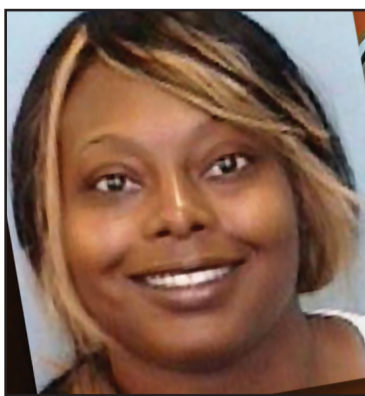


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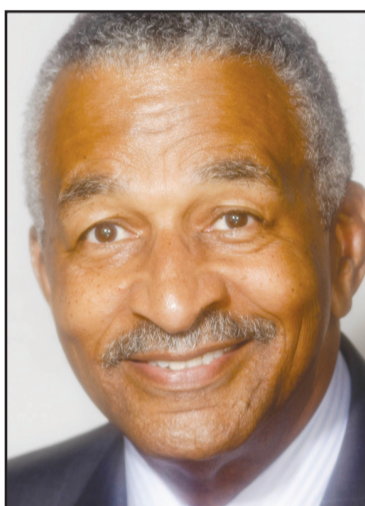


EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY UPDATE



BERNEST HEWETT

MR. JESSE BRYANT

BY BERNEST HEWETT
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I write this story with great sorrow for my community, Brunswick County, and myself personally because our society has lost a leader. Mr. Jesse Bryant led when it was very dangerous and life threatening for himself and his family.

He led in this community and won most of his battles with Jim Crow and other unjust laws, along with other aspects of racial bias. Mr. Bryant stood strong. He learned the law and used it well in order to help move his people forward and upward. He was determined to move his people out of segregation and inequality into integration and equality. He was instrumental in offering our

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DEMAND GROWS FOR "BALANCED" NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Editor's Note: Last week's edition of The Wilmington Journal contained the six page, leaked, and confidential memo that was sent to NHC Schools Board Members by Superintendent Dr. Tim Marley. This is the story that we promised we would have for you this week. The Wilmington Journal was the first to report the leak and authenticated the memo before we printed it.

A just released "confidential memo" seems to confirm what many advocates for diversity in NHC public schools have always suspected - that the Republican-led Board of Education deliberately instituted

racially-imbalanced neighborhood schools, not caring what forced segregation would do to black students.

The result - a plethora of black students doing poorly in low-performing and failing NHC schools, and only a handful of African-American pupils doing well in racially diverse schools.

The July 21st leaked confidential memo from NHC Supt. Dr. Tim Markley to the Board of Education was forwarded to former NHC School Board member Elizabeth Redenbaugh, who then forwarded it to The Wilmington Journal at wilmjourn@aol.com.

In a telephone interview Monday, Redenbaugh was satisfied that the memo was authentic.

Titled "Student Assignment and Achievement," Dr. Markley determined for board members that there are very few black students in the system's high-performing schools; the district's high-poverty schools are the worst performers; Alderman is underperforming with black students; Myrtle Grove is also underperforming with black students at certain grade levels; Murrayville and Castle Hayne consistently outperform other schools in the district; and overall, black student per-

formance in the district needs to improve.

In the memo, Markley lays the blame squarely at the feet on the board's student assignment plan, which effectively sent the lion's share of black students to low-performing, segregated, high-poverty failing schools that offered those pupils no chance to succeed.

Dr. Markley continued that the assignment plan "places a huge burden" on high-poverty schools like Freeman, Snipes and Virgo, but even with adequate resources to those schools, it's not enough to

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DELTA SIGMA THETA PRESENTS...



MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY AND PARTICIPANTS IN THE 67TH JABBERWOCK SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

"...Motivated and Enlightened..."

The Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held its 67th Jabberwock Scholarship Pageant on May 22, 2016 at Ebenezer Empowerment Center. The theme of the extravaganza was "Imagine Me: Motivated and Enlightened....My Future Journey."

Marva Robinson was the Mistress of Ceremonies and entertainment was provided by Kimberly Batts, Spoken Word; Larissa Deloach, Liturgical Dance and Jabberwocky, Miss

Serenity Branch.

Micah McDaniel was crowned Miss Who's Who 2016. Micah is the daughter of Vance & Robbin Williams.

The Jabberwock Pageant was started many years ago by a member of the Sorority based on the mythical character from Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland." This program is used as a means of raising and awarding scholarships for deserving high school senior in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties.

No surprise, US court strike down 28 legislative districts

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Once again the US Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that North Carolina's Republican-led General Assembly has illegally employed race to ensure partisan, yet unconstitutional outcomes. This time, it was nine state senate districts and 19 NC House districts of the state's 170 legislative districts that the three-judge panel ruled were racially-gerrymandered in absence of any compelling state interests.

It's called "stacking and packing," where Democratic black voters were drawn into majority-minority districts for the sole purpose removing them from swing districts so that white Republicans could easily defeat white Democrats.

Those legislative maps have already been used in two prior elections, and will be used again for the upcoming November 8th general election because there isn't time to redraw them, the fed-

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Community mourns loss of civil rights icon

BY STAFF
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Community Comments
Jesse Bryant, Our Civil Rights Icon, is Free at Last!

John 1:46 (Paraphrased) "Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Phillip replied 'Come and let us see.'"

In 1964 our question is, "Did anything good come out of Cedar Grove?" The answer is yes, Mr. Jesse Bryant our NAACP leader and Christian brother. He put his life on the line, fighting the good fight, by picketing, marching, collecting petitions, negotiating and filing law suits against the people and institutions practicing racial discrimination in Brunswick County.

In 1964 there were no Blacks elected in Brunswick County because many were afraid to run. Mr. Bryant filed to run for County Commissioner and immediately started receiving threatening phone calls. He and his wife were came back home one night to see a cross burning on their property. Two weeks later, there was another cross burning on their property.

His neighbors organized a commu-

nity watch to protect their "community organizer" and his family. Mr. Bryant feared no man and always negotiated from a position of strength. He could communicate with men or ladies on any level and treated them all with respect.

His demonstration of total commitment included spending much of his own money for over 30 years because the salary for an NAACP local president was zero.

History has recorded some of his many accomplishments, and, if you stop anyone over twenty-five in Brunswick County, he/she will tell you a positive Jesse Bryant story. He was my mentor and friend. I will miss his wisdom. Rest in peace, my brother!"--James Hankins, former president of the New Hanover County NAACP.

A Servant Leader: The Honorable Jesse Bryant

"For more than 50 years, this servant leader moved about this County, State, and Nation, speaking truth to power: He was fearless and did not hesitate to take on your problem, regardless of the issue, subject, or cause, as his own. He studied the issues, did his own research, and presented the

case(s) better than today's most refined lawyer. This tall statue of a man, well groomed, wearing a suit and bow tie, could be seen at a distance, and he was known to be ready to address the subject at hand. At times, his powerful presence alone was sufficient to change the course of events.

The Honorable Jesse Bryant, family historian, loved God and his family and was always ready for a good conversation.

Yes, this 'Gentle Giant' did not seek fortune or fame for his service and advice. His only request was for each one of us to be ready to help our fellow citizens, regardless of race, in their moment of need".--Cousin James R. Fullwood, Raleigh, NC.

Funeral Services

Funeral services will be held today for Mr. Jesse Bryant at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Supply, N. C., with The Reverend Freeman Gause, D. D. delivering the eulogy, and interment will be in the Riley Hewett Cemetery.

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people a chance to go to good schools, acquire good jobs, receive equal pay, and live in equally decent housing. Most of all, he helped in leading in achieving for our people equal protection under the law. He fought diligently for fair treatment without harassment.

His fights achieved many great results. He broke down barriers of segregation and racism that once held a grip on Brunswick Electric Corporation. He also fought to tear down walls of racism in

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change the culture of those schools.

"The long-term solution," Dr. Markley continued, "is to redraw the [district] lines to help balance the schools bases on socio-economic levels." He suggests using the opportunity to redistrict for the new Porter's Neck Elementary School "...to make significant changes in the demographics of all of the schools."

Markley continues that needed diversity can be achieved while still maintaining neighborhood schools.

"When we begin the redistricting process this fall I am requesting that balancing

schools become one of the guiding principles," Dr. Markley concluded, saying that doing so would help "ALL" students in the district.

In her cover email to *The Journal*, Ms. Redenbaugh who served on the NHC School Board until 2012, wrote, "[This email] ...is the smoking gun that proves our school board knows 'neighborhood schools' are detrimental to poor and minority students. [Former school board members] Dorothy DeShields, Nick Rhodes and I fought hard against neighborhood schools when we were on the school board because we knew this would happen. I'm sorry to say we were right."

During her telephone interview with *The Journal*,

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eral appellate court said. But when the NC General Assembly goes back into session next January, the court has ordered it to redraw the voting districts so that the maps comply constitutionally for the 2018 elections.

Democrats statewide weren't surprised, but they were outraged.

"This Republican legislature has broken a record enacting the highest number of unconstitutional laws ever, and all of them are race-based," Eric Ellison, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party said in blunt terms. "They're a bunch of racists, and our courts agree with us. These guys are underhanded; they don't believe in the Constitution, they don't believe in fairness, they don't believe in democracy. They're a bunch of crooks,

Atlantic Telephone. He fought many race battles that helped open doors for many to acquire decent jobs, attend churches of people's choice, marry whomever people chose, and enjoy many other of life's opportunities and pleasures.

When I became president of NAACP, No. 5452, Brunswick County's two chapters were combined into one unit. Mr. Bryant would call me and ask, "Have you got a minute? I would like to talk with you. This was then a two-hour conversation full of very helpful information and sound doctrine. It was these such conversations which helped make this job easier as I moved forward, trying to work this system. He knew the system, and, even though time moved on, he kept his mind sharp and always thought positive thoughts.

