people now. Hey politicians, forgive student loans.


Jim Clingman, founder of the Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, is the nation's most prolific writer on economic empowerment for Black people. He can be reached through his website, blackonomics.com.



James Clingman

“If the lions do not write their own history, then the hunters will get all the credit.”

-AN AFRICAN PROVERB



New Hanover County

Haso Ministries will sponsor Feed The Needy every 1st Saturday of each month at 5-Star Café, 604 Redcross Street at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Ramona at 910-264-4530.



Hillcrest Resident Organization will celebrate their Mayday on May 23rd from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wrightsville Beach Farmer's Market, Seawater Lane, will be open on Mondays from May 18th-September 28th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Community Briefs

The Williston Class of 1966 is planning its 50th class reunion. We are reaching out to all who graduated, were supposed to graduate or started out with us, but may not have graduated. We consider all as members of our class. We need contact information to invite you and inform you of plans and to get your input. Please email contact info to justanothertiger@bellsouth.net. You may also contact our president, Abdul Shareef at 910-612-0983.

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Joan Dixon

Mother your love is a beautiful gift
It's still the love that understands,
The love of gentle, healing hands, the love of hugs that warm
and cheer of caring words so good to hear:
It still supports and lights the way, gives reassurance day by day,
and when uncertainties abound, your love shines through and
stands its ground.

Happy 68th Birthday

Love your children

Tanya Dixon-Mason, Torrence Dixon, Rodney Dixon and
Keisha-Dixon-Williams

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

A summer of hurricanes

We are facing a summer of hurricanes, and we do not want to talk about how destructive a tornado could be to any community in North Carolina. It's easy to talk about the past because it's history, but they made necessary places of safety as refuge



Verniece Stanley

for the family in times of hurricanes and other severe weather. In times of storm, the color of one's skin did not matter.

There have been frequent occurrences of all kinds of severe weather, earthquakes included, all over this Nation and in other parts of the world, The same could come to North Carolina, even to Brunswick County.

It was a rainy day on April 10, 2015, a time of heavy downpours and light showers, but the rain did not stop the visitation of relatives out of state. Mrs. Gloria Bryant was visited by relatives, May Bigby and husband, Lloyd Bigby, of Roosevelt, New York.

In Maryland the Bigbys stopped to pick up a daughter, Joanne Dow, and grandchildren, Jimere Johnson and Joshlin Johnson. Waiting for

their arrival, they perhaps encountered many exciting moments. The time did arrive for them to travel South, and Bolivia was the last stop.

Their prayers were answered and more moments of excitement were shared. Memories of the "good old days" will linger a short time and bring laughter. The new modern pictures taken will take their place, and our lives will still be full of love.

Love is an intense feeling of affection and care toward another person. It was shown in the home of Mrs. Gloria Bryant. Storms may come, and storms may go, but the true joy that family gatherings bring will never go away.

Verniece E. Stanley is a native of Brunswick County. She grew up on a farm but wanted more excitement in life. She graduated from high school in Brunswick County in 1948 and graduated from Fayetteville State Teachers' College in 1952. She taught school in Brunswick County for nine years. She moved to Baltimore, Maryland, married, and taught school for twenty-five more years. She received her master's degree from Morgan State College in Baltimore City. She retired and moved back to Bolivia, N. C. where she enjoys writing articles for The Wilmington Journal and is an active member of the NAACP Board.

Dr. Markley named Southeast Regional Superintendent of the Year

Dr. Tim Markley, superintendent of New Hanover County Schools, has been named the 2015-2016 Southeast Regional Superintendent of the Year by the Southeast Region Superintendents' Education Alliance. The nomination is a highly recognized commendation for his work and accomplishments with NHCS. The Alliance is comprised of 13 superintendents from public school districts across the southeastern portion of the state. This honor includes a nomination as a candidate for the 2015 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year Award to be announced in November. That award, part of the National Superintendent of the Year Award, judges superintendents on their leadership in learning, communication skills, professionalism and community involvement. Dr. Markley has been superintendent in New Hanover County since October 2010. The state winner will go on to compete

for the national award to be offered by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).

