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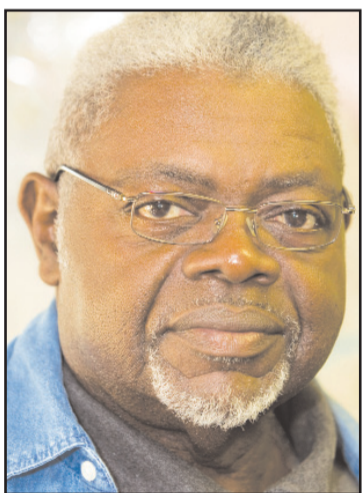
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**COUNTRY CHRISTMAS**

BY BERNEST HEWETT  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's about time again for the Christmas Holidays, and we here on the Hewett farm have begun to come together and start cleaning the big pots and outside grills for the holidays. This is a time when we all can eat and give thanks for having food and being able to have fellowship with each other. We find ourselves with some sick, some a little older, and some well, but all having food on the table and each other upon whom to lean. As most people who eat with us this time of year will tell you, we have a wide choice of foods, such as wild and domestic animals, deer, raccoon, turkey, pork, beef, apple pie, potato pie, potato salad, homemade cornbread, mustard greens, collards, rice and chicken (stewed and fried).

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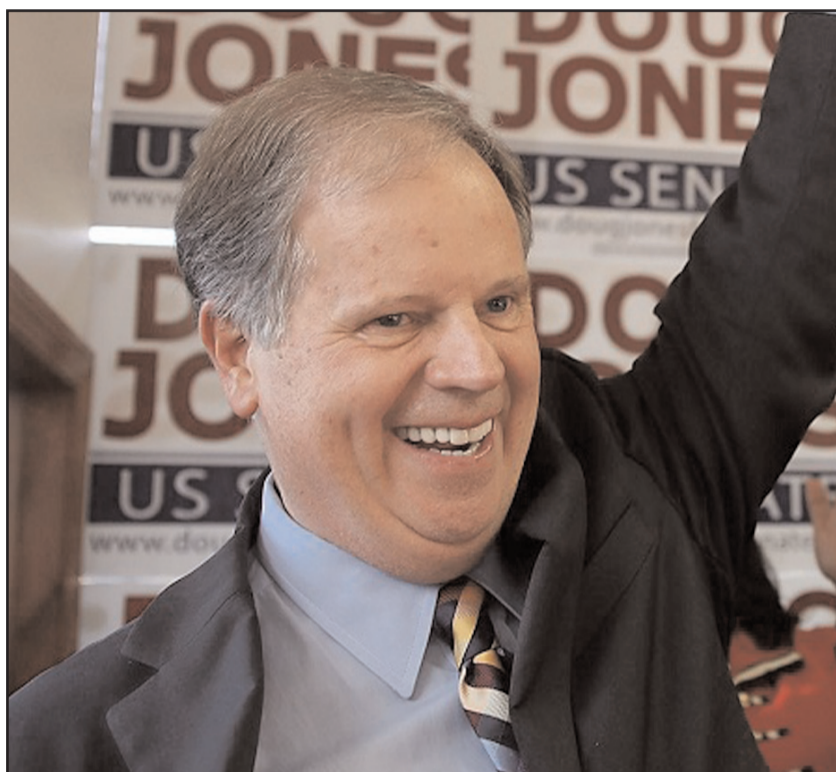
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**DEMOCRAT DOUG JONES DEFEATS REPUBLICAN ROY MOORE.**

**BLACK VOTERS PUSH JONES TO VICTORY**

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Alabama's Black voters have carried the day, pulling off a stunning victory for Democrat Doug Jones in his contentious race against Republican Roy Moore, accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls when he was in his 30s.

Moore, who also recently said America was last great during slavery, has refused to concede the Dec. 12 election, which Jones won by at least 20,715 votes (671,151-650,436). Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill says the votes will be certified between Dec. 26 and Jan. 3 and that it is "highly unlikely" that Moore will advance to win. Merrill says some overseas and military ballots will now be added, but not hardly close enough for a Moore win.

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**EXCLUSIVE**  
**Bradley Creek exec talks of "possibility of legal action"**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

In the aftermath of last week's shocking controversy involving a "black mammy" Christmas calendar distributed to residents of Bradley Creek at Carolina Bay Health Center, *The Wilmington Journal*, at the invitation of Jeff Wilson, the chief operating officer of Liberty Health Management, Bradley Creek's parent company, submitted questions for him to answer about why the racist holiday calendar came about in the first place.

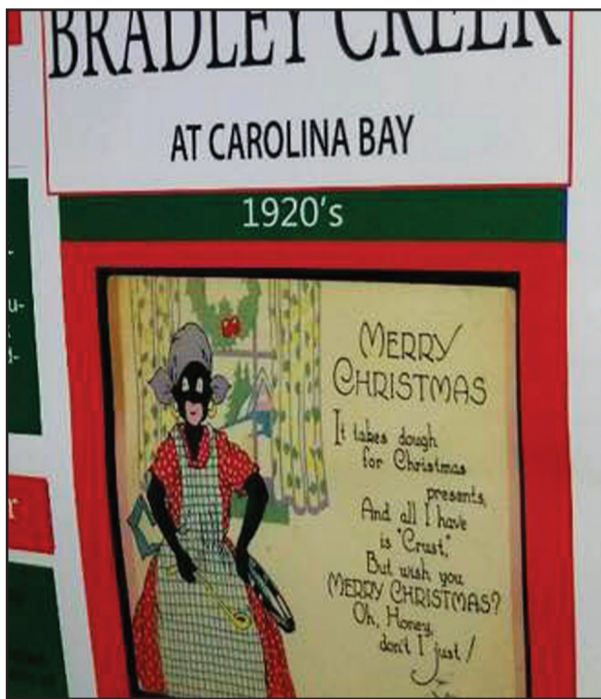
*The Journal* asked Mr. Wilson to respond to the questions by Tuesday of this week, but on Monday, Wilson forwarded the following email: "Bradley Creek has been made aware of the possibility of legal action. As a result, it would not be appropriate to provide further comment."

Wilson continued, "We acknowledge the offensive nature of this image and again sincerely apologize for its use."

Apparently, Bradley Creek is concerned that the Black former employee it "suspended until further notice" after she took a picture of the offensive calendar and gave it to the NCNAACP may sue the company for its punitive action against her.

Marvelia Jackson, who worked as a medical technician at Bradley Creek and was one of two Black staffers to complain about the "slave lady" calendar to management, forcing them to retrieve all of the calendars distributed four days after they were originally given out, may indeed have a legal case against Bradley Creek, says Attorney Irving Joyner, Chairman of the NCNAACP Legal Redress Committee.

"I surmise that Ms. Jackson has a viable employment discrimination claim for her wrongful dismissal, based on race and retaliation, for the reporting of the action of the [Activity Director] in circulating the racist poster," Joyner told *The Wilmington Journal*. "Further investigation is needed to determine if there is a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act



**CONTROVERSIAL "BLACK MAMMY" CHRISTMAS CALENDAR**

in operating an all-white nursing home which is receiving federal, and possibly state, monies."

"The NC NAACP has not been in conversation with the company and typically leaves that contact up to the local branch to flush out the facts and need for other legal or administrative actions."

That means that the New Hanover County NAACP branch is the tip of the spear in this situation. The *Journal* can confirm that representatives of the branch met with Ms. Jackson Monday and, possibly, Tuesday as well. During their press conference last Friday, NHC NAACP Chapter Pres., Deborah Dix Maxwell, declared that they were indeed investigating, and would determine if civil rights legal action was needed.

Whether that is what CCO Jeff Wilson, of Liberty Health Management, was reacting to is not clear.

Meanwhile, the Activity Director at Bradley Creek at Carolina Bay, who was responsible for the racist Christmas calendar that displayed an old image of a black mammy saying "Merry Christmas," was fired after *The Wilmington Journal* first and exclusively broke the story December 7th.

In an online message sent to *The Journal* the following evening, Jennifer Diccio Alaimo, the former Activity Director, wrote, "This is Jenny. At this time I think it best to not say anything."

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**Gov. Cooper and chief justice accept NCNAACP meeting invite**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

With the stated Dec. 15th deadline to respond looming this week, Republican legislative leaders - Senate Pro tem Phil Berger and House Tim Moore - have yet to acknowledge a Nov. 27th invitation rendered by the NCNAACP several weeks ago to meet with the civil rights group to discuss criminal justice reform and other issues.

"I have not heard from the remaining two, as was expected," Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, President of the NCNAACP told this newspaper Tuesday. "Their patterns are proven and sure."

It was Nov. 27, in a letter, when Dr. Spearman invited the heads of "the three co-equal branches of government" to meet with the NCNAACP.

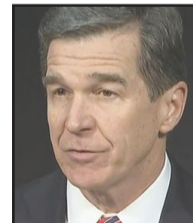
"Today, while our Nation and State are in the midst of great political turbulence, caused, at least in part, by racist voting and criminal justice policies and practices, there is a great need for honest political leaders to speak directly with each other and listen carefully across the table of civility," he wrote then.

Thus far, both Gov. Roy Cooper and NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Martin have accepted the invitations issued by Spearman.