We now say good-bye to Mr. Bryant. We will miss him, but we have lost him. It was just time for him to move to a better place. His work here is over! He is home at last, home at last!

May we always recall, and be thankful for, guiding lights along the way, for members and teachers who helped shape our lives and make us the people we are today. God placed them in our lives for a purpose! Let us pray that we accept, appreciate, respect and love them!! *Bernest L. Hewett is President of the Brunswick County Branch of NAACP*

Redenbaugh said none of the hard data accompanying Dr. Markley's memo "was new to the board" in terms of how stringent racial segregation was in the district. During her time on the board, she was able to track the direction of housing patterns in the county and match those to how the school board was redistricting the lines.

In each case, more and more black students were being sent to high-poverty, low-performing schools.

In her "Letter to the Editor," school board candidate Sandra Leigh while saying that NHC had many good schools, "...we have not been able to provide a quality education for ALL children. Too many poor and minority children are not sharing in the

opportunity for a great education and are not attending these "good" schools. In fact, almost half of ALL the highest performing elementary schools in NHC have so few African Americans they aren't even included in the proficiency statistics," she adds.

"When you look at the struggling and "failing" schools in NHC, what you find is that they have very high concentrations of poor students, who lack the "social capital" of students from middle class homes" Ms. Leigh continued. "By concentrating poor students, these schools are set up to fail. We created these low performing schools in NHC by rejecting balanced schools in the last round of redistricting."

"One way to begin to fix

our educational system and provide real educational opportunity for ALL students is to provide for diversity in every school based on students' social and economic background. We can do this in NHC by redistricting our schools to create more balanced attendance boundaries."

"If the will of NHC is to have excellent schools for ALL students in every neighborhood of the city," Leigh concluded, "and to build the growth and expansion of our city on this premise, then we all need to rally around our "failing schools" and ensure that NOT ONE SINGLE SCHOOL remains on that list. We need to start with balancing every school to benefit ALL our students."

black candidates of their choice in those districts.

State Sen. Floyd McKissick Jr. was one of those black lawmakers who previously enjoyed strong support from a racial coalition of support which included 42 percent of black voters from Durham and Granville County. But his district lines were suddenly changed in 2011 to where he had over 50 percent black voters in his district.

Indeed, prior to 2011, not

one state Senate district represented by an African-American had a majority of black voters, because it wasn't necessary. The 2015 federal lawsuit charged that the 2011 Republican redistricting was just a ruse to feign compliance with the 1965 VRA in order to gain political advantage.

"They were just packing African-Americans into those districts, and making it more likely that Republicans would

win the other ones," Sen. McKissick said.

When state lawmakers return in January, their first order of business will be to redraw the 28 legislative districts so that they are in constitutional compliance, McKissick says. The legislature can still draw majority-minority districts, just as long as it can legally demonstrate candidates are more likely to be elected because of race, observers say.

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MCCRORY PETITIONS US HIGH COURT TO REINSTATE VOTER ID FOR NOVEMBER

[RALEIGH] Gov. Pat McCrory has petitioned the US Supreme Court to stay a July 29th order of the US Fourth Circuit of Appeals that dismantled the state's 2013 voter ID law. McCrory wants the law



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reinstated in time for this November's general election, saying that stopping it has caused a great deal of confusion with voters. The federal appellate court knocked down the law, saying that it targeted African-Americans unconstitutionally.

NC LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS AND POLICE COMMANDERS MEET TO DISCUSS IMPROVING COMMUNITY RELATIONS

[RALEIGH] Police com-

manders from across the state met this week with members of the NC Legislative Black Caucus to discuss strategies on how to improve relations between officers and citizens. The conference as brought on by two recent police shootings in Baton Rouge and St. Paul, Minn., and the assassination of several police officers in Dallas, Texas and in Baton Rouge. Participants said there must be greater understanding and communication

between the police and the people they serve.

TRUMP RETURNS TO NC; VISITS CHARLOTTE TONIGHT

[CHARLOTTE] After controversial visits to Wilmington and Fayetteville last week, Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump returns to North Carolina today, with both a fundraiser and a campaign stop in Charlotte. North Carolina is shaping up to be an impor-

tant battleground state for Trump, where he trails Democratic rival Hillary Clinton by 9 points in the NBC/WSJ poll.

POLICE STILL TRYING TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF CRABTREE MALL "GUNSHOTS"

[RALEIGH] It was last Saturday afternoon when what appeared to be gunshots were heard in the food court at Crabtree Valley Mall. Hundreds of shopper

fled the area as police searched for the source of the noise, but thus far, authorities have not been able to determine what the source was. No one was injured during the melee, and based on what is known so far, no guns were fired, even though people clearly heard something that frightened them. Police are still investigating.

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The Obituary

Mr. Jesse Abel Bryant, son of the late Reverend Samuel James Bryant and Ella Jane Gore Bryant, departed this life on August 12, 2016. He was predeceased by his wife, Eva Mae Fullwood Bryant, seven brothers and one sister.

He was reared in a Christian home in the Brunswick County Community of Cedar Grove in Supply, North Carolina. Born the grandson of slaves, he dedicated his life to the cause of social justice and civil rights for the disadvantaged. His formal education was limited to the eighth grade. However, with that limited education, God used that portion of the eighth grade and blessed him with the gift of being a dynamic orator and writer. When he wrote and spoke, people listened. He was an advocate of people and their social issues. As a result of his community work and passion for people, he was once listed in "Who's Who in Black America."

In December 1989 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and joined Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church. He remained a faithful member until his

health declined.

He was a wonderful son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. The values that were instilled in him as a preacher's son were passed down to his children: Go to Sunday School. Learn the "Golden Rule" and abide by it. Before he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, he still insisted that his family go to Sunday School and church. Those same values are prevalent in the lives of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren today.

He leaves to cherish his memory: James K. (Julia) Bryant, of Wallace, N. C.; Rosie Bryant, of Shallotte, N. C.; Ceresta Bryant, of Greensboro, N. C.; and Mildred (Ronald) Royster, Sr. of Shallotte, N. C.; grandchildren; James K. Bryant, II (Amy) Bryant, of Stephens City, Va.; Ronald Royster Jr. and Ryan Royster, of Shallotte, N. C.; Ka'anya (Eugene) Ingram, of Hilliard, OH.; great grandchildren; Terrell Ingram and Eric Ingram, of Hilliard, OH; James K. Bryant, III, John Triplett and Jason Miles Bryant, of Stephens City, Va. A great godson, Machiah Miller, of Panama City, Fla.; sisters-in-law: Mrs. Gladys Bryant; Mrs. Perlene Fullwood; Mrs. Yvonne

Fullwood and Mrs. Gerthel Fullwood, all of Supply, N. C.; and Mrs. Gloria Bryant, of Bolivia, N. C.; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family, friends and acquaintances.

Lifetime Contributions and Achievements

- Led initiatives to integrate the public school system in Brunswick County
- Participated in the local coalition that challenged the discriminatory practices of Longwood Grill which eventually closed rather than serve Blacks
- Successfully challenged hiring practices at Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, winning jobs for Blacks and monetary compensation for those discriminated against, and otherwise proved that a Black man could challenge the white establishment and win a high profile lawsuit in the South.
- Marched at the South African Embassy in Washington, D. C. against South African apartheid
- Led voter registration initiatives prior to the 1965 Voting Rights Act
- Notary Public 60 + years
- Lifetime member of the NAACP, Chapter President for 40 + years
- Participated in the construction of the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point

in Southport, North Carolina

- Retired as Vice President of International Longshoreman Association Local 1838
- 1964 1st Black to run for County Commissioner in Brunswick County, although he didn't win the County Commissioner's seat, he did receive terrorist threats and cross burnings on the family front yard
- 1981 Awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine by NC Governor James B. Hunt Jr.
- 1984 Advised Reverend Jesse Jackson on his race for President of the United States
- 2014 Awarded the Abraham Galloway Award, Brunswick County by Countywide Community Development Corporation
- 2015 Awarded Cedar Grove Community Improvement Association Civil and Human Rights Legacy Award