Dr. Markley said, "I am most honored to have received the 2015-16 Regional Superintendent of the Year award, particularly with it being given by my peers and fellow southeast superintendents." He added, "I consider the honor to be more of a district award as it is a reflection of the positive work that is being done in our schools by both employees and students."

New Hanover County Board of Education members expressed their congratulations to Dr. Markley on his achievement:

"I am proud that New Hanover County Schools Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley has been awarded the Regional Superintendent of the Year, it is well deserved. I appreciate his leadership as we work and grow together striving to improve the educational experience for all of our students." - NHC Board Chairman Donald S. Hayes

"I was delighted to learn of

Dr. Tim Markley's truly deserved appointment as Regional Superintendent of the Year. The New Hanover County School System is most fortunate to have him as its Superintendent." - NHC Board of Education Vice Chair Jeannette S. Nichols

"I want to congratulate Superintendent Dr. Tim Markley on his appointment as Regional Superintendent of the Year. To be recognized by your peers is a great honor." - NHC Board of Education Member Janice A. Cavanaugh

"I congratulate Dr. Markley on his selection. It has been a pleasure to serve as a member of his Board of Education. He has been instrumental in improving the system's test scores, graduation rates, securing the largest bond approval in the history of the system, and working with our county to secure appropriate levels of funding during his tenure." - NHC Board of Education Member Edward B. Higgins, Jr., Esq.

"I appreciate his hard work on behalf of New Hanover



DR. TIM MARKLEY

County Schools, especially during the bond process." - NHC Board of Education Member Lisa Estep

"Congratulations to our superintendent, Dr. Tim Markley. What a tremendous honor! Tim worked tirelessly to provide information to our public in the recent passage of a much needed bond issue for New Hanover County. I celebrate with him and our school system in this recognition of hard work and commitment." - NHC Board of Education Member Bruce T. Shell.

2015 Rocame Regional Jamboree (All Winners)

BY WILLIAM FLYTHE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ROCAME held its annual regional jamboree on April 25, 2015, at Cape Fear Community College (downtown campus). Middle school and high school students from five school systems (Whiteville City, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender counties) participated in the math and science events.

The winners of middle school events were as follows: Write It Do It - Marquasia Smith, Whiteville Central (WC), first place; Asad Johnson and Ashley Stephens, West Pender (WP), second; Raven Morgan and Hung Dang, Murray (M),

third; Egg Drop - Kaylih Williams and Eric Huynn, New Hanover Co., first; Kourtney Taylor and Maya Graham, Whiteville Central (WC), second; Jaheim Lewis and Draquan Pickett, Waccamaw Elementary (WES), third; Mystery Architecture - James Jones and Gancie Bonsignone, M, first; Jajuan Carr and Elijah Lewis, West Pender (WP), second; Shyonna Ewing and Mikkel Forney, WP, third; Science Clue - Cheyenne Espinoza and Kevon Talven-Thornton, Cedar Grove Middle (CGMS), first; Meredith Moss and Desstene Gause, WC, second; Areyana Lewis and Hung Dang, Murray, third; Pentathlon - Jessica Munn, Kiara Wilson,



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New Hanover Co. students pose with the championship bowl.

Janautika Soles, and Maya Graham, WC, first; Tiyanna Fullwood and Dayshon Lee (CGMS), Charlie Palacios and Rury Bautista (Shallotte Middle-SMS), second place; Laila Escoffery, Daziya Grady, Cecea Barrios, and Jalik Sidbury, Noble (N), third; PowerPoint - Nadia Magee, WC, first; Isabel Segovia, WP, second; Patience Childers, Deiona Stanley, and Eva Real, SMS, third; Oratory - Tatiana Nixon, Williston (W), first; Nadia Magee, WC, second; Isabel Segovia, WP, third; Robotics - Feliz Ruiz, Kevon Talven-Thornton, and Marquis Williams, CGMS, first place; Tyjuan Moss, Jordan Campbell, and Leron Huggins, WC, second; Elijah Lewis, Mikkel, and Melissa Hernandez, WP, third; ElectroGames - Chasity Terry and Tajiah Thomas, CGMS, first place; Kaitlyn Tolliver and Cheyenne Espinoza, CGMS, second place; Jorge Argueta and Andrea Bellamy, WC, third; Math Test - Laila Escoffery, Janae Young, and Jazmere, N, first; Jordan Campbell, Desstene Gause, and Marquasia Smith, WC, third; Quiz Bowl - Erick Huynn, Janae Young, Daziya Grady, and Laila Escoffery, NHC, first; Nyheim Beatty, Robert