"The N.C. Constitution provides these three co-equal branches of our government [executive, legislative, and judicial], shall operate independently, providing a system of checks and balances on each other that enhances the ability of our democracy to flourish, even in turbulent periods of change we sometimes experience as we work to create a "more perfect union" since North Carolina was founded, half slave and half-free in 1789," Dr. Spearman said in a recent statement. "These meetings will help my new leadership team get its bear-



**SPEARMAN**



**COOPER**



**MARTIN**

**Demonstrations held to spotlight and stop African slave trade in Libya**

BY FREDERICK H. LOWE

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Demonstrations recently have been held in major European cities to protest African men, women and children being sold into slavery in Libya, a practice that began after the United States and other countries overthrew Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, leaving the country ungovernable.

Nearly 4,000 individuals protested in Stockholm. Large demonstrations also have been held in London, Brussels and in Paris by men and women who are reacting to news reports of refugees and migrants passing through Libya being sold at auction into slavery.



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Bernest Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP.

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African-Americans reportedly voted for Jones with 96 percent, according to CNN, higher than the Black vote for President Barack Obama in 2012, which was approximately 92 percent. Blacks made up 29 percent of the overall vote. Whites made up 66 percent of the vote and Latinos, 3 percent. Women with children voted 66 percent for Jones.

Selma, Ala., an 80 percent Black populated hub of the civil rights movement, which was among the last to report

results, appeared to have carried Jones across the line.

"Selma, Alabama turned Alabama into a blue state," declared CNN contributor Bakari Sellers.

Those votes can largely be attributed to Black women says Melanie Campbell, president/CEO of the non-partisan National Coalition for Black Civic Participation and convener of its Black Women's Roundtable.

"Black women gave 97 percent of our vote for Doug Jones in Alabama," says Campbell. "We're not just turning out the vote. We're not just showing up at the polls. We're

leading from a grassroots perspective on up. So we have to make sure we leverage that vote, leverage that leadership. That's what we have to do as Black women. We've always been the backbone. But we don't get the credit."

Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez also gave credit to Black women, saying they voted 98 percent for Jones.

Despite Moore's refusal to give in, saying he is waiting on God, even President Donald Trump has conceded the race, sending a congratulatory Tweet after Jones victory speech Tuesday night. Trump

fought vigorously for Moore, despite the numerous sexual misconduct allegations against him. Trump, who has denied similar allegations from women, said the Republicans needed Moore's vote to maintain their razor thin, 52-vote margin in the Senate.

Meanwhile, it was clear during election returns Tuesday that Black voters would be needed for the Jones victory and that without them, he could not have won. Former President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden recorded phone calls for Jones. Basketball star and native

Alabamian Charles Barkley, a Black conservative, campaigned vigorously for him. Jones is also known as the lawyer who successfully prosecuted the two Ku Klux Klan members behind the bombing of Birmingham's 16th Street Baptist Church that killed four black girls in 1963.

The result, according to CNN, was that African-Americans voted at a level higher than they did for Barack Obama, America's first Black president, in 2012.

Barkley said in a CNN interview, "I'm just so proud of the people of Alabama for rising up."

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ings since my October election as President of the NC NAACP and help us make plans to move North Carolina forward together toward the 109 year old purpose of the NAACP, to eliminate racial discrimination and prejudice from our society."

Spearman continued, "We are delighted the leaders of two branches of the government

have accepted our request for a meeting. We will keep the public informed about these historic meetings. In the spirit of the season, we trust we will be hearing from the legislative branch soon."

The NCNAACP president added that the meetings will occur separately. "We are scheduled to meet with Justice Martin on Jan. 16, 2018," Dr. Spearman said. "The meeting with the Governor has not given us a date yet."

A reporter's inquiry was

emailed Tuesday to both Republican legislative leaders, Berger [R-Rockingham] and Moore [R-Cleveland], asking if they intend to attend the meeting with the NCNAACP in the near future, and if not, why not?

There was no answer from either Senator Berger's office or Speaker Moore's office by press time Tuesday, nor had either Republican leader responded directly to the NCNAACP.

"We are hopeful that we

will get a response to our letter by the 15th of December, but...you can mark me by this," Dr. Spearman vowed on Nov. 27th, "...that if we do not receive anything, we are geared up to move forward, as we have been doing, to do rallies, whatever needs to be done, for such a time as this".

It may not be wise for Dr. Spearman to hold his breath waiting for either Berger or Moore to respond positively, or otherwise.

In 2015, the Cleveland

County NAACP blasted Speaker Moore for alleged voter suppression, the denial of Medicaid expansion, and failure to support an increase in the minimum wage for workers.

And in 2014, the NCNAACP went after Sen. Berger for creating and airing TV ads that misrepresented voting eligibility at the polls.

Neither Berger or Moore has ever had a constructive statement about the NCNAACP, which they see as adversaries

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Alaimo was responding to a written request by online message from *The Wilmington Journal*, re-requesting an interview to get her side of the

story as to why she chose what is generally considered a demeaning old racist image to place on a Christmas calendar listing the events for senior residents for the month of December.

That calendar was distributed to residents at Bradley

Creek on December 1st and hung on display until two Black staffers saw it and complained to management about it. The calendars were then taken back from distribution of Monday, Dec. 4th.

"I heard from family members that the residents are

upset over my termination," Ms. Alaimo continued. "I am not 'thoughtless.' I will talk to you when things settle down. The residents are my first priority."

When *The Journal* acknowledged that not speaking now was her choice and that it will

be respected until such time as she is ready, Ms. Alaimo replied, "Thank you for respecting my wishes and my love for my residents. I'll be in touch soon."

At press time Tuesday, *The Journal* had not heard back from Ms. Alaimo.

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**GOV. COOPER WANTS ACA ENROLLMENT EXTENDED A WEEK**

[RALEIGH] Open enrollment for the Affordable Care Act, more commonly known as "Obamacare," is supposed to end Friday, Dec. 15th. But Gov. Roy



STATE BRIEFS

Cooper feels the period should be extended at least by a week in order for more people in need of affordable health insurance to sign-up. Cooper asked US Dept. of Health and Human Services Acting Sec. Eric Hargan to add more time so that more North Carolinians could go to www.healthcare.gov and register. The Trump Administration shortened the open enrollment period from three months to just six weeks.

North Carolina has the third largest enrollment in the federal health insurance marketplace in the country.

**FORMER WAKE REGISTER OF DEEDS INDICTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**

[RALEIGH] Laura Riddick, a Republican who served as Wake County Register of Deeds for 20 years, turned herself in to authorities this

week after she was indicted by a grand jury for embezzling over \$1million from the county office. An internal audit determined that upwards on \$1,900-a -day was taken for several years. Three other former employees at the county Deeds Office were also indicted. The State Bureau of Investigation has been investigating since March. Even though authorities have traced over a \$1 mil-

lion back to Riddick and the three former employees, the county has filed an insurance claim for \$2,333,591.30 that it says is missing.

**HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS COULD SEEM MAJOR HIKE IN HOME INSURANCE**

[RALEIGH] If you own a home in North Carolina, or even rent an apartment, prepare to pay more to protect

your property. That's because insurance companies want to raise the rate of homeowners and renters insurance by as much as 18 percent, or even more, depending on where you live. Insurance companies say they have to cover the rising costs of coverage, especially in the aftermath of a destructive hurricane season. **COMPILED BY CASH MICHAELS**

# NCDP African American Caucus gearing up for

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As with Tuesday's special election vote in Alabama or the 2016 presidential and gubernatorial contests in North Carolina, the Black vote is always key to Democratic victories. Simply put, if African-Americans vote in large numbers, Democrats win, and, if they don't, Republicans remain in charge.

Linda Wilkins-Daniels is all too familiar with this act, and that's why, now that she's been elected to a second term as President of the African-American Caucus of the NC Democratic Party (AAC-NCDP), she's rallying twenty-two chapters of the AAC-NCDP to mobilize the African-American vote to turn out for the all important 2018 midterm elections.

"The agenda of the AAC is to promote political participation and education within the African-American community," Wilkins-Daniels said, "to encourage African-Americans to seek public office, represent issues and concerns of its membership to the Democratic Party leadership, and work towards



LINDA WILKES-DANIELS

strengthening the Democratic Party."

Even in the face of the Trump Administration and its controversial policies and Republican majorities in the Congress and North Carolina legislature, Democrats believe they can possibly make tremendous headway on all electoral levels come 2018. Just this week, Gov. Roy Cooper unveiled the roster of legislative candidates who will be running for the NC General Assembly next year, and six of the candidates are women.

On top of that, former North Carolina Representative Linda Coleman has already announced that she's

running for Congress in the tough Second Congressional District, seeking to unseat incumbent Republican US Rep. George Holding, and civil rights Attorney Anita Earls is running for the NC Supreme Court.

"Qualified candidates," Wilkins-Daniels said in reaction. "We have a lot of these in the Black community."

Wilkins-Daniels is convinced that the Black vote can make all the difference in 2018, and she's making sure that the AAC-NCDP is properly gearing up to do just that. However, make no mistake. The AAC-NCDP presi-

dent is the first to maintain that the Democratic Party "...has to take a look at itself." She, along with other Black Democrats, is frustrated with examples of the party's not being loyal to it's most loyal base of supporters - African-Americans.