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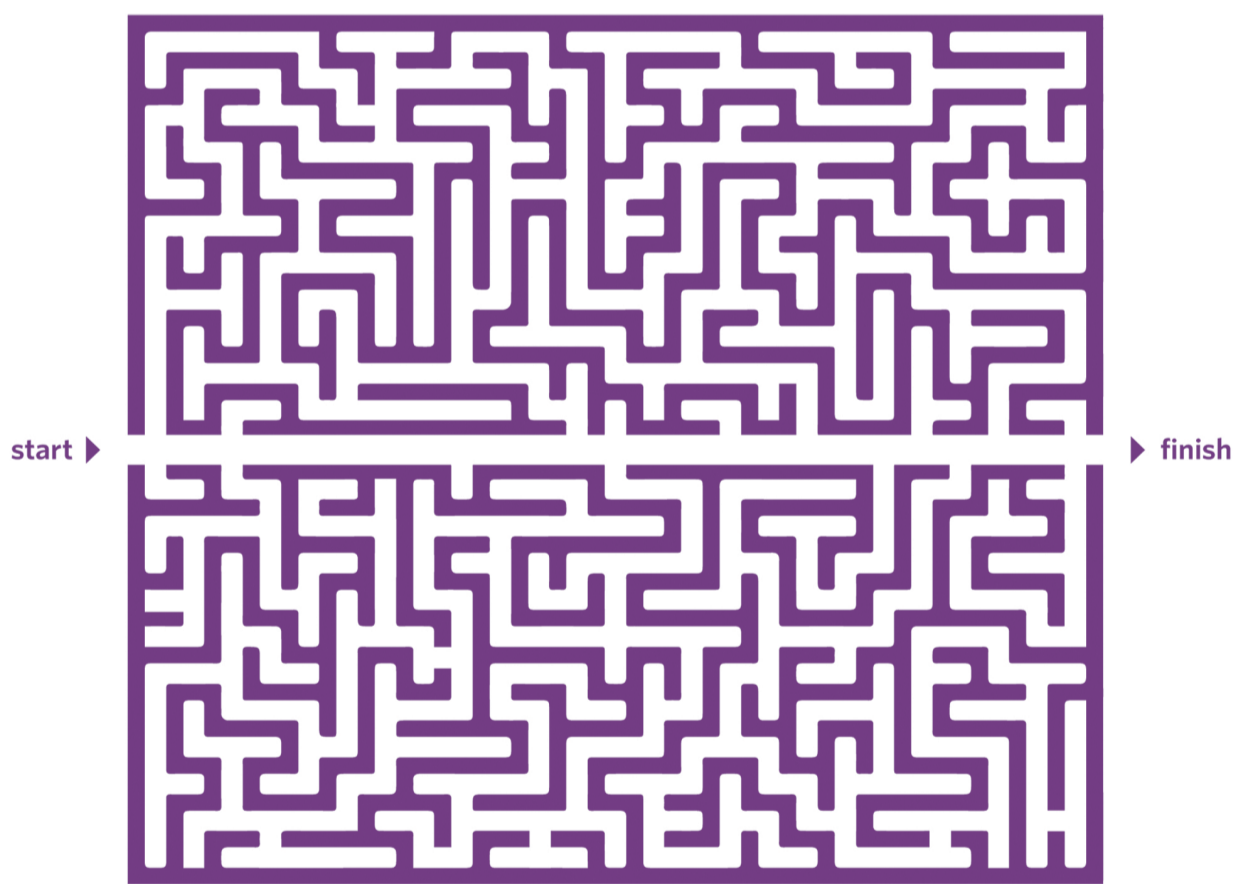
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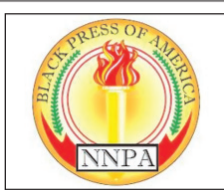


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BLACKONOMICS

We need leaders, not pleaders

(Via George Curry Media)

Yet another "shocking" report, "The Ever Growing Gap," came out last week. It was featured in mainstream newspapers, small hometown newspapers, and online newspapers. The ominous headline stated, "It will take Black families 228 years to earn the same amount of wealth White families have today." Well, here's another newsflash: "We already know that."



James Clingman

While we have not counted the years it would take, we know that working for wealth equality is futile and merely serves as a deflection that causes Black people to spend our precious time on a quixotic mission. E. Franklin Raines and Willie Herenton, former mayor of Memphis, Tenn., noted similar stats more than a decade ago.

Every so often revelations like this latest one come out to keep Black people mired in our current situation. The more drastic and terrible the information the more apathetic and pathetic we become. "What's the use in trying?" The man ain't gonna let us do anything anyway. Thus, we sit back and allow our "pleaders" to continue to beg for protection from political candidates, such as the national NAACP recently called on them to "pledge to protect and preserve our lives." Say what? Is that the best we can get from our supposedly powerful civil rights organization? Oh yes, I forgot. They also tell us to register and vote our way out of our misery.

We don't need "pleaders," we need authentic, fearless, unapologetic, honest leaders, who will not succumb to foreboding statistical "revelation" but will provide the "elevation" Black people must have in order to take care of ourselves with the resources we already have. While we are wringing our hands about being 228 years behind in wealth, and some of us truly believing that politicians can and will turn that trend around, other groups are running right past us, not worrying about meeting the elusive goal of equality. The proof of that is also in the same report that speaks to our financial demise.

It says, "Over the last thirty years, the racial wealth divide has grown. If average Black wealth grows at the same rate it has over the last thirty years, it will be 228 years before it equals the amount of wealth possessed by White households today" This is only 17 years shorter than the institution of slavery in the U.S., which lasted 245 years. For Latinos, it will take 84 years."

Notice the last sentence in the above paragraph, Black folks. Compare 228 years to 84 years and ask yourself, "How is that possible?" No, they did not suffer 245 years of enslavement as we did, but that same truth can and should be used by our people today, with our tremendous cache of intellectual and financial resources, as an incentive to work even harder on elevation and not be sidelined by the latest revelation about how bad things are for our people.

Our POTUS says the income gap, not the wealth gap, is, "the defining challenge of our time..." Of course, he was not just speaking about Black income, but his words continue to ring true years after he made that statement; but where is the change? He blamed much of that on the politicians, and we fell for it once again, thinking they would eventually do the right thing and help us rise to financial utopia. They would have done it a long time ago, if that were so.

Let's get this straight, brothers and sisters. A redistribution of wealth, which is what it would take, is not going to happen. MLK called for that more than 50 years ago, yet over the past 50 years we have gone down rather up. White folks may give up the political wheel of this ship of state, but they will never acquiesce, agree, or willingly participate in any effort to cut that 228 year period even in half, much less make it even. Most of their wealth, while earned from the free labor their ancestors enjoyed when we were brought here, is locked down in generational inheritances. Do you really think they will all of a sudden get religion and give that up? Puleeezze!

I say enough with "Black Pledership" that is only concerned about their own elevation as they bow down before their masters and plead to be protected and preserved. I say, no more revelations in reports that provide huge income to those who write them, reports that end up on the trash heap of time that was wasted by Black folks complaining about their contents.

If wealth and income gaps are the "defining challenges of our time" then let's get busy behind real leaders who are willing and able to work with us toward elevation rather than getting stuck reading the voluminous pages of repeated revelation

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Far too many of the investigations come with the same conclusions "justified." Where are the laws that protect

our People and why is there no justice, just judgment leaving many to ask the questions why doesn't Black Lives Matter?

There seems to be a standard response from the police that does the shooting, "I felt threatened or I thought I saw a weapon, He or she was resisting arrest and I shot using deadly force." Why not, if you must shoot, shoot to disable, not 16 times as was the case in Chicago or 8 times running away as in South

Carolina." Thank GOD for the technology used to rebuke the "planned lies or cover ups." Where is our Justice? We demand Justice and a change in the laws that others wrote centuries ago that placed us below the need for true unbiased protection under the law. We must be at the table and not on the table as if to dissect.

We must come from our inner depth and flood the world with our tears and right the wrongs by standing

together and taking on the challenges that keep us in fear of protection. WE ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS and demand not beg for a reconciliation for the purpose of noot dealing for healing. Let us be at the table, involved in the process for establishing fairer laws that protect and not threatened.

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Matters of Opinion Less than a century

(Via TriceEdneyWire.Com)

With a woman heading the ticket of the Democratic Party, it may be challenging for us to remember - that

women have had the right to vote for less than a century (and Black folks less that). But the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote

was certified on August 26, 1920, just 96 years ago. At Congresswoman Bella Abzug's (D-NY) insistence Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day in 1971. The first part of the joint resolution of Congress reads, "Whereas the women of the United States have been treated as second class citizens and have not been entitled to the full rights and privileges, public or private, legal or intentional, which

are available to male citizens". Reading the words have come, how far we still have to go, and how little the status of women of color is included when we speak of the status of women.

How far have we come? Few would have predicted that an African American would win an election and effectively lead the United States for eight years; few would have predicted that a woman would have more than a fighting chance of winning the United States presidency. And yet the very campaign that signals progress is also one that illustrates how much more work needs to be done before women's equality is attained. Too much of the rhetoric around Secretary Clinton's candidacy is downright sexist. She should be judged by her positions and there should be absolutely no talk about her looks, hairstyle, attire, or tone of voice. No man could stand the kind of scrutiny that she has had to endure. No man has ever been subject to such scrutiny.

The continuing saga of sexual harassment at Fox News is another example of the distance we must travel to reach women's equality. The company's former CEO, Roger Ailes, is accused of multiple counts of sexual harassment, and this is a clear case of where there's smoke, there's fire. One wonders how many other companies have similarly hostile work environments and how often women, simply attempting to earn a living, are placed in the position of having to manage unflattering comments, downright harassment, coerced sex, and even rape. There are documented cases of women being raped in the military then being dishonorably discharged because they can't work with their rapists. And let's not get started on some of what happens on some campuses. That a Palo Alto judge sentenced a Stanford student to a scant 6 months in a rape witnessed by another student is amazing. That his father actually decried the sentence as too high a price to pay for a few minutes of "action" speaks to how much work we have to

do to reach women's equality. And ain't I a woman. What about black women's equality? It chagrins me that Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm's (D-NY) historic run for President has been all but ignored in much of the media frenzy about candidate Hillary Clinton. However, it does not surprise me given the many ways African American women's contributions are sidelined, marginalized or simply ignored. African American women earn less their white counterparts do, but head more households and have more economic responsibility. African American women are far less likely than their white counterparts to be found in the "C" suite in corporate leadership, and far more likely to be further down the ladder in every aspect of life in our nation. While people say they saw the glass ceiling shatter with Hilary Clinton's nomination,

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This is why Black-owned newspapers matter

(Via NNPA News Service)

In 2017, we will celebrate 190th anniversary of the Black Press in America.

Since the first publication of Freedom's Journal on March 16, 1827 in New York City, Black-owned newspapers have led the way when it comes to raising a voice of consciousness for Black America. Today, in 2016, Black-owned newspapers still matter.

Black Lives Matter. Black Votes Matter. Black Press Matters. In order to overcome racial inequality and injustice, we have to emphasize the importance of nurturing and mentoring the rise of a new generation of freedom-fighting journalists, publishers and African American owners of newspapers and media companies.

There is a huge, qualitative difference between media that is Black-owned and non-Black-owned media that is targeted to Black consumers. Numerous national studies have documented that Black-owned newspapers remain the "trust-

ed and respected" source of news, empowering success stories, and cultural aspirations for more than 45 million Black Americans.