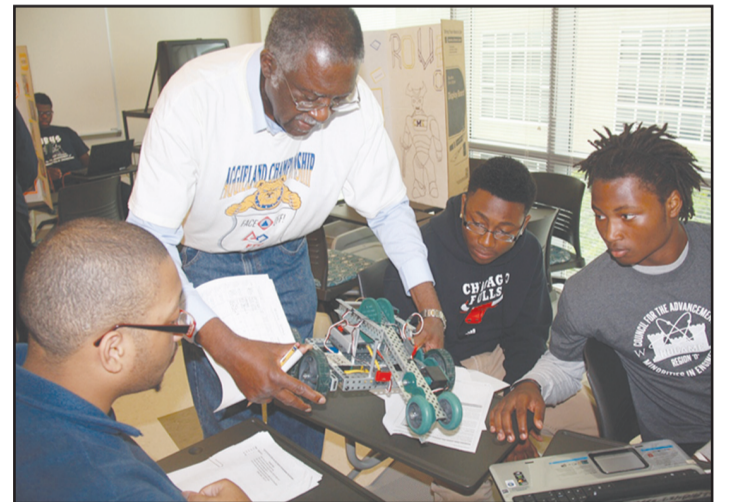
newton, Ashley Stevenson, and Isabel Newman, Pender (P), second; Meredith Moss, Nadia McGee, Victoria Powell, and Desstene Gause, WC, third.

The winners of high school events were as follows: Egg Drop - Kionna Johnson and Jordan Hall, North Brunswick (NB), first place; Gabrielle Rausey and Cheyenne Fluharty, Pender Early College (PEC), second; Alisha Howard and Yasmin Shaw, East Columbus (EC), third; Robotics - Erick Wheeler, Derrick Wheeler, and Raheim Green, NB, first place; ElectroGames - Jordan Boyd, EC, first; Mariaelena Navarro and Erick Wheeler, NB, second place; BJ Edwards and Tyrell Kirk, Whiteville City (WC), third; PowerPoint - Derrick Wheeler and Erick Wheeler, NB, first; Aveyan Walker, PEC, second; Quennisha Blanks, EC, first; Shannon McKoy, NB, second place; Math - AnaWilliams, Jasmine Young, and Cameron McIntosh, Laney (L), first; Ashley Trifoli, Sydney Bradshaw, and Relynn Wolf, PEC, second; Nikayla Ramsey, Kristine Slade, and Shakur Johnson, NB, third place; Write It Do It - Jordan Hall and Adria Black, NB, first place; Sabra Best and



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Brunswick Co. students pose with the championship bowl.



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Dr. Flythe demonstrates a robot to Whiteville High students.

Destini Hunt, WC, second; Jerica Brown and Daysha Scott, EC, third; Chemistry Clue - Jasmine Yang and Cameron McIntosh, NHC, first; Kelly Rivenbark and Ashley Trioli, PEC, second; Sabra Best and Traika Pridgen, WC, third; Pentathlon - Vincent Black, Labaron Wallington, Tyger Brown, Mehaiah Moore, NHC, first; Traka Pridgen, Anthony Anderson, Cynquasha Best, and Mona Meares, WC, second; Aveyan Walker, Natalie Hernandez, Kelly Rivenbark, and Gabrielle Rausey, PEC, third; Quiz Bowl - Ana Williams,

Jazmon Carr, Kimia Cobia, and Jasmine Young, NHC, first; Destini Hunt, Cynquasha Best, Latrakeyonna Pridgen, and Anthony Anderson, WHC; Kelly Rivenbark, Gabby Rausey, Cheyenne Fluharty, and Ashlee Trifoli, PEC, third.