Indeed, as the recent mayoral race in Raleigh showed, there is clear evidence that many of the party leadership will turn its back on qualified Black candidates in favor of what are considered more bankable White candidates (in the Raleigh mayoral race, though the incumbent was an unaffiliated White female,

and her Black challenger a Democrat, prominent Democrats like former Governor Jim Hunt publicly endorsed the White unaffiliated incumbent).

Wilkins-Daniels blasted the party for that and pushed an online petition drive to have Hunt's name removed from the annual Sanford - Hunt-Frye Democratic fundraising dinner. She insists that, if Black voters are going to continue to support the Democratic Party, the party needs to stop even the appearance of taking the African-American vote for granted, deliver on its prom-

ises, and become even more inclusive in its Black candidate support.

"Or else more people will be driven away," Wilkins-Daniels warns.

Right now, thanks to numerous court cases involving redistricting, exactly how the 2018 midterm elections shape up is up in the air, but Linda Wilkins-Daniels assures that the AAC-NCDP, through Black voter issue education and Black voter mobilization, will be doing its part to take North Carolina back. "We're going to be a force to reckon with in the 2018 election," she promises.



LIBYA SLAVE MARKET

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Television camera crews photographed black men sold into slavery for \$400 and black women being sold as sex slaves. The migrants are traveling through Libya to reach Europe to find work and a better life.

London's demonstration was organized by Slavery Remembrance. Supporters said if they refuse to acknowledge what is happening in Libya, they are destined make the same mistakes when it comes to racism and slavery. The United Kingdom was the world's largest slave trader during the transatlantic slave trade. Some migrants, mostly Nigerians, Ghanaians and Gambians, are forced to work for the slave traders.

Slavery Remembrance members picketed the Libyan Embassy in London on November 26. The organization also posted #End Slavery in Libya.

The demonstrators carried signs that read "We are not slaves" and "I can't believe I'm protesting for this shit in 2017."

Celebrities from Nigeria and the United States have demanded that Libya stop its slave trade. Chris Brown, Common and T.I. have denounced Libya's slave trade.

"Heartbreaking, barbaric and unacceptable. We must

fight to end this! Speak up, spread awareness. The inhumanity must end," said television host Steve Harvey.

Slave trading began in 2011 after the United States, France and England overthrew Gaddafi.

Since the overthrow of Gaddafi, Libya has been ungovernable; the country's climate has been characterized by sporadic violent clashes by various factions. Soon after Gaddafi was murdered, militias began executing Africans living in Libya.

Hillary Clinton, President Barack Obama's Secretary of State, reportedly knew that the executions were taking place but she did not do anything about the killings.

"Probably failing to plan for the day after what I think was the right thing to do intervention in Libya," Obama told Fox News. After Gaddafi was killed, Libya fell into chaos with militias taking over and rival parliaments and governments forming.

Obama said Libya has been a mess since the fall of Gaddafi.

Singer LL Cool J said the West used its military to remove Gaddafi and that the West has a moral obligation to get Libya back on a healthy footing.

Libya is not getting all the blame for the current situation. African leaders are being urged to fix their countries to stem the flow of illegal immigration.

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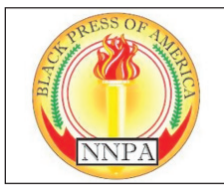


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### GUEST EDITORIAL

## When will there be zero tolerance for racism?

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Congressman John Conyers was the first politician to leave his job after the "Me Too" hash tag galvanized women to speak up about sexual misconduct, harassment and more. Too bad that impetus did not float up to the top, when an avowed grabber of women's genitals was elected to lead this country. Too bad, too, that the many members of Congress who have paid accusers out of a taxpayer-funded slush fund have not been unmasked. We know some of the names.

Texas Congressman Blake Farenthold (R) arranged to have his former communications director paid \$84,000 (a fraction of the \$27,000 Conyers is said to have paid). He has not resigned, nor have Congressional Republicans, including leader Paul Ryan (R-WI), called for his resignation. He says he will pay the money back. Right.

As a woman I am cheered by the #MeToo movement, although I am also chagrined by the myopia about women of color and sexual harassment/rape/more. In 1944, Recy Taylor was viciously raped by seven white men who never paid a price. Our civil rights icon, Rosa Parks, was an NAACP investigator in this case, as chronicled by Danielle McGuire in her book, *At The Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance* (Vintage, 2010). And the first case in which the Supreme Court ruled that sexual harassment was a violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act was brought by an African American woman, Michelle Vinson, in the case *Meritor Savings Bank v. Vinson* (1986). The high profile white women who are talking about workplace sexual harassment and assault really need to acknowledge the many ways that African American women have been systematically abused, and systematically ignored (and sometimes conspired against) by their white "sisters".

Perhaps I quibble, but this overwhelming stand against sexual misconduct (and more - getting nude in front of your staff is not misconduct, nor is forcible kissing, nor is grabbing by the you know what) makes me wonder when there will be a similar groundswell against racism and racial harassment in the workplace. Numerous cases of nooses being displayed in workplaces have been reported in the last decade, so many that a law journal published an article titled, "Does One Noose in the Workplace Constitute a Hostile Work Environment? If Not, How Many?" One isolated incident is not enough, the article opines. What about one unwanted kiss, one abusive grope? Why do nooses get to be seen as "jokes", while unwanted kissing is seen as an occurrence of zero tolerance?

I'm not ever, ever, ever going to excuse sexual perfidy (and more) in the workplace, but I do wonder why we can wink, nod, and grin about racial workplace misbehavior while we stand our ground about gender. I wonder why so many say "just kidding" or "didn't know" when they are racially insensitive, and nobody calls it, but they are willing to call it on gender. If you look at the Senate and the House of Representatives, the paucity of people of color as senior staff is amazing, as documented by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. Surely, there is no shortage of highly qualified African Americans and Latinos who could work for Congress. Why aren't members of Congress calling each other on their racial myopia?

Perhaps racism and racial harassment are a little more complicated than sexism and sexual harassment. Half of the population, after all, is female, and while women's rise up the hierarchy in corporate America, politics, the media, and entertainment is slow, it has been steady enough that powerful women are now able to call men out on their misbehavior; with women demanding resignations of (some) misbehaving men. Too few white men and women, at the same time, have been willing to apply the same "zero tolerance" to employment matters regarding race.

There should never be another noose laid on a Black employee's desk or displayed in a workplace. There should never be another intimidating Confederate flag flying in a Black person's face. There should never be another opportunity for an employee (or fellow student, or faculty member) to talk about picking cotton. There should never be another blackface performance, anywhere. And there should never be another person who talks about zero tolerance around workplace sexism to accept any whisper of workplace racism.

If John Conyers had to go, so should Franken. Otherwise, we have accepted a racial double standard that is untenable.

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## MATTERS OF OPINION

### RAINBOW COALITION

## Alabama is choosing between its past and its future

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"The state of Alabama deserves better," said Richard Shelby, the senior U.S. senator from Alabama, in explaining why he chose not to vote for Roy Moore, his party's nominee in Alabama's special election for the Senate.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

Contrast that with the statement of another prominent Alabama Republican, Gov. Kay Ivey, who said she would vote for Moore even though she "certainly (has) no reason to disbelieve any of them," referring to the charges made by several women that Moore preyed on them when they were teenagers, one as young as 14.

On Tuesday, Alabama voters were set to decide between Moore — a minstrel of hate, who trumpets nativism, slanders immigrants and sows racist and sexist discord — and Democratic candidate Doug Jones, a moderate lawyer known mostly for prosecuting the killers of the four little girls in the Birmingham church bomb-

ing in 1963. The choice is really one between Alabama's past and its future.

Shelby gets this. A rock-ribbed Southern Republican, he is no liberal. He's worked together with Judge Moore in the past. Both want tougher immigration rules and weaker gun laws. Both are strictly anti-abortion. Both want to slash taxes on the rich and cut spending on the poor and add to it for the military. Shelby, however, understands that there is a new Alabama struggling to be born, one seeking to make a transition to a high-tech modern economy. GE is building a plant there. Mercedes-Benz has production there.

A major aerospace industry based on government contracts is growing in Huntsville. None of this could happen without the end of segregation. None of it is likely to continue if Alabama chooses to embrace hate and division. If the new Alabama is to continue to grow, it needs better schools. It needs to educate and attract well-trained workers. It needs to compete with other states to attract companies.

As Shelby put it to the *Washington Post*: "Image, reputation. Is this a good place to live, or is it so controversial that we wouldn't go there? You know, these com-

panies are looking to invest. They are looking for a good place to live, a good place to do business, a good education system, opportunities, transportation. And we have come a long way; we've got to keep going. ... We can't live in the past."

Judge Moore rails against the new Alabama, issuing apocalyptic slanders about immigrants and Muslims. When asked by an African American when he thought America was last great, Moore invoked the era of slavery: "I think it was great at the time when families were united — even though we had slavery. They cared for one another. ... Our families were strong, our country had a direction."

This revisionist history is distilled racism. In reality, slaves had their children ripped from them; families were purposefully torn apart. Rape, beatings and brutality were commonplace. It took the Civil War, the bloodiest of all our wars, to end slavery. Moore's statement isn't just inaccurate. It is an insult to the "Christian values" that he supposedly champions.