The inaugural Discover the Unexpected (DTU) NNPA Journalism Fellowship Program this summer at the Howard University School of Communications supported by Chevrolet has done remarkably well in identifying and encouraging the next generation of gifted, talented and committed young journalism scholars. The National Newspaper Publishers Association is pleased with the positive and transformative results of the DTU fellowships.

The NNPA fellows scored front-page news features in NNPA member newspapers across the nation. In addition to attending both the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., the NNPA fellows completed assignments that covered a wide range of subjects from Muhammad Ali's legacy and Black arts and culture to contemporary Black family life, the 2016 Olympics in Rio, mass incarceration, new data on police and prosecutorial misconduct and abuse, and the struggle to preserve Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

This summer, Brandi Montgomery and Brelaun Douglas worked at the "Atlanta Voice," Briahna Brown and Mckenzie Marshall at the "Chicago Defender," Victoria Jones and Rushawn Walters at "The Washington Informer," and Tatyana Hopkins and Sidnee King worked at the "Michigan Chronicle."

Black-owned newspapers are businesses and employers that continue to serve the economic development interests of Black communities. As the economy in the United States continues to rebound from economic stagnation and recession under the leadership of the first African American President, it should also be a national priority to ensure the advancement of the economic well-being of Black families, businesses, and communities.

In the face of historic, political opposition led by the Republican-controlled Congress, President Barack H. Obama, has achieved leadership success in restoring and revitalizing the U.S. economy. In particular, the automotive industry has set new records this year in automobile sales. Thus, we note, with appreciation, those companies in the automotive sector that have been supportive of the NNPA during these difficult and challenging times.

General Motors brands con-

tinued to advertise with the NNPA and as a consequence contributes to the sustainability of the Black Press in America. In particular, Chevrolet has been outstanding in its support of Discover the Unexpected scholarships as part of the current NNPA fellows program. Chevrolet also increased its advertising with many NNPA newspapers this year. It is our hope that this successful pilot program will be continued and even expanded in the upcoming academic year.

Long live Black-owned newspapers and the struggle for freedom, justice and equality. Yes, Black-owned newspapers surely do matter.

Learn more about the Discover the Unexpected (DTU) program at <http://www.nnpa.org/dtu/> and use the hashtag #DiscoverTheUnexpected on Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @BlackPressUSA and @NNPA_BlackPress and like our Facebook page at NNPA Black Press.

Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., is the President and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and can be reached for national advertisement sales and partnership proposals at dr.bchavis@nnpa.org and for lectures and other professional consultations at: <http://drbenjaminfchavisjr.wix.com/drbfj>.

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others saw the millions standing at the sticky floor with few opportunities to climb up to that glass ceiling. Those standing on the sticky floor are disproportionately w-men of color, especially those who earn low wages and have fewer opportunities than others. Maybe Hillary Clinton

will bridge the gap when she pursues a progressive economic agenda that includes fair and equal pay, affordable childcare, and other benefits for working women. There has been significant progress for women since the 19th amendment was passed, significant progress since Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day. Yet women still don't have even a third (not to mention half) of

the seats in the House of Representatives or the Senate, nor in any state legislature in the nation. Women aren't even 10 percent of our nation's corporate leaders. Women still face hostile work environments. While commemorating the progress that has been made in nearly a century, we must also ask whether it will take another century to reach women's equality. Julianne Malveaux is an author and

economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via amazon.com. For more information visit julianne-malveaux.com. *Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.Amazon.com for more information visit www.julianne-malveaux.com.*

CURRY'S COMMENTS

Baltimore cops routinely violate rights of Blacks

(Via George Curry Media)

After reading the 164-page Justice Department report on the Baltimore Police Department, it is surprising that street rebellions didn't occur sooner in Baltimore.

The report is a stinging assessment of the police department's policies and practices that concluded: "there is reasonable cause to believe that BPD engages in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the Constitution or federal law."

It said the Baltimore Police Department "engages in a pattern or practice of:

- (1) making unconstitutional stops, searches, and arrests;
- (2) using enforcement strategies that produce severe and unjustified disparities in the rates of stops, searches and arrests of African Americans;
- (3) using excessive force; and
- (4) retaliating against people engaging in constitutionally-protected expression."



George Curry

Furthermore, the report concluded, "BPD's targeted policing of certain Baltimore neighborhoods with minimal oversight or accountability disproportionately harms African-American residents. Racially disparate impact is present at every stage of BPD's enforcement actions, from the initial decision to stop individuals on Baltimore streets to searches, arrests, and uses of force. These racial disparities, along with evidence suggesting intentional discrimination, erode the community trust that is critical to effective policing."

As we have seen from similar investigations conducted by the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, this is probably a portrait of most big city police departments. In this case, the sheer breadth of the documented racial discrimination is mind-boggling.

The simple matter of being able to walk the streets without being suspected of committing a crime. African Americans were stopped three times as often as White residents and were 95 percent of the 410 people stopped at least 10 times.

Racial disparities in BPD's arrests are most pronounced for highly discretionary offenses: African Americans accounted for 91 percent of the 1,800 people charged solely with 'failure to obey' or 'trespassing'; 89 percent of the 1,350 charges for making a false statement to an officer; and 84 percent of the 6,500 people arrested for 'disorderly conduct,'" the report stated.

Prosecutors rejected more than 11,000 charges because they lacked probable cause.

BPD also stops African American drivers at disproportionate rates. African Americans accounted for 82 percent of all BPD vehicle stops, compared to only 60 percent of the driving age population in the City and 27 percent of the driving age population in the greater metropolitan area."

Many of the stops were not justified. "We also found large racial disparities in BPD's arrests for drug possession. While survey data shows that African Americans use drugs at rates similar to or slightly exceeding other population groups, BPD arrested African Americans for drug possession at five times the rate of others."

It explained, "BPD searched African Americans more frequently during pedestrian and vehicle stops, even though searches of African Americans were less likely to discover contraband. Indeed, BPD officers found contraband twice as often when searching white individuals compared to African Americans during vehicle stops and 50 percent more often during pedestrian stops."

Baltimore police "engages in a pattern or practice of excessive force," the report found. "Officers frequently resort to physical force when a subject does not immediately respond to verbal commands, even where the subject poses no imminent threat to the officer or others."

Police also engage in humiliating public strip searches. "In one of these incidents - memorialized in a complaint that the Department sustained -officers in BPD's Eastern District publicly strip-searched a woman following a routine traffic stop for a missing headlight," the report recounted. "Officers ordered the woman to exit her vehicle, remove her clothes, and stand on the sidewalk to be searched. The woman asked the male officer in charge 'I really gotta take all my clothes off?' The male officer replied 'yeah' and ordered a female officer to strip search the woman. The female officer then put on purple latex gloves, pulled up the woman's shirt and searched around her bra. Finding no weapons or contraband around the woman's chest, the officer then pulled down the woman's underwear and searched her anal cavity. This search again found no evidence of wrongdoing and the officers released the woman without charges."

The Justice Department conducted the 14-month study in the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray, 25. He was arrested April 12, 2015 for allegedly possessing an illegal switchblade knife. While being transported for booking, he fell into a coma after suffering neck and spine injuries and died the next day. Relatives attributed Gray's death to "rough rides" Baltimore police often give to suspects they are transporting to jail.

"We also examined BPD's transportation of detainees, but were unable to make a finding due to a lack of available data," the study said. "We were unable to secure reliable records from either BPD or the jail regarding injuries sustained during transport or any recordings."

Baltimore police were quick to detain or arrest citizens exercising their First Amendment rights. They frequently took offense if someone used language that was rude or disrespectful, though that does not violate the law.

A 1987 Supreme Court decision (City of Houston v. Hill), held: "The freedom of individuals verbally to oppose or challenge police action without thereby risking arrest is one of the principle characteristics by which we distinguish a free nation from a police state."

While no one is accusing the Baltimore Police Department of operating a police state, it clearly needs a major overhaul.

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RAINBOW COALITION

Poverty, desperation in a world-class city

(Via George Curry Media)

Chicago is one of America's greatest cities. Yet, many of its residents live in terror in what is virtually a war zone. When a demented killer slayed 49 in a gun rampage in Orlando, Fla., there was national attention. Presidential candidates called for escalating the fight against the Islamic State in the Middle East, even though the killer seems to be a homegrown terrorist.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

But in Chicago, 404 have died in gun violence this year. According to the Congressional Research Service, the murder rate averaged 16 per 100,000 a year from 2010-2014. That is nearly four times the national average of 4.6 per 100,000 and nearly three times the Illinois state average (5.8).

These killings are not randomly distributed. African Americans constitute about one-third of Chicago's residents, but they account for 80 percent of its murder victims. The killings are concentrated in endangered communities

burdened with abject poverty and deplorable living conditions. Desperation and murder are segregated in Chicago.

In West Garfield Park, the average per capita income is \$10,951. More than 40 percent of the residents live below the poverty line, with an unemployment rate greater than 25 percent. In Englewood, the average per capita household income is \$11,993. Forty-two percent of households live below the poverty line, with an unemployment rate over 21 percent.

In Fuller Park, per capita household income is \$9,016, with 55.5 percent of households living below the poverty line. The unemployment rate is 40 percent. Washington Park, North Lawndale, Austin, Greater Grand Crossing, East Garfield Park ... the list goes on.

During the height of the Great Depression, the unemployment rate hovered at roughly 20 percent. These neighborhoods are suffering levels twice that, now six years into the supposed recovery.

These are disaster zones in a supposedly world-class city. They look like they are under siege, and to some extent they are. Drugs and guns, violence and despair mark lives condemned to live in these zones.