Brunswick County and New Hanover County tied for first place in the overall championship scoring. Janae Young, Noble Middle, and Kelly Rivenbark, Pender Early College, was selected as Student-of-the-Year for middle school and high school, respectively.

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Mrs. Harriet Adger Mann

Mrs. Harriet Adger Mann passed away May 14, 2015 at Forsyth Medical Center following an extended period of illness.

She was born to the late Sam Wall and the late Martha Adger in New Hanover County, NC, on October 14, 1941. She was a 1960 graduate of Williston High School.

Mrs. Mann was a former member of Union Baptist Church. She retired from Bell South (formerly Southern Bell Telephone Company) after 30 years of service.

Survivors include her devoted son, Stephon Adger; special godson, Calvin Clements, Jr.; granddaughters, Sierra Morgan, Tajjah Capers, Brianna Jones, Alya Jarvis and Sade Reid; grandsons, Avey and Angel Adger; cousins: Barbara Adger (Eugene) Devane, Willie J. Adger, Patricia Lofton (Frederick Davis), Diann (June) Winston, Sheila Adger Gooch and Evelyn Adger Bryant; extended family members and many friends.

A funeral service will be held at 1 pm, Thursday, May 21, 2015 in the chapel of Clark S. Brown and Sons Funeral Home, Winston Salem. The family will greet friends thirty minutes prior to the service at the chapel. A *Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home* service.

Mr. Keith Eric Greene

Keith Eric Green was born April 10, 1973 and departed this life May 3, 2015. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Mildred Foyles and Rebecca Mason Powell. Memorial services were held at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

He leaves to cherish his memories the love of his life, Tracy of Newport, North Carolina; his son Cameron K. Greene of Edmond, Oklahoma; stepdaughter Kala (Braydon) of Newport, North Carolina; brother Kevin W. Greene (Von) and their son Kevin, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; parents Wilbur A. Greene

(Violet) of Wilmington, North Carolina; grandparents Jerry H. Greene, Wilmington, North Carolina and Deacon Bruce Powell, Beggs, Oklahoma; and a host of relatives and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com.*

Mrs. Ruth B. Green

Ruth B. Green, daughter of the late James O. and Hattie B. Lewis, was born on August 28, 1933 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina. She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Lewis, Jr. and Leon Lewis. Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

She was educated in the public schools of Berkeley County, the Class of 1951, and later attended Greensboro Teaching School. Her love for teaching led her to start her own home daycare where she taught many children.

Ruth was a member of Warner Temple AME Zion Church for many years under the leadership of Ms. Shirley Wooten Class No. 5, and also served on the Steward Board. She enjoyed attending the Early Morning Service.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving family including her husband of sixty two years, Willie Green, Jr.; daughters Shirley Pridgen (Garry), Ivanhoe, NC, Linda Gale Green of the home, Connie Morris, Raleigh, NC, and Kimbley Green of the Home; adopted daughters Melissa Shaw, Wilmington, NC and Sabrina Palmer (Robert), Wilmington, NC; sons Frederick Green, Wilmington, NC and Ricardo Green, Savannah, GA; brother Wayne Lewis, Raleigh, NC; godson Marcus Clark; grandchildren Dejuan Green, Raleigh, NC, Kendrick Green of the home, Andrew Green, Raleigh, NC, Charisma Moore, Savannah, GA, Joshua Green of the home, Tyquann Clarida, Wilmington, NC, Brittany, Winston-Salem, Zion and Patrick, Wilmington, NC; great-grand Amari Green; nieces Mary Ruth Baldwin, Whiteville, NC, Benita Hayes, Ivanhoe, NC, Germaine Lewis, Charlotte, NC and Emilee Childers, Raleigh, NC; nephew Lorenza Rich, Wilmington, NC; sisters-in-law Mary Cohen (Calvin), Moncks Corner, SC,