Sadly impervious to this is Donald Trump, who has loudly endorsed Moore, stumping for him in next door Florida and tweeting for Moore and against Jones: "LAST thing

the Make America Great Again Agenda needs is a Liberal Democrat in Senate where we have so little margin for victory already." Trump would trade basic decency for a vote in the Senate.

Trump traveled to Mississippi this week to join opening ceremonies of the new Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. There he claimed that he had long admired Dr. Martin Luther King, even as he spurned the opportunity to denounce Moore's grotesque invocation of the slave era. That is a disgrace. Trump sees Moore as a puppet, worth supporting despite all because he will be a vote in the Senate. Moore's serious character deficit — be it preying on teenagers or whitewashing slavery — make no difference to the president.

How will Alabama vote? The result is far less about a single vote in the Senate, as Shelby has made clear, than a statement of how much or how little the new Alabama has changed. Trump has already failed the simple test of basic decency. Now Alabama voters will decide to look forward or look backward.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. is founder and president PUSH/Rainbow Coalition.

### CHILDWATCH

## "I didn't make this world for you"

...They have become great and rich;  
they have grown fat and sleek....  
they judge not with justice the cause of the fatherless... and they do not defend the rights of the needy.  
--Jeremiah 5:27-28

Woe to those who make unjust laws,  
to those who issue oppressive decrees,  
to deprive the poor of their rights  
and withhold justice from the oppressed of my people,  
making widows their prey and robbing the homeless child.  
--Isaiah 10:1-2

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act recently passed on a nearly straight party line Republican vote in the U.S. Senate is, like the House-passed bill, a moral abomination. Their enactment would be the death of America's dream for tens of millions of children. The House and Senate bills favor the wealthiest Americans and most powerful corporations over poor and moderate-



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income children and families - billionaires over poor babies and powerful corporations over poor children. They are evil.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. warned that "America is going to hell if we can't use her vast resources to end poverty and make it possible for all of God's children to have the basic necessities of life." With both the Senate and House of Representatives now having passed extremely unjust tax bills, I must ask - how can 278 political leaders, 51 Senators and 227 House members, act against the best interests of so many in their states and across our nation to line the overstuffed pockets of powerful special interests with government money?

What religious texts do these Members of Congress and those who lobby them read? How did they miss the clear warnings of the prophets and gospels and tenets of every great faith to

care for the poor, the sick, the lame and the orphan? Where did they learn that acting as Robin Hood in reverse by denying the poor and powerless child the basic survival needs of food and shelter to give to the wealthy and powerful is acceptable?

There are 565 billionaires in the United States - the 400 richest of whom have a combined net worth of \$2.7 trillion. More than 13.2 million children - 1 in 5 - live in poverty in America. Their families of four make less than \$24,563 a year. More than 6 million children live in deep poverty, at less than half the poverty level.

A majority of both houses of Congress and the Trump Administration seek policies to reward millionaires and billionaires and non-needy corporations and add nearly \$1.5 trillion - around \$150 billion a year for the next ten years - to our national deficit to do so. And to pay for it, they will deny poor and moderate-income children and families health care, food, housing, child care and other survival assistance or help parents get needed jobs at livable wages to support their families.

Consider some of the facts about these tax cut bills:

- Both the Senate and House bills lavishly benefit the wealthiest households and individuals. The Senate bill doubles the estate tax threshold, enabling individuals to inherit tax free up to \$11 million and couples up to \$22 million. The House bill would eliminate the estate tax entirely.

- More than 60 percent of the Senate bill's individual tax cuts in 2027 go to the richest 1 percent of households making \$1 million or more; 48 percent of current tax-paying households would face tax increases according to the Tax Policy Center. The Senate bill ends individual tax benefits after ten years while making permanent tax cuts for corporations. The House bill continues both individual and corporate tax cuts.

- The Senate's \$1,000 Child Tax Credit increase to benefit families with children and make up for elimination of the personal exemption for dependents provides little or no assistance to poor and middle-income working families. Yet both the Senate and

House bills enable higher income families to qualify for the credit for the first time. Neither Senate nor House bills make the credit fully refundable to help working families with the lowest incomes. Both bills would end eligibility of children in low-income working immigrant families for the credit without Social Security Numbers. Tax paying immigrant families are required currently to have only an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number to qualify for the Child Tax Credit.

- The Senate's permanent corporate tax cuts are partially paid for by repealing the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate and tax penalty. This will leave 13 million fewer people insured in ten years, raise health insurance premiums for many more and destabilize the health insurance marketplace.

- The \$1.5 trillion ten-year deficit the House and Senate bills create will cause deep cuts in Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), child care, education, Pell Grants, housing and other critical child services.

- No funds will be left over for the next decade to end child poverty for the more than 13.2 million children struggling to grow up healthy and educated.

Imagine spending \$1.5 trillion or even one-tenth of that each year on children's needs? Two years ago CDF commissioned the Urban Institute to assess steps to end child poverty right now. We identified modest improvements to nine programs we knew helped reduce child poverty: increasing the value of SNAP's food benefits, providing housing subsidies for poor and near-poor families with children, making the Child Tax Credit fully refundable, increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit for the lowest income families, creating a subsidized jobs program, increasing the minimum wage, expanding the federal child care subsidy program, making the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit fully refundable, and helping more families get child support payments. Implementing all these improvements together would lift 60 percent

of all poor children and 72 percent of poor children of color from poverty for a year, at a \$77.2 billion federal and state government cost - less than half of one year of the \$1.5 trillion deficit increase. A \$1.5 trillion investment could lift these children from poverty to adulthood.

We must tell Congress to reject this morally indefensible tax boondoggle and instead invest in protecting children and maintaining any semblance of fairness.

Not one new dime in tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires as long as more than 13.2 million children are poor; and millions of children are hungry, uneducated, homeless and without health coverage. Stand up and fight. A nation that does not stand up for its children does not stand for anything and will not stand tall in the future.

*Hungry child,  
I didn't make this world for you.*

*You didn't buy any stock in my railroad.*

*You didn't invest in my corporation.*

*Where are your shares in standard oil?*

*I made the world for the rich*

*And the will-be-rich*

*And the have-always-been-rich.*

*Not for you,  
Hungry child.*

-- Langston Hughes,

*"God to Hungry Child"*

*Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,*

*In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;*

*Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,*

*Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,*

*And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.*

--James Russell Lowell

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REALITY CHECK

President Trump: A poster boy for White supremacy

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

It's time to get real. Donald J. Trump is not an aberration of most White males in the United States of America. In fact, he is exactly what most of them are all about. That's why he's president of the country today.



A. Peter Bailey

And contrary to what is often stated by too many newspapers, radio and television commentators, he is not in the White House mainly because of votes from White hillbillies as can be seen by the following:

a. Fifty-three percent of White women voted for him despite having heard and seen him proudly bragging about being able to sexually grope and harass women.

b. An overwhelming number of white veterans voted for him despite his having been a draft dodger during the Vietnam War; despite his brazen ridiculing of Sen. John Mc Cain for having been a prisoner of war for five years in the same conflict; and despite Trump's strong support of serious efforts to privatize the Veteran's Hospital system.

c. Millions of low-income, working-class and middle income White males and females voted for him despite his resolute refusal to provide his tax returns, as did his predecessors.

d. Those same millions voted for him despite his defiant refusal to give up control of his family businesses. Thus his businesses are generating millions, if not billions, of dollars for Trump and his family while he is in the White House.

e. A sizable number of Black folks and Latinos voted for him despite his attitude toward people of color, especially those of African descent. That attitude is patronizing at best and White supremacist at worst. He's the kind of White person who passionately believes we should be eternally "grateful" that our ancestors were enslaved because it rescued them and us from "savage" Africa.

All of the above voted for Trump despite his election

victory having been assisted by operatives connected to Russian president, Vladimir Putin. It's obvious that Donald Trump considers Putin a solid ally in the effort to keep people who look like them as the dominant force in world affairs.

The bottom line is that Donald J. Trump, during both the Republican primary and the campaign for presidency, made it absolutely clear as to who and what he is. Not a single person who voted for him can honestly say that he lied or misled them. They got what they voted for, a poster boy for White supremacy.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Why some Christians applaud Trump's decision to make Jerusalem the capital of Israel

While there are a fair number of Americans, some Christian and some not, who are unhappy about the president's unilateral decision to name Jerusalem as the official capital of Israel, there are many Christians who support this decision and see it as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

The move has been widely criticized by America's allies and by the Muslim world, but those Christians who adhere to a futurist view of prophecy and dispensational theology are quite certain that all that is happening is in line with what is recorded in the Christian Bible. In order for Jesus the Christ to come back, dispensationalists and futurists teach that the Jesus cannot return to us until the Anti-Christ appears.

The presence of the Anti-Christ will spark war and destruction and a new temple will be built in Jerusalem. But a new temple cannot be built in Jerusalem unless Israel controls that city. Thus, the move by the president is seen by many to be in line with what is supposed to happen. While many people the world over are worried about war, the Christian dispensationalists want a holy war because said war will bring Jesus back. Those on the side of the Christ will be triumphant. Jerusalem is a key part in the restoration of the world order; these Christians believe, that Jesus' presence on this earth guaranteed.

This theology makes Christian Zionists - i.e., the dispensationalists and futurists - happy, but everyone else is left wallowing in saucers of despair. The dispensationalists believe God's will is being played out right now - which means that everything that is being done which is shattering the lives of "the least of these" is again in line with God's will.