The war in Iraq - one the Bush administration chose to launch - will end up costing us more than \$3 trillion. And of course, the wars go on - in Afghanistan, in Syria, in Iraq, in Yemen, and now the U.S. is beginning to bomb Libya.

But the right now disaster zones in Chicago are ignored. The everyday violence is decreed but nothing is done. The poverty is regretted but there is no plan to attack it.

In fact, national policy does more to expand the divide between endangered communities and affluent ones, between those living in the disaster zone and those living uptown.

A new report by the Institute for Policy Studies and the Center for Enterprise Development details the growing racial wealth gap in America. They find that without a drastic change in policy, by 2043, when people of color are projected to account for more than half of the U.S. population, the racial wealth divide between White households and African American and Latino households will have doubled from about \$500,000 in 2013 to more than \$1 million.

The gap reflects the impact of historic inequities - from federally sanctioned housing discrimination to private

redlining - but its expansion is fueled in part by tax policies that aid the highest earners while providing the lowest income families with virtually nothing.

Over the past 20 years alone, the report finds, the federal government spent more than \$8 trillion through tax programs to assist families in building long-term wealth, including saving for retirement, purchasing a home, starting a business or paying for college. But the impact of these expenditures has been "upside down." With typical millionaires pocketing about \$145,000 in public tax benefits each year to increase their wealth while working families receive a total of \$174 on average.

More of the same won't help. Adding benefits to the wealthy few - like Donald Trump's call to end the estate tax - will add to the inequity and contribute to the despair. If nothing changes, the desperate zones will get worse. Surely this crisis is worthy of debate in the presidential campaign, and action from the White House and Congress. *Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. is founder and president of the Chicago-based Rainbow PUSH Coalition. You can keep up with his work at www.rainbow-push.org.*

Why Black lives matter

(Via George Curry Media)

A friend of mine was conducting a diversity class for a group of police officers, mostly White, in a northern Ohio city. All was going well until he said, "Let's talk about 'Black Lives Matter.'" He said the room exploded.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

The officers were offended that he would bring up the hated term. They began to shout out, "Blue Lives Matter," and offered their belief that the Black Lives Matter Movement is happening because Black people want to kill police officers.

Nothing could be further from the truth. We must say "Black lives matter" to remind ourselves in this society that has dehumanized and criminalized us, that we do, in fact, matter, that we deserve better than what we have gotten in this country that we helped build.

Yes, the attention has concentrated on state-sanctioned violence meted out against Black people by police officers and vigilantes, with none of the offenders being held accountable. Black people - many of them innocent of any crime - have been hauled in front of all-White juries and unsympathetic White judges, made to pay for crimes they did not commit and for which they should never have been arrested. White violence against Black people has

largely been supported by law enforcement - from the destruction of entire cities, including Tulsa, Oklahoma and Rosewood, Fla., to the terrorist attacks on Black lives and property by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, many members of which were White law enforcement officers.

Just recently I read the book Blood Done Sign My Name by Timothy Tyson, which recounted the murder of Henry Marrow in Oxford, N.C. in 1970 by three White men. The entire town knew the men who had been accused of the murder were guilty, but they were acquitted, and a town full of Black people was left to try to lick its wounds and carry on. It was clear that Marrow's life didn't matter, and neither did theirs. That kind of injustice has been the history of Black people.

But it hasn't just been injustice within the justice system that has told us that our lives do not matter. Any reading of Jonathan Kozol's books, describing the conditions of public schools in urban areas, leaves one breathless seeing and reading about how bad it is for little Black children, in schools that often have little to no heat in the winter, no air in the summer, second-hand books, no computers or old ones at best ...One's heart breaks as Kozol, who was a teacher in these schools, tells the stories of what it is like to be a Black kid in America.

Health care for Black people is often substandard, with physicians often giving less than enthusiastic and complete attention to those who can afford health care, forcing many to end up in emer-

gency rooms staffed by young White wanna-be doctors who hold just as many misperceptions of Black people as many police officers. Black people are not given the same level of care for chronic diseases such as heart disease and diabetes. A former member of my church years ago went to the hospital for a stomach ailment and was sent home with strong psychotropic drugs. My own daughter, afflicted with food poisoning, was prescribed a blood thinner in a Detroit hospital.

Our neighborhoods do not have good play spaces for our children, an unfortunate reality because parents are often working two, three jobs to make ends meet and are not home and the result is a lot of crime caused by restless, young, inquisitive children who have nothing else to do but be on the streets and seek a "family" there.

It's not just our experiences with police.

One of my biggest beefs is to hear anti-abortion proponents say they are "pro-life." I shudder because many to most of these activists are White, middle-class women who do not care a hill of beans about a fetus carried to term, and especially if that fetus comes from a Black mother. They do not care that these children are headed for lives of poverty and pain, with inadequate education, food, health care and access to justice. Those things are what make life worth living; the pro-lifers do not, cannot or will not make that connection.

We have to say "Black lives matter" to remind ourselves that complacency and acquiescence to injustice is not an option. The phrase is

a phrase of self-affirmation, just as much as was the phrase, 'Black is beautiful' in a world and society that had designated anything that was not Eurocentric as being deficient and inferior.

A few activists might be heard on the streets saying, "kill the pigs," but they are very few. It feels like more kids - and mostly White ones at that - said "kill the pigs" during the student unrests of the 60s. No, these Black Lives Matter activists are fighting for their rightful place. They are saying that Black LGBTQ lives matter, that Black children matter, that Black women matter, that the health, education and welfare of Black people matters just as much as for White people. It is a cry against racism and state-sanctioned violence against Black people, for sure, but it is also a statement of strength and self-affirmation. Rev. Susan K Smith is an ordained minister who lives in Columbus, Ohio. She is the author of several books, including "Crazy Faith: Ordinary People; Extraordinary Lives" and "The Book of Jeremiah: The Life and Ministry of Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. She is available to preach or do keynote addresses. Reach her by emailing revsuekim@sbcglobal.net

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Community Briefs

Each participant will receive a copy of the workshop descriptions to submit along with the Certificate. Email Georgia Mastroianni at georgia@cameronartmuseum.org for additional information.

The New Hanover County Lupus Foundation Support Group meets on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00pm in Classroom D, Service Level, NHRMC. There is no charge to attend the meeting, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact the LFANC at info@lupusnc.org or at 877-849-8271, ext. 1. For more information, visit www.lupusnc.org.

The Williston Senior High Class of '61 will have its August monthly meeting on Sunday, August 28th (Fourth Sunday) at Mount Olive AME Church Fellowship Hall (1001 S. 7th Street) at 4:00 pm. The focus will be on wrapping up the planning for our reunion to celebrate the 55th anniversary of our graduation. All graduates are invited to participate in the meeting, as well as others who were "on track" with us at Williston but graduated from somewhere else. The reunion will begin on September 3rd - just 5 days after the meeting. Also, they extend a special invitation to out-of-town classmates who are in Wilmington on the 28th.

The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SEAHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, 17th Street, Wilmington, NC. Invited are men - and their partners - who are newly diagnosed and researching treatments, those previously treated, those who are experiencing a recurrence, and those who are undergoing advanced treatment for prostate cancer. Support is available from those previously treated and formal programs and literature supply information about all stages of prostate cancer and recovery.

Columbus County

The Town of Sandyfield will hold its 19th Annual Parade and Fun Day Celebration on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 11:00 am. The parade line up will begin at 10:00 am at the intersection of Hoover Road and Bowen-Blanks Drive. The Fun Day will continue at Sandyfield Town Park located at 1811 Woodyard Road, Riegelwood. There will be food, games, bounce houses, water slides, vendors, and more. Please contact the Town of Sandyfield for additional information, (910) 655-9877.

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HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Keep up with happenings near and far

Sunrise in the morning is the beginning of a new day that no one has ever seen before. Good news and bad news can happen at the same time.

There will always be very poor and hungry people in our country and the world. Some will need clothes and food in our neighborhoods. There are times when those who may have accumulated extra food might like to share with poor families or give a sandwich to a homeless person who is looking for help. Our parents and grandparents used to

say, "Give to the world the best you have, and good things will come back to you."

Greetings! The 18th Caesar Evans Family Reunion was held in Bolivia, North Carolina on August 6, 2016. It is again that time of year when we were eager to fellowship with one another as a family. Friday, August 5, 2016, was a time of meeting and greeting at Thunder - Alley in Leland, and on Saturday, August 6, the reunion was held at Town Creek Park. On Sunday, August 7, our reunion morning worship service was held at Friendship Holiness Church, and Apostle Karen L. Evans was the speaker. As a part of her message, she told of the sickness and passing of her husband. She made it very clear how we can over-

come hardships in present day situations. Immediately following the morning service, we met at Town Creek, where dinner was served. Our family choir performed at both the morning and afternoon services. Bishop Varnie Fullwood also delivered a message for the day.

We do not forget very large gatherings like the Caesar Evans Family reunion. There were many relatives and friends from various areas in North Carolina, as well as from other states, such as Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, South Carolina and many others. This was the 18th Reunion, and it is held every two years. We were very happy to have the two oldest members of the Evans Family, Mrs. Sadie Dennis, 96 years old, of

Berlin, Maryland, and Mrs. Goldie Mae Evans, 99 years old, of Bolivia, NC.

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.



Verniece Stanley

Mrs. Theresa Walker celebrates 95th birthday



MRS. THERESA WALKER

On August 6, 2016, Mrs. Theresa Walker was recognized and surprised by her son Frank Eng, daughter-in-law Kim and her son John Eng with three dozen of red roses and a beautiful birthday cake during her Miller, Moore, Williams family reunion at Crowne Plaza Hotel in

Charleston, S. C.

The family surrounded her and sang Happy Birthday to her and she was filled with tears of joy. As of today, August 18, 2016 she is 95 years old.