Ernestine Taylor (Melvin), Moncks Corner, SC, Earline Richmond (Albert), Moncks Corner, SC and Patricia W. Lewis, Raleigh, NC; special friends Gwen Page, Mary A. Davis, Ana Shelton, April Stukes, Tareyton Williams and James Brown (Mary); and a host of dear cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. *Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkinsdrain-funeralservice.com.*

George Dukes

George Dukes died Sunday, May 10, 2015 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Memorial services were held Thursday, May 14, 2015 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

George Lucas Dukes was born in New Hanover County on September 16, 1937 to the late Mary Isabella Stanley Dukes and Willie Edward Moses Dukes. George passed away after a brief illness. Six brothers, John Dukes, Herman Dukes, Thomas Dukes, Eddie Dukes, Haskell Dukes and Willie Dukes preceded him in death; two sisters, Mary Frances Dukes Pearson and Katherine Dukes Baity, also preceded him in death.

As he neither married nor fathered any children, George leaves to mourn and cherish his memory, three sisters, Evelena Dukes Leslie, Gladys L. Dukes and Elizabeth Dukes Parker; as well as a host of nephews, nieces and other relatives. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Card of thanks



Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.

The family of
Elaine Allen Nix

In Loving Memory Of



Annie E. Parker
Sunrise: April 1, 1910
Sunset: May 21, 2005

It's been ten years that you went home to be with the Lord.

You will always be loved and missed.

Your daughter, grandchildren, great grands, great great grands and great great great grands

In Loving Memory Of



Retha Barnhill
Sunrise: January 10, 1908

My mother,
As times moves on,
I am missing you more and more, everything about you, our joyous times together; our conversations, the secrets we shared, our meaningless arguments.

Truly "there's no me without you."

The way you left this world has devastated my existence. Everyday was Mother's Day to me, only one like you.

A unique kinship.
I never looked at your grave that day.

In Heartache,
Your daughter, Brenda and your son Arnold, who proceeded you.

Proverbs: Chapter 1: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge verse 7 so are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain; verse 19 which taketh away the life of the owners (even their own mothers)

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Barnhill Mother's Day Tribute from Brenda Barnhill Ash is reprinted due to The Wilmington Journal's error in the photo that was used. Please accept our sincere apology.

Happy Birthday



Alla Patricia Coston
Sunrise: May 23, 1947
Sunset: March 5, 2010



Annie Mae Riley
Sunrise: May 30, 1910
Sunset: July 6, 2012

Pat & Momma:

As you began your final flight..
Five years and three years ago
to Heaven's gracious shore...
We did not want to say goodbye for fear
we would miss you more.
Our love will always be with you
our love will always remain near
and close in heart at all times.
Our love is the source of life,
that will remain forever and forever
and love dearly.

We know you are now in Paradise,
Where life and a bound,
We know the joy you feel and the
Peace you have found.
You know our hearts are grieving,
but hearts live on and we'll always
remember and love you dearly.

"Family"

Daughter Evelyn, grandsons, brother and aunt

Our readers have requested that The Wilmington Journal publish its special edition on Thursday, JULY 2, 2015 (instead of MAY 21, 2015) in celebration of its 88th Anniversary, the 100th Anniversary of Williston and in memory of Katherine Jervay Tate. We will honor the request of our readers. We invite everyone to participate in this celebration by purchasing advertising or joining us as a patron. For more information, please call Shawn Thatch at 910-762-5502. As always, we thank you for the support you have given to us through the years.

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New Hanover County

Barry Smith and Company will hold a Women's Tag Team Service on Saturday, May 30th at 6:00 pm at Death To Destiny, 401 S.7th St. The speakers will be Reverend Beverly Stanley of Big Macedonia Baptist Church, Supply, NC, Minister Glenda Richardson of Union Missionary Baptist, Wilmington, NC and Evangelist Sarah Johnson of Holy Bethel Fire Baptist Holiness, Thomasboro, NC. Music will be rendered by two guest choirs. For more information call 910-550-7475 or 910-367-3601.