The violence in the Middle East that the president's decision stoked is not surprising to the dispensationalists; it would seem that they are almost giddy as they await the "end days" to play out. Those who want "the end" to come and come swiftly applaud what is going on.

Someone asked me how widespread this kind of religious belief is and I had to say, "very." While some might argue that it is not a valid theology, saying that it is a system of human beliefs imposed upon God, others have their entire spiritual imaginations wrapped up in it. Some of us are shuddering at the possibility that there may soon be another war - in Jerusalem and in the entire world, if the current president and Kim Jung Un have their way - but other people, Christians, are rejoicing. If it is God's will that many millions of people die, they believe, then it is the will of God. They must make a way for the coming of the Messiah.

This theological perspective is troubling for a number of reasons, but perhaps the biggest reason, at least for this writer, is this: Would God really provoke war causing millions of people to die just so God's son could come? People already struggle with understanding how God works, a struggle which does not and cannot yield solid answers because nothing God does make sense.

A God who would allow mass destruction of his/her own people doesn't fit the mold, perception and expectation of a loving, merciful God. While humans may take issue with other people because of their race, ethnicity, sexual identity, sex, or any other issues for which Christians turn up their noses, many of us have been taught that God is a parent, a parent who chastises us and chastises us severely, but that God loves and cherishes us.

Dispensationalist theology does not allow that kind of God-perception.

Dispensationalists may be happy about what the president did this week, but there are others of us who are shaking in our boots. If a nuclear war erupts, who will be left standing? If Jesus comes, what will Jesus do? What do the dispensationalists expect Jesus to do?

It is clear that there are almost as many sects of Christianity as there are ethnic groups in the world, and all of them believe their theology is "the truth."

Some are celebrating what the president did. I wonder if Jesus himself is likewise celebrating, or if he is shaking his head, asking, as he did in the scriptures, "how much longer must I be with you?" when the disciples showed they did not understand who this Jesus was, what he stood for and what he expected.

Religion is supposed to liberate us, but it feels like too many Christians are enslaved to a theology which has severed itself from the lessons Jesus taught. What the president did is likely to cause mass destruction, and that any person who says he/she loves God celebrates that possibility is very troubling indeed.

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CASH IN THE APPLE

SAVING MY LIFE

Make no mistake...if it wasn't for the grace of GOD, I wouldn't be here to write this column to you. The list of chronic diseases I was suffering from were as long as a baseball team roster. But with me turning age 62 in about three weeks, I can honestly say that I've never been in better shape than I am today.



Cash Michaels

This is part three of a column I started several weeks ago, sharing with you why getting back into good health is much, much more than just diet and losing weight.

But I had to go through a whole lot to learn that!

Diabetes in 2006 (blood sugar OVER 800!!!) (they had to test the urine sample several times to confirm, and couldn't understand how I even drove to the clinic, because by bodily organs were breaking down, and they knew I wouldn't live past the weekend if I wasn't taken to Duke IMMEDIATELY and put on an IV to get my blood sugar back down to 157).

Severe stroke in my left leg and arm in November 2014 (two physician friends I

emailed about why I couldn't suddenly walk, even though I was feeling no pain insisted that it was neurological, and I got to the emergency room STAT. The following month, my new cardio doctor put two stents in my heart to protect against a more massive stroke).

Acute leukemia in March 2016 (rushed to the emergency room literally feeling my body breaking down. After some tests, AML diagnosed, and I'm transferred, IN SHOCK, by ambulance to UNC Cancer Hospital in Chapel Hill. For the next five to six months, I undergo AGGRESSIVE chemotherapy. It's really only later do I understand that cancer cells were literally destroying my white blood cells rapidly, leaving me with no immune system to fight off infection. With GOD's blessing, the doctors and nurses at UNC, and eventually at Rex, work diligently to SAVE MY LIFE!

I've been in remission for over a year now. If I can remain cancer-free (no recurrence of cancer cells anywhere in my body) for the next four years and counting, then I, most likely, will remain cancer-free (at least as far as AML is concerned) for the rest of my life.

Last August, my colonoscopy was negative as

well (Praise GOD). So given the self-inflicted drama in my own life, I can bear witness to ALL of the above personally, and that gives me license to say the following.....

IF YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY WORK TO CHANGE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOUR SELF, THE PARTS YOU DON'T ADDRESS WILL BRING ALL OF YOU DOWN!!!

Don't lose weight just to look good or feel good! Lose weight because you KNOW that you're dying spiritually, emotionally, and physically!

YOU HAVE TO FIX ALL THREE!

Build (or rebuild) your relationship with GOD FIRST, because it is from THAT, that all of your strength will flow from!

You see, you've tried dieting before, only to gain ALL of the weight back, and then some.

I'll never forget many years ago before he died, one of the greatest singers in my lifetime, Luther Vandross, appeared on Oprah. He had just lost a tremendous amount of weight, and looked great. Oprah asked how he did it, and Luther pointedly said he stopped eating all breads in his diet, and that did the trick.

But Luther also said something that now explains why he eventually put all of that

weight back on. Luther was in a new relationship...but once that relationship broke up (apparently badly), distraught, he went back to emotional eating.

Luther left us too soon. Indeed, most of our most famous artists - Michael Jackson, Prince, etc., left us too soon because they emotionally abused themselves with substances that destroyed their minds, and their temples, through addiction.

THINK ABOUT IT! Your faith should inform how you conduct yourself emotionally, and how you conduct yourself emotionally should inform how you treat yourself nutritionally and physically.

My love and faith in Jesus Christ, tells me that HE wants me to TAKE BETTER CARE OF MYSELF, to have more confidence in myself as a child of GOD, and that I am responsible for properly maintaining the temple that HE has given me.

More next week in part four.

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TO BE EQUAL

President's claim to be above the law is

"An affront to the very principle on which our system is built"

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

"No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it." - Theodore Roosevelt, Third Annual Message, December 7, 1903

Claim this week by President Trump's personal lawyer that "president cannot obstruct justice because he is the chief law enforcement officer" sparked immediate comparison to Richard Nixon's notorious 1977 statement, "When the president does it, that means that it is not illegal."



Marc Morial

While the Senate Judiciary Committee did approve a charge of obstruction of justice against Nixon in 1972, Nixon's 1977 statement to interviewer David Frost referred to another article, considered but rejected by the committee: the secret bombing of Cambodia. The committee also rejected an article

regarding Nixon's personal finances and failure to pay taxes.

Nixon famously resigned before the House of Representatives could vote on the three articles of impeachment - in addition to obstruction, the committee approved articles charging him with abuse of power and contempt of Congress. But it was widely accepted the House would vote to impeach.

In a memo prepared for Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, the legal team argued not only that "no man in this country is so high that he is above the law," but the offense of obstruction was of particular concern.

"Failure to deal evenhandedly with the President would be an affront to the very principle on which our system is built. And this failure would be all the more severe because of the nature of the crime in question, a conspiracy to obstruct justice, the purpose of which was to place certain individuals beyond the rule of law. The result would probably be greater public disrespect for the integrity of the legal process than has already been created by public knowledge of attempts by the nation's highest officials to put themselves

beyond the law." Twenty three years later, Congress would vote to impeach President Bill Clinton, on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

The special prosecutor investigating Clinton, Ken Starr, wrote in his report, "An effort to obstruct justice by withholding the truth from the legal process - whether by lying under oath, concealing documents, or improperly influencing a witness's testimony - is a federal crime. There is substantial and credible information that President Clinton engaged in such efforts to prevent the truth of his relationship with Monica Lewinsky from being revealed in the Jones case."

No President is above the law. Nixon and Clinton were not, and Trump is not. Nor is the President the chief law enforcement officer in the nation; the Attorney General holds that distinction.

President Trump, of course, has not been charged with obstruction of justice or any other offense. But his lawyer's claim represents a dangerous and un-American view.

Thomas Paine, in his revolutionary pamphlet *Common Sense*, wrote "But where, says

some, is the King of America? ... In America the law is king."

John Adams enshrined the concept in the Massachusetts Constitution with the oft-quoted phrase, "a government of laws, not of men."

It has been a common rhetorical device in modern American politics for rivals to accuse one another of placing themselves above the law, particularly when protesting some executive action or another. But with the notable exceptions of Nixon and Trump, it's unheard of for a U.S. President to claim that privilege for himself. It's disputed whether King Louis XIV of France really said "L'etat, c'est moi" - "I am the state" - on his deathbed in 1715, but it's certain that the expression has consistently been held up as the antithesis of American rule of law.

There are nine current members of the Senate who voted to convict President Clinton of obstruction of justice in 1999. They would be hard pressed, now, to agree with Trump's legal team that the offense does not exist.

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

"We wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us."



SAMUEL CORNISH AND JOHN RUSSWORM, FOUNDERS

1827, Front page of

*Freedom's Journal*, the first

African-American owned

and operated newspaper

published in the United States

The Black Press: USE It or LOSE It!



## New Hanover County

**Community Conversation For Cervical Cancer Prevention** will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 10 am - 11:30 am at 801 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401. Guest Speaker: Dr. Lucybeth Nieves-Arriba, MD, MPH. Join Us In Talking About and the Importance of:

- Cervical Cancer Screens
- Cervical Cancer Facts & Myths
- Vaccines
- The Role Parents Play in Preventing Illnesses

## Community Briefs

Community Members are encouraged to attend! Refreshments will be served! No Cost to Attend; For more Information Please contact: E. Bryant at 910-408-2511.