God bless you and we wish you many, many more. We love you. The Family

McNeill-Jackson upcoming nuptials



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LAUREN N. MCNEILL AND KARL T. JACKSON

Ms. Renita Whidbee McNeill of Wilmington, North Carolina, is pleased to announce the upcoming nuptials of her daughter, Lauren Nicole McNeill, to Karl Thomas Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. and Brenda S. Jackson of Petersburg, Virginia. Lauren is the granddaughter of Mrs. Louise T. Whidbee and the late Jerry Whidbee, Jr. of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and Mrs. Louise G. McNeill and the late Willie McNeill of Raeford, North Carolina, and daughter of Kenneth McNeill of Raeford, North Carolina. Karl is the grandson of the late Charlie W. and Lillie R. Stone of South Hill, Virginia, and the late James W. and Ruth G. Jackson of Danville, Virginia.

Lauren graduated with honors from East Carolina University in 2009 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice and with

honors from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2015 with a M.Ed. in Counselor Education-College Student Development. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Higher Education at Old Dominion University and is employed at Virginia Commonwealth University as an Academic Advisor and Instructor.

Karl (Dr. Jackson) is a 2006 graduate of Virginia State University with a B.S. in Chemistry. In 2011, he received a PhD in Chemistry from Virginia Commonwealth University and is now an Associate Professor of Chemistry at Virginia Union University.

Lauren's church home is Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. An August 27, 2016, wedding is planned in Wilmington, North Carolina, to be held at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Drive at 1:00 p.m.

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54th McNeill Family Reunion



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The McNeill family in front of McNeill Circle that was dedicated in memory of Willie B. McNeill, Sr., and Maggie F. McNeill on July 25, 2015.

BY LILLYE MCNEILL DUMAS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Willie B. and Maggie Fairley McNeill Family held its 54th family reunion July 21-24 2016 in Maxton, North Carolina. They were thrilled and thankful for the many family members and friends who attended.

The site was at the home place of the parents at 720 West Cottingham Street Maxton, NC. It was hosted by a grandson and his family, Rev. and Mrs. Warren McNeill from Wales, Pennsylvania. Wanda and Ashley were there and administered the program for the reunion.

On Friday they fellowshiped and dined at Fullers' Restaurant in Lumberton.

More than one hundred friends and relatives attended. There were several first time relatives in attendance. One grandson, David McNeill, son of the late John Walter McNeill, from Akron, Ohio and his fiancé were outstanding. David said he was thrilled and happy meeting his relatives and being back at his grandparents' home again. He noted that his gift from his grandmother Maggie was a homemade quilt, which he treasured.

The food was delicious. It was prepared by a nephew, Curtis McNeill and he family from Maxton, NC. Gifts were given. The children played water games and the adults joined in. It was so hot that they were glad to have a touch of water. They also played

basketball "Shots".

Time well spent. Although many could not stay for worship on Sunday at the home church, Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church, because of the death of a nephew, Scottie in New York. They had to return to New York early but made a donation to the church and solicited the prayers for a safe return for all. (Yes, all the families returned home safely.)

The oldest member in attendance was Sarah Jane McNeill McEachin. Another sister Estella McNeill Taylor who lives in Plainfield, NJ was not able to attend. Bertha Holmes McNeill wife of the late John Walter McNeill was unable to attend. A nephew Dr. Roy Jamison

traveled the farthest from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The family awarded \$1,100.00 in scholarship to three family members who will attend these Universities: Fayetteville State University, Howard University, and Florida A&M University. One student Artice Lee Holland is presently attending Florida A&M for the summer. He is the grandson of Lillye M. Dumas.

Again it is always great to be home. The theme of the reunion was "New Vines From Strong Roots". Special thanks to Reverend Warren McNeill, nephew and his family, wife Wanda, daughter, Ashley and greetings from their son Sterling McNeill, for a reunion well done and enjoyable.



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The Broken Chain

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You did not go alone. For part of us went with you The day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories, Your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you,

You are always at our side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one,

The chain will link again.

We miss you dearly, Wife, Mrs. Gerlene Brown; children, Cheryl Smith (Dennis), Marilyn Troy (Carnell), James Brown, Jr. (Denise), Michael Brown (Peggy), Carl Beatty (Sheila). God sent daughter Latisha "Precious" Martin (Kenny) God sent son Anthony Ballard, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends

Janie Walker

Janie Walker died August 3rd at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Kingdom Hall, Leland, NC.

Janie Ernestine Hunter Walker was born July 31, 1931 to the late Agustus and Lottie Dean Hamilton Hunter of Wilmington, North Carolina. She graduated from Williston Senior High School and became a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses in the late 1940's. She then traveled to New York City, New York, where she resided from 1956 until 1980. Earnestine met and married George Walker of Masonboro Sound. She was the last of eight children: Agustus, Bernice, Preston, Lewis, Margaret, Verneda and James, her twin brother.

She will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

David Faulk, Jr.

David Faulk, Jr. died August 4th at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 10, 2016 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.

David was born on October 16, 1944 to the union of David Faulk, Sr. and Mabel Nixon Faulk in Chadbourn, North Carolina. David was educated in the Columbus County School System. He was joined in marriage to Ivory Mae White Faulk and to this union they were blessed with five children. He was employed with the North Carolina State Ports until his health declined. In addition, he had several businesses through the years that he owned and operated. David was a gentle man of few words who touched the lives of those he encountered with his generosity and his wisdom. He will be missed dearly by family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Daniel Faulk of Whiteville, NC and Robert Maulsby of Chadbourn, NC; sisters, Mary Liza Garner of Whiteville, NC, Katie Collins of Clarkton, NC, Girlie Bell Frink, Chadbourn, NC; uncle, Richard Peacock of Chadbourn, NC; three special brothers, Talmadge Pearce, Otto Green, Charles Green; special nephews, James Lawson, Jr. of Raleigh, NC, James Arthur Lawson of Hawaii, Eugene Faulk of Whiteville, NC; brother-in-law, Dennis Monroe (Sue) of Alexandria, VA; sisters-in-law, Helen Campbell, Bronx, NY, Marsha White, Wilmington, NC; 22 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of relatives and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Thurmon Pellom

Thurmon Pellom died August 6th at Liberty Commons. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Christian Hope Christian Church, Leland,

NC.

Thermon Murray Pellom, also known as "Punkin" and "Slim", was born on May 22, 1947, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was the son of Laddie Cooper Pelham and the late Rev. Ervin L. Pelham. Thermon was educated in the Brunswick County Public School System. He graduated from Lincoln High School in the Class of 1965. After graduation, he moved to Washington, DC, where he resided for forty years. He was employed as a Service Technician with various relocation providers, where he traveled the east coast extensively. Thermon loved his work and he was passionate about music and dancing. He was an avid TV watcher and enjoyed all sports. Thermon was a loving person and loved everyone.

In addition to his father, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Charles Pelham and sister, Barbara P. Royster. He leaves to cherish precious memories: his son, Jerald Hill (Deidre) of Wilmington, NC; his daughter, Shaye Malone of Danville, VA; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild of Wilmington, NC; his mother, Laddie Cooper Pelham of Castle Hayne, NC; three sisters, Elder Brenda P. Thomas of Leland, NC, Anita P. Blackwell of Washington, DC and Deborah P. Mapson (Daryl) of Raleigh, NC; five brothers, Rev. Dr. Otis Pelham (Orine) of Saint Pauls, NC, Samuel Pellom (Sharon) of Atlanta, GA, Richard Pellom (Carol) of Washington, DC, Van Pellom of Raleigh, NC and George Cooper of Leland, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including a special friend, Sylvester Webb of Delco, NC. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Candace Mayo

Candace Mayo died Sunday, August 7th. Services were held Friday, August 12, 2016 at Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Candace was a sweet and kind-hearted person. She loved her family and friends deeply, which isn't surprising since she was a deep young lady. She had very close and unbreakable bonds that she shared with friends, that she considered sisters and brothers, that she met and grew up with, when moving to Wilmington, North Carolina in 2005. Candace loved her God Jehovah and believed in the hope of a resurrection to a paradise earth. Candace loved children and attended Cape Fear College where she was pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Development. She was able to work in her field of study at "Kids & Company" and "Training Up A Child" Daycare Centers. Candace had a light-hearted innocence, an infectious smile with deep dimples, a comforting spirit and was great at making you laugh with her jokes. She always had a listening ear, great advice and the best hugs. She will be missed by so many people

who loved her dearly.

Candace is loved by: her mother, Lisa Davis; her fathers, Joe Mayo (Angela) and Derrick Davis, Sr.; sisters, Bryanna, Tia, Candace and Lashana; brothers, Matthew, Dorian, Steven, Joe and Derrick Jr.; her grandmothers, Mary and Eleanor; her great-grandmother, Mammie Mayo; a whole bunch of family and friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Thelma M. Vincent

Thelma M. Vincent died Saturday, August 6, 2016 in Ft. Washington, MD. Funeral services were held Sunday, August 14, 2016 at Ephesus SDA Church.

Thelma Margaret Vincent was born August 16, 1932 to Maggie and Robert Bowden in Wilmington, NC. She was one of eight children, five of whom preceded her in death: Ruth, Etta, Mae, Blanche, Clayton and Curley Mae. A special great-grandchild, Jeffrey Henry, Jr. also preceded her in death. Margaret attended school in Wilmington, NC at Williston High School and business school in New York City. As a young adult, she began her religious journey at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church along with her siblings. After living several years in Goldsboro, NC, Raleigh, NC, and the Philippines, she returned to Wilmington and was a faithful employee of EI DuPont. After heeding God's call to return to her faith and become a dutiful servant, she relocated to Hartland Institute where she lived and worked until her health began to fail. As strong and independent as she was, Margaret yielded when her daughters insisted that it was time they needed to have her with them.