Religious Briefs

Chords Across America will host the Singing Aires of Jacksonville, NC on Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 2929 Princess Place Drive will hold their Annual Revival Tuesday, May 19th - Friday, May 22nd. Devotional Service begins at 7:00 p.m. and Worship Service begins at 7:45 p.m. Reverend Victor Wilson, pastor of the Lisbon Baptist Church in Clinton, NC will be the evangelist. Area choirs will render the music.

Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Dr., will celebrate their 22nd church anniversary from Friday, May 29th- Sunday, May 31st. On Friday night, Joy Night at 7:00 pm, Saturday "CHAT AND CHEW" 11:00 am-2:00 pm, Sunday morning service with Dr. Joyce Jones, speaker. Dinner will be served after morning service. For more information contact Elder Shirley Miller 910-233-3307 or 910-392-3206.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 701 S. 12th St., will celebrate their Annual Ushers Ministry Celebration on Sunday, May 24th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Benjamin Pittman, pastor of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 7022 Masonboro Sound Rd., will present the Sunday Best Talent Show on Saturday, May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. For Ticket information please call Richard Johnson at 910-279-3637, Brenda General at 910-200-0787 or leave a message at 910-799-9534.

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd., will hold their Walk A Thon 2015, "Walking Tall to Build Our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and their 2nd Annual Tailgate Party to follow from 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. All proceeds are for St. Phillip AME Zion Church's Fellowship Hall remodel. For more information contact Dr. Mary C. Nixon at 910-540-4406 or Sister Aimee Brown at 910-368-3605. Also the church will hold their Annual Women's Day Program on Sunday, May 24th at 4:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Brother Darius Ballard of St. Stephen AME Zion Church, Garland, NC. The guest choir will be Barry Smith and Company. The MC will be Elder Cedric Tindall of Union Missionary Baptist Church. The colors are pink and white.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church Clothes Closet, 4047 NC 242 Highway South, Elizabethtown, NC will open Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Clothing will be available for the entire family. Their Food Pantry, "From His Table to Yours," will be open from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon. Individuals must have identification to obtain items from the pantry. There is no fee involved. On Sunday, May 31st The Young Adult Missionary of Baldwin Branch will present their annual program, "Pack-the-Pews." Dr. Kia Hood of Winston-Salem, NC will be the guest speaker.

Brunswick County

Christian Hope Christian Church, 2347 Maco Rd., will celebrate their 145th Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 24th. The 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service will be rendered by Bishop Tommy Nesbitt. The 3:00 p.m. service will be rendered by Dr. Terry Henry and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. For more information contact 910-655-9545.

Graham Chapel AMEZ will observe their Annual Family & Friends Day on Sunday, May 31st at 11.00 am. The guest speaker will be Reverend Wendy McKoy, pastor of Shady Grove AMEZ Church, Council, NC. Music will be rendered by both the Graham Chapel Male Chorus and the Shady Grove Choir. Following worship service dinner will be served.

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SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

Fun Day

BY FANNIE ALLEN AND SHEILA ROSS
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

On Sunday, May 17, 2015, we, the Senior Citizens' Fellowship worshipped with BOWENS Chapel AME Zion Church at 5826 Carolina Beach Road for the 10:00 a. m. service. Oh my God! What a service! The Reverend Carolyn Lewis is the pastor. She's fire, filled with the Holy Spirit. She said, "It's like fire shut up in my bones." Upon entering the sanctuary, we were greeted with a warm and welcoming spirit. We all had a hallelujah good old fashioned fellowship. No instruments were needed, just tambourines, hand clap-

ping, foot stomping going on. I really can't explain it any better. Just to have been there was truly a blessing! Vice President Gladys Taylor, a member of this church, introduced the Senior Citizens Fellowship members as guests to the congregation. Now it was time to hear a word from the Lord. "Am I My Brother's Keeper" was her subject, taken from Matthew 21, verses 31-46. What an uplifting and inspiring message! She really touched each and every heart. You should have been there! President Eloise Purdie gave remarks of thanks and appreciation to the pastor and congregation. Not only was there food for

the soul, but food for the body. What a delicious spread! Thanks again to the Reverend Carolyn Lewis and congregation for having us there. There were twenty-two members present. Today was "Fun Day"! This is an annual celebration that we have. Our opening song "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me." Fannie Allen led the group in prayer. What a great way to start the day! We now went into our own "Fun Day." The chairperson of the "Fun Day" Committee, Francis B. Matthew, came forth to ask that we have a moment of silence for our deceased members. She then read a poem, which was laughter for the soul.