**Free Community Kwanzaa Expo** Empowering Black Entrepreneurs and Black Owners, A recurrent event scheduled December 26 thru January 1, 2018, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm nightly, at Life Changing Ministries Family Worship Center, 4875 New Centre Drive, Wilmington, NC. Save the date! Ujamma (oo-jah-mah) the fourth Kwanzaa principle, to build and maintain our own stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together. For Your Table, Pre-Registration Required By December 15, 2017. Contact spellerislah@yahoo.com or call (910) 795-8597.

**The New Hanover NAACP** will hold its Winter Meeting Thursday, December 14th 6 to 8 pm at Mt. Olive AME Church, 1007 Wright Street, Wilmington. The meeting will include a review of 2017 and plans for 2018, followed by a fellowship potluck dinner. Members and friends are invited to attend. For more information, call 910-765-0102 or email nhnaacp@gmail.com.

**The Wilmington Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Thursday monthly in the SE-HEC 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.

## Brunswick County

**Brunswick County** will begin accepting applications for LIEAP, the annual energy assistance program, from adults who are at least 60 years old or disabled on Dec. 1. Applications will be accepted at Social Services Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or at Brunswick County Senior Centers (specific dates and times are below). Beginning Jan. 2, anyone may apply for LIEAP funds, regardless of age or disability.

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*Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff*

## In Loving Memory Of



**Thaddeus Montey Cromartie**  
Sunrise: January 26, 1974  
Sunset: December 16, 2016

Thaddeus Montey Cromartie was born on January 26, 1974 to the parents of Ruby Cromartie and the late Freddie Keaton. On December 16, 2016 Montey went to be with Heavenly Father.

Montey you have been in Heaven for one year

They say there is a reason  
They say that time will heal

But neither time nor reason will change the way we feel  
We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think of but so hard to be without

We cannot bring the old days back,  
when we were all together

Your lovely smile and the memories live forever.

Love mom, Cheyenne, Montey Jr., Leighann, Grandmom  
Niece Keaton, The Five Kings and family

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## HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

## A sky of white floating clouds

I am really impressed by how the white clouds in the sky can make the shapes of anything on earth. It happens all over the world at different times. The white fluffy clouds are large like the shape of a mountain and small like the shape of a face. It is interesting look and find other shapes, such as plants, buildings, vehicles, animals and toys.



**Verniece Stanley**

There are quiet moments in our lives when we look up at the sky, times when our true feelings cover our good thoughts about this wonderful world in which we live. We have a tendency to try to make them last as long as possible.

The beautiful fluffy white clouds are white as cotton and in the back ground is a perfect blue sky. God made the earth and everything in it for all human beings of all colors.

While spending time outside, it is often good to feel the wind blowing, very calmly and peacefully. We are able to see the movement of leaves, large and small, on the limbs of trees. The good feeling of the wind but you can't see the wind like you see how strong it can be when we have hurricanes, etc.

The beautiful days will come and go. Dark days will appear time and time again in our lives. Man can tell how fast the winds are traveling, but he can't turn these storms and make them go in another direction. He has no control of these storms and winds. He can tell you of killer storms, such as those

which struck in New Orleans and other places.

Often those white floating clouds in the sky change into dark grey clouds of destruction. Heavy rains fall from them and, many time cause floods, which can be the major cause of destruction to people's houses and leave people homeless.

Again, as we spend time outside, looking up, and becoming "wrapped up" in the white floating clouds, let's not forget those less fortunate than we. Let's think of how we can help provide toys or other joys for homeless children, who may be with or without parents. Think about how happy we can help our children become. Some of the things we do may help provide joy and even help save our lives and, at the same time, help save others' lives also.

Remember that this is flu season, the prime time for the

flu and for other illnesses, such as colds, viruses, or infections. The flu shot is recommended for us all, children and adults in our community. Let's be safe and get our families vaccinated.

*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.*

## Las Amigas participates in community activities



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

**Las Amigas members deliver pajamas underwear and toiletries to The Open Gate Domestic Violence Center.** Pictured above left to right are Faye Jacobs and Joyce Clemmons (First photo). Pictured above left to right are Deloris Whitted, Lula Little, Joyce, Marsha Graham-Ali, Leslie Watson, Johnnie Davis, President. Renee Beatty, Terri Hall, Sherby Eaddy, and Johnnie Davis, President (Second photo).



**Las Amigas members deliver blankets to The Eugene Ashley Veterans** Pictured above from left to right, front Pictured above are Jacqueline Davis, Deloris Whitted, Wanda Pugh-Trice, Leslie Watson and Marilyn Westinghouse-Webb (First photo). Pictured above front row (L-R) are Sherby Eaddy, Marsha Graham-Ali, Terri Hall and Renee Beatty. Back row, Johnnie Davis, President, Leslie Watson and Jacqueline Davis.

## Food Lion "Great Pantry Makeover" in Leland



JOHN DAVIS PHOTO

## LOCAL FOOD LION ASSOCIATES, FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA AND MEMBERS OF SALVATION AND DELIVERANCE FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

Local Food Lion associates refurbished Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center's food pantry as part of the company's "Great Pantry Makeover" event.

In celebration of Food Bank of Central and

Eastern North Carolina nominated Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center for the Great Pantry Makeover.

Lion is remodeling and stocking the shelves at more than 60 local food pantries across its 10-state footprint during its third annual "Great Pantry Makeover."

The makeover taking place

at Salvation and Deliverance Family Worship Center was held on the actual day of Food Lion's 60th Anniversary on Tuesday, December 12, 2017.



**Bettie "Lucille" Faison**

Lucille Faison, age 89, of Wilmington, passed away Thursday, November 16, 2017. A celebration of Ms. Lucille's was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home.

Interment followed in Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

Bettie Faison was affectionately known as Lucille by her family and friends. She was the daughter of the late Mary Faison, who preceded her in death.

Lucille matriculated through Williston Industrial School. She spent many years employed by Lamar McIver and family. As a loyal employee, she definitely loved them as family and the relationship spanned long after the employment ended.

At an early age, Lucille joined Gregory Congregational Church and later changed her membership to New Beginning Christian Church where she attended until her health declined.

Her two brothers, Ernest Faison and Fred Faison also preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory one son, Allen Faison of the home; two nieces, Louise Owens of the city and Delores Wiggins of the city; four nephews, Ernest (Carrie) Faison of the city, Bashir (Janice) El-Amin of the city, Aaron Hands of the city and Jerome Hands of the city; one cousin, Evelyn Smith of the city and a host of other relatives. She also had three faithful friends Mary Lou White, Adele Jackson and Lucille Butler.

She will forever be remembered as one of the most generous and giving persons. *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.*

**Earnest L. Wearren, Sr.**

Earnest L. Wearren, Sr., age 69, of Southport, passed away Wednesday, November 22, 2017. A celebration of Mr. Wearren's life was held on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at First Baptist Church, Southport. Interment followed in Cape Fear Memorial Park.

Earnest Leroy Wearren, Sr. was born May 30, 1948, to Charles and Flora Joyner, in his hometown, Southport, NC. He attended Brunswick County Training/High School, graduating in 1966. During his high school years Earnest played drums in the school band and lettered in Basketball. He also excelled as a brick mason and upon graduating, was employed by his teacher, Mr. Harry O. Gore.

In May 1969, he married his high school sweetheart, Gwen, this union was blessed with three children; Monique, Ernest Jr., and Kevin. During their 48 years of marriage, Earnest and Gwen enjoyed traveling and spoiling their grandchildren. On March 26, 2016, as the ultimate symbol of their commitment to each other, Earnest and Gwen renewed their vows before God and their family.

Earnest was always known to be a hard worker and, for almost thirty years, worked for various companies at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant. After leaving the plant, he served as the head custodian at Southport Elementary School and, in April 2016, retired from the Brunswick County School System after 21 years of service.

Earnest also served as a firefighter with the Southport Fire Department for twenty-two years. He enjoyed the camaraderie and built many lasting friendships while serving his beloved Southport community. When he wasn't working at the school or serving his community as a firefighter, Earnest was a very active member of First Baptist Church, where he served as the Chairman of the Trustee Board, Church Treasurer, and sang with the Senior Choir. He also served as a member of both the Eugene W. Gore Scholarship and Finance committees. He took pride in being the first to arrive every Sunday morning to ensure the church was open for Service and was often the last to leave to make sure the church was secure. Earnest was also a proud Prince Hall Mason and a member of Pythagoras Lodge #6 in Southport North Carolina. *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.*

**Margaret Bishop White**

Margaret Bishop White peacefully slipped into her eternal rest early Sunday morning, November 26, 2017. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Margret was born on February 13, 1923. The Lord blessed her with a long well-lived life as she was 94 years old at the time of her passing.

She leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memories a son, Larry White and a host of other relatives and friends. *Services entrusted to Davis Funeral Home, 901 S. 5th Ave, Wilmington, NC 28401. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.davisfuneralhomenc.com.*

**Randy Peterson**

Randy "Reggie" Peterson, age 44, of Wilmington, passed away Friday, December 1, 2017. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at Warner Temple AME Zion Church. Interment followed in Pine Forest Cemetery.