Left to cherish her memory and celebrate her life are: two daughters, Doris Swann (James) of Fort Washington, MD and Lena "Bay Bay" of Wilmington, NC; one sister, Janie Shaw of Wilmington, NC; one brother, Robert Bowden, Jr. and a beloved cousin, Josie James, also of Wilmington,; six grandchildren: Chaun, Ingrid, Michelle, Tia, Keshia and Paris; eight great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, dear friends. She always expressed a lot of love for the members of her church, Capitol Free Seventh Day Adventist Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Roderick Jinwright

Roderick Jinwright died August 10, 2016 at NHRMC. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Union Missionary Baptist Church. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Etta Hamilton

Etta Hamilton died Sunday, August 14th at home. Funeral services will be 2:00 pm Sunday, August 21st at Mt. Calvary MB Church. A

Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.

Infant Kaden Evans

Infant Kaden Evans son of Kenyetta Pollock and Tore' Evans died August 11, 2016. Graveside services will be 11:00 am Thursday, August 18, 2016 at Greenlawn. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Katherine L. Johnson

Katherine L. Johnson, age 90, First Lady of First Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey (1970 - 2006) passed away at home Saturday, August 6, 2016 surrounded by her loving family.

Katherine was born on December 29, 1925 in Paducah, Kentucky to Hugh Stancil and Katie Lawrence (Hurt) Osborne. Katherine attended Lincoln High School in Paducah, Kentucky and graduated in 1943. Immediately after high school, she attended Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina where she earned a B.S. in Education in 1947. During her time at Benedict College, she was a founding chapter member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. During her junior year at Benedict College she met her soulmate, Robert H. Johnson, and they were married on March 29, 1948.

After graduating from college the newlyweds moved to Newark, New Jersey to join the rest of her husband's extended family. Katherine's thirst for knowledge lead her to continue her education and earn a MS in special education from Kean College in Union, New Jersey. Katherine began her career as a Special Ed teacher at Charlton Street School and Louise A. Spencer Elementary School until she retired in 1986. She served as

first lady of First Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church from 1970-2006, and was an active member in the Women's Guild mentoring young women in the church. Katherine was a devoted and active member of the Delta Sigma Theta, North Jersey Alumnae Chapter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Johnson, her parents, Hugh Stancil Osborne and Katie Lawrence Osborne, three brothers Hugh Osborne Jr., Edward Osborne, and Millard Osborne.

Katherine is survived by her loving and devoted daughters, Caprice L. Johnson and Robin L. Bennett of Wilmington, N.C.,

two grandchildren, Mia Nicole Johnson and Benjamin Everett Bennett, one son-in-law, Benjamin F. Bennett, two sisters-in-law, Thelma Osborne of Cambridge, MA and Bernice Johnson. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhome-nc.com.*

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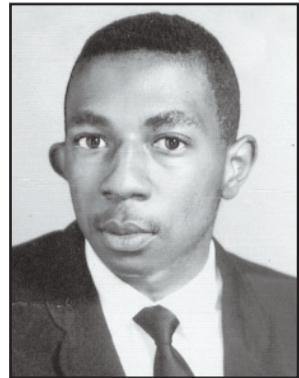
James Albert Green, Sr.
Sunrise: August 10, 1929
Sunset: February 2, 2012

Missing you Dad on your birthday

Dad we loved you and still do but God loved you more. Even though you are not here to celebrate your special day with us, we know you are looking down on us. God has you to handle his yard work and Aunt Nora to do his cooking. Even though you had to leave us, we never let a day go by without you in or on our minds and hearts. Dad continue to rest in paradise and Happy 87th Birthday Daddy.

We love you,
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Vivian and grandkids

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Archie Marvin Saunders
Sunrise: April 17, 1948
Sunset: August 19, 2005

He left a wife Beverly M. Saunders his absence is a silent grief A sorrow too great to be told, but to me who loved him, his memory will never grow old. Remembering you always

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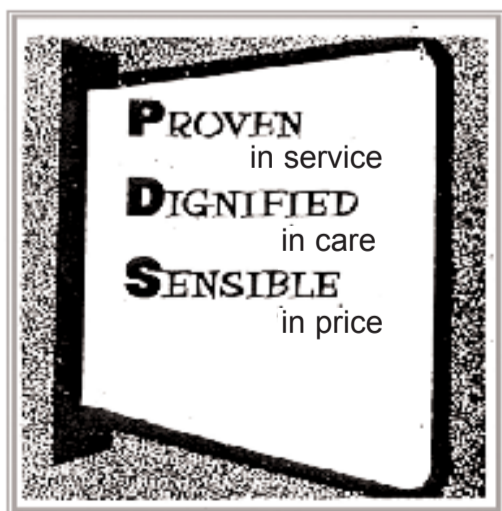
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New Hanover County

Chords Across America Gospel Ministries, 1020 Rankin St., will hold a Sunday evening service with Elder Tommie Carr and The Lord's Church of Wilmington on Sunday, August 21st at 4:00 pm and on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 pm with Pastor Pearl Marshburn of The Soul Saving Station.

Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1119 S. 4th St., will hold their 2016 Annual Men's Day "Men of Faith" on Sunday, August 21st. The 11:00 am speaker will be Pastor Lorenzo Edge and the 4:00 pm speaker will be Pastor Stephen Bradley of Ekklesia United Holy Church. Men's workshops will be held Saturday, August 20th at 9:00 am.



Religious Briefs

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 801 S. 10th St., will hold their annual revival from Wednesday, August 24th - Friday, August 26th at 7:00 pm nightly. Revival speaker will be Rev. Joseph Clark of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Bellville, NC.

Myrtle Grove First Born Holiness Church, 6601 Carolina Beach Rd., will hold their Pastor and Lady Taylor's Appreciation on Friday, August 26th at 7:00 pm with guest Pastor James Malloy of Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church; Saturday, August 27th at 6:00 pm with guests, The Howard Family, life Changing Ministry Praise Team and Myrtle Grove Men's Choir and others and on Sunday, August 28th at 4:00 pm with guest Bishop Tommy Nesbitt of Christian Hope Christian Church. For more information please call 910-200-4648.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 600 Grace St., will be holding their Free Brown Bag Lunch Series on August 13th, August 27th, September 24, October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th (Thanksgiving Dinner 11:30 am- 2:00 pm) and December 3rd from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

St. Phillip A.M.E. Zion Church, 2913 Acorn Branch Rd. in the Wrightsboro Community will celebrate their Annual Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, August 21st at 3:30pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Theresa Holmes, pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church along with her choir and congregation from the Rock Hill Community. For additional information, you may contact Ashley Hall @ (910) 540-4250, Aimee Brown 910-368-3605, Dentrail Boykin @ (910) 675-0092 or Catherine Cooper 910-540-4477.

St. Stephen AME Church The Kingman Men's Choir will celebrate their anniversary with songs of old and new. Featuring visiting choirs in and around the Wilmington area. The program will be held on Sunday, August 21st at 4:00 p.m.

Bladen County

The Baldwin Branch Missionary Baptist Church women are sponsoring a conference, "Women With A Vision". The weekday services begin at 7:00 p.m. Conference speakers are Wednesday, August 17th Apostle Andria Weeks pastor of Greater Works Church of Deliverance Ministries; Pinehurst NC; Thursday, August 18 Pastor Pia Jessup of White Oak; Friday, August 19 Pastor Tracy Troy from Victory in Jesus Ministries; Whiteville NC and Sunday morning, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Cheryl Moore of Zion Temple Church; Durham NC. Baldwin Branch is located at 4047 NC 242 South; Elizabethtown NC. Rev. Dr. Louie Boykin is the pastor.

Brunswick County

Church Builders of Brunswick County & Walk Into Your Inheritance Outreach Ministries will hold a free food and clothing giveaway on Saturday, August 20th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at 2072 Longwood Rd., NW, Ash, NC.

Moore's Chapel AMEZ will be holding their Homecoming on August 21st. Rev. Henry Gregory and St. Andrews AMEZ will be the guest.

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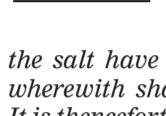
"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour (flavor) wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men." Matthew 5:13

Salt - A substance that is put on food, both as a seasoning and as a preservative.

Preservative - Something used to keep from decaying or spoiling

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying." **Matthew 5:1,2**

Sylvia Hooper



"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men." Verse 13

When Jesus took the time to sit down and teach his followers the basic principles of true discipleship, he let them know that it would require obedience, determination, dedication, and sacrifice. If they were going to follow in his footsteps, make disciples and evangelize the world, the

resulting change in their lives, would be in comparison to "salt".

Salt is a natural seasoning and also a preservative. Christians whose lives have been changed and whose speech has been seasoned with salt have the power to make this world a better place! Jesus referred to his disciples as the "salt of the earth", literally and spiritually meaning that the earth in which we live can benefit from our very presence in it. We are in the world, but not of the world! Salt in a natural state is also a cleanser and a multipurpose product. Salt is good.

Christians who have been seasoned and salted by Christ, can be used in so many ways to impact and improve our society. Our homes, churches and communities will be better places to live because of "seasoned" and salted saints. Salt is good.

Jesus Christ let them know that the lives they lived and the choices they made would determine whether or not they were profitable or not for the kingdom of God. The sermons that Jesus taught his disciples back then, still apply to his disciples today. In order to affect

change around us, there must be change in us. There must be sacrifice! In order to qualify as a disciple (follower) of Christ, one must be willing to forsake his own ways and his own thoughts. On the other hand, the lack of commitment to the cause of Christ, will render our witness for the Lord of none effect, and to be trodden under the foot of men. In other words, if we lose our "salt", not only will we be despised and rejected, but we will also be disrespected.