We now played musical chairs. The persons seated were Jueenie El and Ethel Hamilton. Now we played "Bingo"! We had several winners. Everyone enjoyed playing. The books of the Bible were passed out. We had to find the books. This was indeed a challenge, but it was fun! There were some visitors present. They stood and gave their names. We were glad to have them. They were welcomed to come back and see us at anytime. Now came the best part of "Fun Day," eating time. Thanks to the "Fun Day" Committee and all who helped make this a success. God bless each and every one of you.

SENIOR MOMENTS

Combining churches

My Fellow Seniors:

Let's say we have ten half filled churches in our community. Why not combine them and have just five buildings? The community would be united. Our bills would be cut in half, and, on the spiritual side, the more the merrier, and that's a real blessing.

I will continue to reach out by visiting other churches in the community from time to

time. Last Sunday, I went with my family to the New Jerusalem Baptist Church on South 6th Street. At first, I felt guilty about not supporting my own church, but I enjoyed the service so much that I am convinced that I was in the right place at the right time, although it has not been officially declared so. This really is an Interdenominational Christian community. However, church attendance is falling off. In order to spring back, we need to put something more on the table. I will never disagree with anything the Bible says, but sometimes we must talk

about things that were unknown when the Bible was written. The church is the heart of the community. It is the only place where people from all walks of life can come together like a family. We need to engage our doctors, teachers, lawyers, and laborers. We need to talk about the world as it is today. The only way to follow Jesus is to live by the Golden Rule every day. We cannot be narrow minded. We need to widen the doors of the church so that everyone can be fed. Otherwise, people will drift away, and the church will decline. We need to open the doors to people who can

address the various concerns of the community and also allow our young people to bring their own gifts to the table. My grandson does Christian rap for his church in Arizona, and now other churches are asking him to come and perform. Rap is something our young people can relate to. The Golden Rule is a simple statement that can be set to music and turned into a rap song. The children would love it. Some would live by it. The question is this. Would the church allow it? Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a, First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

TELL SOMEBODY

"The Pentecostal Promise of the Father"

"And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4



Sylvia Hooper

Pentecost-A Christian festival celebrated on the 7th Sunday after Easter to commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples

Disciple - Follower, Believer

The Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit is the Promise of the Father to the disciples of his Son, Jesus Christ. God cannot lie. Therefore, every promise that he has made is a possibility for every believer! Numbers 23:19 says, "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?" The Promise of the Father, is expressed several times in the Word of God in both the old and the new testament. In Isaiah 43:3, he promised, "For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thy offspring." The Promise of the Father, in Joel 2:26-28 is . "And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see

visions." The Promise of the Father in John 14:16 is, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever." The Promise of the Father in John 14:26, is , "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." The Promise of the Father in John 15:26, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father; he shall testify of me: The Promise of the Father in John 16:7 is, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." The Promise of the Father in Acts 1:4-5 is, "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days

hence." The Promise of the Father in Acts 1:8 is, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." When God makes a promise, you can believe it, and should expect to receive it. If God is your father, you have been made a promise that cannot fail. Have you received the Promise of the Father since you first believed? If so, praise the Lord, and don't forget to Tell Somebody!!! Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper, First Lady of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She is a mother of three wonderful children and a proud grandmother! She is a Licensed Evangelist with COGIC, International. She is the President of P.W.E. Pastors Wives Empowerment Conference, an annual event held in honor of Pastors and ministers Wives. This support group's focus is to Encourage, Embrace and Empower Elect Ladies to be all they can be in Christ Jesus, while providing support to their husbands, who are Gospel preachers and pastors. Her heart's desire is to please the Lord, rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and live a life that gives God glory!

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