Randy Deon Peterson, born November 5, 1973, left this world on Friday, December 1, 2017. He was born and raised in Wilmington, NC. He was educated in the New Hanover County School System and graduated from E.A. Laney High School in 1993.

"Reggie", as he was affectionately called, was an avid saxophone player and a lover of country music. His hobby was collecting cars. At times you could find him sketching pictures of his favorite cars and pictures of the loves of his life, his three daughters. Reggie was an entrepreneur at heart. He owned his own business, "America's Premier Home Services."

Reggie fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith.

He leaves behind his wife, Cascelia Howard Peterson, daughters, Daja, Elani and Mahalia, his father and mother, Charlie and Alma Peterson; dear sister Gretta (Marvin) Yarborough, niece Rainna and nephew Gavin Yarborough of Indianapolis, Indiana; Mother-in-law, June Stolp of Canada and brother-in-law Brad; Godmother, Annette Davis; a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends; and special dear friends, Barry Lawson and Jamille Robbins. *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.*

**Edith Lee Ragin Robinson**

Edith Lee Ragin Robinson, age 68, of Wilmington, passed away Tuesday, December 5, 2017. A celebration of Edith's life will be conducted at 11:30 AM, Monday, December 11, 2017 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

On May 22, 1949 at 8:10pm Edith Lee Ragin Robinson was born to Barrett and Edith Ragin who have preceded her in death along with two sisters Elizabeth Young and Frances Thomas as well as one brother John B Ragin, Sr. She leaves behind a daughter and a son, Francena Robinson and John (Regina) Robinson, Jr; grandchildren, Antoinette Barnhill, Courtney Melvin, Travis Melvin, and Gabriel Robinson; great-grandchildren Donovan Isaiah Dolliole and King John Robinson; loving sister-in-law Jeanette B. Ragins (John); loving brothers Samuel D Ragin (Marcia,

deceased), Edward Ragin (Katie, deceased), and Willie Ragin (Ann); a host of nieces, nephews, and very close cousins.

From an early age a love for God and Jesus was instilled in Edith's heart. She immersed herself in the word of God daily from the age of 12 when she received her first Bible. In her last year of high school at New Hanover High School, she took a Bible III course where she heard of all Jesus suffered through in his last week on Earth before he was killed. This reached the very core of her heart. She carried this lesson with her throughout the years to follow as she found herself distressfully searching for a place where her questions would be answered and her heart be at peace. On July 4th, 1987, after finding that place, she was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. When reflecting on this experience and preparing for what was to come, she said: "...I could see how my life was changing for the better.... I'm at peace knowing and seeing how Jehovah took care of me before I came to know him as Jehovah. With my bouts of cancer I can say Jehovah never left my side and continually reaffirmed his love for me.... I look forward to being awakened on an Earth where death is no more and all things are new under the rulership of Jesus Christ. I look to awaken on an Earth where God's will is done as it is in heaven. When I awaken, I'll have a completely healthy body. I have a real hope for the future although I may rest awhile." *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.*

**Alfred H. Brewington**

Alfred H. Brewington, age 69, of Wilmington, NC passed away Saturday, December 9,

2017. A visitation will be held from 6-8 pm on Friday, December 15, 2017. Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Dark Branch Cemetery. *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.*

**Norma E. Sansbury**

Norma Elaine Sansbury, age 67, passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Davis Funeral Home. *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.*

**Velma B. Nixon**

Velma Bryant Nixon, age 61, of Wilmington, passed away Monday, December 11, 2017. A private service will be held at a later date. *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.*

**Mr. Theodore Thorpe, Jr.**

On December 6, 2017, the Lord called unto Himself, Theodore Thorpe, Jr. of Council, North Carolina at the age of 73.

Theodore Thorpe, Jr., was given to Theodore Thorpe, Sr.

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**Happy Birthday Mother**



**Dorine Wilson Graham**  
December 14, 1934 - February 14, 2015.

Mrs. Graham leaves her eight children and over 80 grand and great grands and a host of spiritual family and friends. Love family and fellowship

God's garden must be beautiful  
He always take the best  
He need your journey was at its end  
His call for you to take your rest.

We love you mom

**Card Of Thanks**

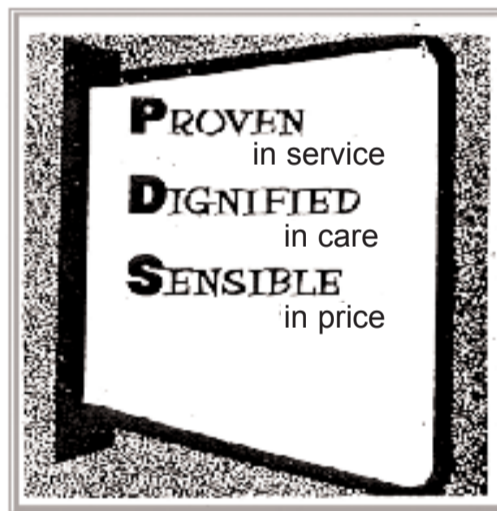


To the love of my life Roderick Lee Boney you were such a strong man when times got difficult you always pushed on. I will always love you more than a special friend but the love of his life. I would also like to take this time to thank all of our family and friends for the love you have shown during this time of bereavement May God continue to bless you all.

Love,  
Yvonia Evette Lewis

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Jennifer & Javoke Terrell



## New Hanover County

**Bowens Chapel AME Zion Church** Inside Yard Sale - Inside Annex Building, Saturday, December 16, 2017 starting at 8 AM, 5826 Carolina Beach Road on the hill across from the zoo. Also the church will hold a Christmas Nativity presentation at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 17th featuring "O Holy Night" solo by Lady Tianna. For more information contact Rev. Karen McCracken 910-515-3288.

## Religious Briefs

**Christmas Eve caroling** on front porch at Ephesus SDA Church, 1002 Castle Street at 4:00 p.m on Sunday, December 24. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

**Gregory Congregational United Church of Christ**, 609 Nun St., will hold a special service on December 17th at 11:00 am to commemorate and honor loved ones no longer with them.

**Pine Valley United Methodist Church** will hold their Christmas Eve Community Outreach Dinner on Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m. at Pine Valley United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 3788 Shipyard Blvd., Wilmington, NC.

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Compiled By Wilmington Journal Staff

In Loving Memory  
Of Our Mother

**Georgiana Sidberry Nixon**  
Sunrise: August 16, 1921  
Sunset: December 15, 1986

Sadly missed  
but not forgotten!

Your sons, Hampton McCloud  
and Robert Milner  
and family

## HONOR YOUR

LOVED ONE

WITH A

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## In Loving Memory Of



**Doctor Terry Spearman**  
February 12, 1944 - December 12, 2016

Those we Love remains with us  
For Love itself lives on  
Cherished memories never fade.  
Because a loved one is gone.

Those we Love can never be,  
More than a thought apart  
For as long as there is memory,  
They live on in our heart.

Dr. Terry Spearman, a native of Wilmington, North Carolina, departed this life on December 12, 2016. He achieved a Doctorate and Master's degree from Pepperdine University and a bachelor's degree from Fayetteville State University.

Dr. Spearman, a well-known professor at El Camino College of Torrance, California, was instrumental in developing and promoting educational programs that reached students at the beginning of their journey into higher education. In the community, Terry served as a speaker at the Annual African American Man-Child Conference and as a volunteer with the Young Black Scholars organization presenting study skill workshops to students at area middle and high schools.

Terry- a caring and beloved father- a cherished colleague, a scholar and friend- will be missed by many, but never forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to have known him. May this Christmas season bring joy to each of us as we celebrate the wonder His love. Our family celebrates the precious memories of our father and friend, Dr. Terry Spearman for his contributions to the world and his memories will remain embedded into our hearts forever.

Lovingly submitted,  
Roderick Spearman, loving son  
Marjorie Spearman, special friend

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## SENIOR CITIZENS' FELLOWSHIP

## Aging gracefully

BY FANNIE ALLEN  
AND SHEILA ROSS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Good morning! This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.

Our opening song was "Joy to the World"! Prayer was led by Minister Sharon Pollock. Thank you so much for that inspirational prayer. Our next song was "Jesus the Light of the World."

The speaker for the day was Minister Sharon Pollock. Her topic was "Aging Gracefully." She said her prayer today is that you we continue to come

to these fellowship meetings and that we will be encouraged as someone stands to share their unique story of their lives. She shared with us the belief that it's time to grow closer to God by continuing quiet time with Him, realizing it's time to ready ourselves for the new and unexpected plan God may have for us. She admonished us not to be distressed by the cares, troubles, or problems of this life. We were reminded to remember on today that this is not a time to merely exist, but it's a time to grow. She said that it doesn't matter how slow our steps

have become, whether in order to take a step, we must use a walker, a shopping cart, or even a wheel chair; we must know with a surety that God Himself is with us every step of the way. She admonished us to grow nearer to God and allow Him to fulfill his purpose in our lives. We thanked her for a very uplifting and meaningful meditation, expressed our love, and assured her that she is truly a gift to this organization. We ask God's blessings upon her and pray that He will continue to keep her! Other comments and remarks were made. To God be the glory!