If each of us would dare to examine ourselves in the mirror of the Word of God to see if we still have the "salt" that is necessary to rescue the perishing and comfort the dying, what a greater impact we would have on the state of affairs in the nation and the world today! It is time out to point the finger at others in the Body of Christ, and play the blame game for what is going on in our world today. If we really want to make things better, we have got to focus on the man or woman in the mirror!!!! When we take the time to teach others what Jesus taught his disciples, souls will be saved, healed, set free and delivered.

When we dare to be different and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with family, friends, and neighbors, we will soon and see the fruit of our labor. Then, we must take the time to give God the glory, for the great things he has done, because without him, we could do nothing. Without Christ, we would have no salt! Salt is good! 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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Abbie Fogle

Abbie Pierce Fogle was born on October 16, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pierce of Wilmington, NC. On Sunday, August 7, 2016, Most High whispered to Abbie and said, "Come To Me, I have a special place for your eternal rest." She was 101 years old.

Her parents, husband, 4 brothers, 2 sisters, 2 sons, a daughter-in-law, and son-in-law preceded her in death.

She attended New Hanover Public Schools System and continued her education at North Carolina Teachers College which is now known, as Winston Salem State

University where she earned a BA in Special Education. She taught in New Hanover Public Schools with special needs children for 30 years until she retired. She was also the President of Parent Teacher Association.

She joined St. Stephen AME Church at an early age and attended church until she was not physically able to but she was a faithful member until death. Abbie, will always be remembered for her picnic basket that she would bring to church every Sunday. She served as the Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Church Secretary, Class Leader and was a member of the Senior Choir.

She was an active member in the following organiza-

tions: The Senior Citizens Fellowship, League of Women Voters and was the Secretary for Voter Registration. Abbie leaves to cherish her memory one daughter, Norma Fogle Walker (late Isaac) of Henderson, NC. Her legacy includes five grandsons Ivan Walker, Sr. and Byron Walker of Henderson, NC, Lance Fogle and Eric Fogle of New York and Pastor Myron Henderson Sr. (Felicia) of Wake Forest, NC; four granddaughters, Sandra Scott and Melinda Walker of Raleigh, NC, Stephanie Fogle and Felicia Fogle of New York, thirteen great-grandchildren, 14 great great-grandchildren. One sister-in-law, Jeanette Pierce, one special nephew, Robert Priggen who visited Abbie every week at the nurs-

ing home and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

Thelma Ernestine Hill

Thelma E. Hill, age 80, of Leland, passed away Monday, August 8, 2016. Funeral services were held Monday, August 15, 2016 at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.

The National Black Church Initiative launches voter registration and education drive in 11 battleground states for Black faith voters

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Goal is to increase turn out by an additional 5%

Washington, DC - The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI), a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African Americans, in a progressive move NBCI ministers and churches will focus its efforts during this presidential election on eleven battleground states with the focus of turning out African American faith voters. Those states are: Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin.

In Michigan alone there are 239,431 unregistered African American voters, in Florida there are 398,710, in Ohio there are 256,000, in Pennsylvania there are 204,036, in Virginia there are 268,091 and in North

Carolina there are 409,323. In all eleven states the National Black Church Initiative intends to increase the African American registered voter turnout rate by 5%. For example in Colorado the black turnout rate was 66%. We plan to increase that number to 71%.

It is very clear in this election that voters of all stripes are engaged. NBCI's goal will be working with our tradition coalition of turning out black voters in all 50 states, but we will pay particular attention to black voters in the eleven states that may decide this election.

There are approximately 6 million African Americans who are eligible to vote but don't vote. This effort by the National Black Church Initiative is to persuade those Black unregistered voters in the states mentioned above that this election counts and they must vote according to their Christian faith.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the NBCI says,

"I'm excited about this election for a lot of reasons. We have been working for the past two years in the eleven states to bolster our black faith voters. Many will suspect that we are part of a coalition of conservative white voters and that would be a mistake. Black faith voters are Christians who are registered to vote to make sure that their religious liberty will be respected as we go forth in a very complex post-gay marriage era. We plan to vote to protect our families and our way of worship."

The Associated Press is out with a study of the 2012 election concluding that the black voter turnout rate exceeded the white turnout rate for the first time. It's almost certainly true that black turnout was higher than white turnout last fall — but that also was true in 2008.

The National Black Church Initiative is a nonprofit organization and does not endorse any political candidate.

Evans states, "We are in no one's pocket, but this is a cru-

cial year and we intend to make our voices heard."

ABOUT NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. Our methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

NBCI's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.nalt.blackchurch.com.

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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alice Grace Rouse Carroll**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **28th day of October, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of July, 2016

Derrick Carroll, Executor
4509 Kings Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Margaret Foy Lewis**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **21st day of October, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of August, 2016

Calvin Everette Lewis, Jr., Executor of the Estate of Margaret Foy Lewis
1121 Essex Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the estate of **Andrea McCray**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **4th day of November, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 4th day of August, 2016

Nakeia Anderson, Administratrix
1209 North 26th Street
Wilmington, NC 28405

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Maria Dela Luz Patino**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of November, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of August, 2016

Maria G. Patino, Administrator
Po Box 367962
Bonita Springs, FL 34136

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

In Re The Estate of **NORBERT ARCHULETA, Deceased**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **NORBERT ARCHULETA**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **11/14/2016** -- or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

On this day, August 11, 2016.

Phyllis Archuleta and Rebecca Kopf, Personal Representative
c/o The Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC
by Jason Vaughn, Attorney for the Personal Representative
4932 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403-5264

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alice Grace Rouse Carroll**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **28th day of October, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of July, 2016

Derrick Carroll, Executor
4509 Kings Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 28, August 4, 11, 18, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of **ODILE MARIE LANE**, Deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, corporations and/or other legal entities having claims against the estate to present them to the undersigned at the address given below on or before **11/07/2016** or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

On this day, August 4, 2016.

Mark Robin Lane and Cindy Jo Lane Watts,
Co-Personal Representatives
c/o The Law Office of Jason Vaughn, PLLC
by Jason Vaughn, Attorney for the Personal Representative
4932 Oleander Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Betty Schupp** (16-E-1102), late of 2831 Myrtle Grove Road, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 18, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 10th day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Betty Schupp
Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-815-0085

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
BEFORE THE CLERK
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF: Darrel Smith Decedent.

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Darrel Smith**, late of 4507 Split Rail Drive, Wilmington, New Hanover County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 616 Princess Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, on or before the **2nd day of October, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of July, 2016

Barbara A. Fitzsimmons, Personal Representative of the Estate of Darrel Smith
Russell D. Nugent, Attorney
616 Princess Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-332-0721

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Carroll King** (16-E-697), late of 4639 McClelland Drive, Q103, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 19, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 2nd day of August, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator of the Estate of Carroll King
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701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **John L. Bate**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of November, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of August, 2016

Karen G. Bate, Executrix of the Estate of John L. Bate
1812 Trey Court
Wilmington, NC 28403
Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
16 North Fifth Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Roy Houston Hobbs**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **18th day of November, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of August, 2016

Melodee H. Wayne and Leigh H. Murray, Executrix of the Estate of Roy Houston Hobbs
701 Wellstown Rd.
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16 North Fifth Avenue
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August 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2016

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Elizabeth Rouse (16-E-871)**, late of 1617 Princess Street, New Hanover County, Wilmington, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **November 6, 2016** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of July, 2016

Charlotte Noel Fox, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Elizabeth Rouse
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701 Market Street
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910-815-0085

August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Alexander Sloan, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of November, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of August, 2016

Alexander Sloan III, Executor
105 Edgewater Club Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28411

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Susan Blanton Johnson**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **11th day of November, 2016**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of August, 2016

Wiley C. Johnson, Administrator
5010 Birds View Ct.
Castle Hayne, NC 28429

August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 2016

ENTERTAINMENT

Cash in
the Apple
By
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HANG ON! I know what the poll are saying regarding the presidential contest - that if the election were held this week, it would be Hillary in a wash over Trump in what's shaping up to be a major landslide. That's what all of the indicators seem to point to.

Here's the problem - the election is not this week, but rather three months away. That is a literal lifetime in politics, where events can change on a dime and anything can happen that can change what seemed to be a certain future.

That's why if there's one thing this, or any election for that matter should teach you, it's that the smart people take nothing for granted. When things happen too fast... and go too smoothly, that's the time to duck, because in life, there's always a catch. Watch what I say....when Election Day finally comes, this presidential election will be every bit the nail biter with surprises galore.

That's why, no matter who your candidate is, best to put the hard work in now, and know that you left nothing to chance, because what you do, or don't do is ultimately going to show itself on Election Day.

FIGHTING THE PRESS - One of the things that always amuses me during elections is when the candidates decide that they want to fight the news media instead of each other. It always ends up being a losing proposition, because

one way or another, your friendly neighborhood newspaper of TV station is going to have the last word.

Normally, when political candidates want to square off with the press instead of each other, that tells me they have something to hide, and they need to come up with misdirection in order to throw everyone off the scent for GOD sakes. Always ask yourself, when a candidate feels the need to come after the press with all abandon, what is he hiding? What's he trying to protect? Why won't he just answer questions straight-away without so much dancing around the facts?

You see, the answers to those questions usually reveal a much, much juicier story that has nothing to do with the economy or affordable healthcare or any number of important issues.

Instead, the answers may indeed point to a more important truth, like why this person who seems so, so good at rhetorical dodge ball may actually not be fit for public office to begin with.

Trust me - the harder they fight the press, the bigger that something is they just don't want you to know about them.

Trust me, it never fails. *Cash in the Apple - honored as the Best Column Writing of 2006 by the National Newspaper Publishers Association. Columnist Cash Michaels was also honored by the NNPA for Best Feature Story Journalist of 2009, and was the recipient of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP's President's Award for Media Excellence in Sept. 2011.*

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