Minutes were read by our secretary, Mildred Ellerby. Thank you again for such a beautiful job. The callers' report was given, and there was a tie between Janice Gordon and Francis Matthews, with eight members present. Thanks to all the callers and members who were present today.

Announcement were given, and "Smiles" were brought by Mary Martin. Thanks for the laughter; for it truly is good for the soul! We love and appreciate you. Our circle was formed. There were 40 members present.

## SENIOR MOMENTS

## Let's talk about community improvement

My Fellow Citizens:

If you are a middle class person or are getting there, you can afford to buy products which are made in America.

When we buy goods made in another country, we are robbing the poor and feeding the rich. Our manufactures will go to another country, where labor is cheaper, and we go right along with

them, leaving our young people to remain unemployed, and it doesn't help when others come to America and work under the table.



Ruth  
Johnson

When we look back at from where we started, how can we support another country, when our own young people are struggling to find jobs? Some of them give up too soon, but we are not helping. Why can't the middle class do something to give our youth a hand up? If we would reach out to the less fortunate, this would give the whole community a lift.

It would be good if several of our churches would come together and form a national association for the advancement of young people. We already have a YMCA, but what does it do about unemployment? The community needs to be informed.

When we see an article in the newspapers, we read it alone, and that's as far as it goes, but

eons ago our forefathers said, "It takes a village," and that is still true today. We need to come together and talk about community improvement.

We have come a long way in this country. Many of our foreparents had to crawl to get us where we are today. So why not reach out to the unemployed and give them a hand up? If we could start a campaign to buy goods made in America, certainly our manufacturers would respond, and more jobs would be created here at home.

We have a God-given instinct to rescue the perishing. If you see someone falling from a ladder, you don't have to think about it. Your feet will automatically move in his direction. That instinct is inborn and everlasting. You

don't have to follow it, but it will be there forever.

Sometimes I wish we could read our Sunday School lessons at home and then come to church to discuss issues in *The Wilmington Journal*. That newspaper forms a chain that would link us together if we would only follow through. Most churches already pass out a few copies of *The Journal* or increase our awareness of many issues in the community and around the world. If there is something on your mind, bring it to church, and we can discuss it before service and always remember that a people united will never be defeated.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is a First Baptist Church Ministry Worker.

## TELL SOMEBODY

## Good News/ Joy To The World!

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Luke 2:10

Glad Tidings = Good News Joy: A feeling of happiness that comes from success or a sense of wellbeing

The world could sure use to hear some good news in a day like today and at a time like this. We have heard more than enough of bad news. Tragedies are common place. Too many reports of floods, fires, famine, hurricanes, fires out of control, earthquakes, freak accidents, crime on the increase. Then, there are wars and rumors of wars, terrorist attacks, coups, economic instability, racial inequality, mass shooting, road rage, plane crashes, car accidents, global warming.

Where can we find good news? You may have to seek for it, and search for it. Occasionally you may stumble upon it, but there is always some good news to hear. Bad news travels, so we should make special effort to share good news whenever we can, to bring some measure of balance to our society. As Believers, we are living epistles, seen and read of men. If we, the people of God would do more to spread the good news of what God is doing in



Sylvia  
Hooper

our lives and on our behalves, it would bring joy to the world! If we would take the time to tell an unbelieving world, just how great our God is, and how real Jesus is, that would give them something to hope for. If we would make known his deeds and testify of the things we know, we have seen, and heard, we would spark more enthusiasm and respect for the Name of the Lord. It would indeed bring Joy to the World!

The church of the Living God has a responsibility to teach and preach the Gospel (Good News) of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our news is so good, we can not keep it to ourselves! Every chance we get, we need to "Tell Somebody" just how good God has been to you, you, and you! God won't get the glory, until somebody "tells their story" of what the Lord has done for you!!!! We have Good News to tell! Our God is the True and Living God! He is still moving by His Spirit. The good news is.....God is still saving souls by the power of His Word. God is still healing, setting free, and God is still a Deliverer. We cannot get caught up in the gossip syndrome and tabloid sensationalism which thrive from the misfortunes and calamities of others. This type of news is negative and gives no glory to God. We very rarely see any mention in the media of the Grace, Goodness, and Mercy of God.

We cannot expect the world

to tell of His good works. It is our job! God has every right to expect the Redeemed of the Lord to, "say so!" Whom he has redeemed from the hand of the enemy....because "we" are his witness, that he is God! If we would lift up the name of Jesus, and stop lifting up the name of men more souls will be drawn into the kingdom of God.

Not only does the Church have a responsibility to teach and preach the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to live the lives we teach and preach about! What greater witness of good news is to confess, I once was blind, now I see", or "I used to be an unbeliever; Now I'm a Believer!" "I was sick, and when the doctors gave me up, God healed and restored my life!" "I used to be depressed, now I can say that, The JOY of the Lord is my strength!!!" "I once was lost, now I am found!" Now, that's good news!!!!

When, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was born, he brought Good News into the world. He brought Joy into the world! He brought Peace into the world! He brought Hope into the world! "Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her king! Let every heart, prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing." These words to this popular Christmas carol reflect the True meaning of Christmas, and why the world needs to receive him.

"And the angel said unto

them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Now, at the birth of Jesus Christ, the angels did their job. They heralded the birth of the newborn king and the Savior of the world. If we have been born again, (John 3:3-7) we need to do our job, and witness the tidings of great joy which shall be to all people....to the world!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 Now that's Good News, and brings Joy To The World! That's Good News! 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!

## OBITUARIES

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and Etta Mae Bowden Thorpe on June 26, 1944. He attended the Williston Jr. and Sr. High School as a child, where he excelled in Band, under the direction of Mr. Floyd. Upon graduation from Williston, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he trained in radiologic science. He was honorably discharged from service in 1965.

Theodore moved to New York in 1966, where worked and taught as an X-ray technologist. He further developed his skill and enjoyed

working in Bone Densitometry for the latter part of his career. His love for photography led him to the NY School of Photography where he received his degree, and the coveted "press pass." In 1984, his passion for music came to its apex when he performed Handel's Messiah with 100 voices and full orchestra at his local church in Brooklyn, NY.

It was in New York that he met and later married the love of his life, Eastlyn George Thorpe I 1979. This union produced his son, Theodore Thorpe, III, who inherited his amazing pas-

sion for music.

Theodore was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Etta Mae Thorpe. Theodore's memories will forever be cherished by his wife, Eastlyn; his son, Theodore (Jennifer) Thorpe, III; son Ronald (Teleca) Checkley; Phillip (Tiffany) Checkley; son Allan Checkley; daughter Joy Checkley; brother Lewis Bowden; brother Robert (Joyce) Thorpe; sister Jacquelyn (Arthur) Hicks; sister Etta (Charles) High; aunt Janie Shaw; grandchildren (Ronald Jr., Tyler, Taylor, Tyrah, Jonathan, Chinua, Shianne and

Diamonique; nieces (Lisa, Sherry, Natalie, Krystal and Felicia); nephews (Lewis Jr., Walter, Arthur, Ingram) and a host of cousins, grandnieces and nephews, church family and friends.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 pm on Monday, December 11, 2017 at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church. Burial in Pine Forest Cemetery. Arrangements by Adkins-Drain Funeral Service. 515 South Eighth Street, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401. Condolences may be shared at [www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com](http://www.adkinsdrainfuneralservice.com).

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NEW TITLE CERTIFICATE NORTH CAROLINA NEW HANOVER COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION Before the Clerk File # 17-SP-745**

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW HANOVER COUNTY REGISTERED ESTATE NUMBER 2A ROBERT ERNST and wife, SUSAN ERNST, Petitioners**

All persons or parties who may have or claim any interest in the land hereinafter described, the same being New Hanover County Registered Estate No. 2A, are hereby notified that Robert Ernst and Susan Ernst have filed a petition seeking issuance of a new Title Certificate for Registered Estate Number 2A.

The current Certificate of Title is recorded in Real Estate Book 1881 at page 97 in the office of the Register of Deeds of New Hanover County. The original Certificate of Title has been destroyed or lost. The subject property is located in New Hanover County, North Carolina, and is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the eastern line of the Robert H. Tate Tract as certified by Registered Estate Number 2, Certificate Number 7A in Torrens or Title Book Number 1 in the Registry of Deeds of New Hanover County, North Carolina, said point located North 30 degrees 53 minutes East 776.72 feet as measured with said line from its intersection with the northern line of Greenville Loop Road (SR 1421); running then from said Beginning with said eastern line North 30 degrees 53 minutes East 309.00 feet to a point; then North 59 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds West 447.70 feet to a point in the western line of said Tate Tract; then with said western line South 30 degrees 59 minutes West 309.0 feet to a point; then South 59 degrees 06 minutes 45 seconds East 448.29 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 3.18 acres.

TOGETHER WITH and SUBJECT TO certain easements and other conditions as described in said Certificate.

Petitioners have requested the issuance of a new certificate of title in the name of Robert Ernst and Susan M. Ernst, subject only to the easements and other matters stated in the current certificate and New Hanover County ad valorem taxes.

All persons having or claiming an interest or estate in the lands described below are notified to appear before the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County, 316 Princess Street, Suite 201, Wilmington, North Carolina 28402 on or before January 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. to show cause as to why the Petition should not be granted. Failure to do so may extinguish or jeopardize any claim of right or ownership any claimant might have or claim in the subject property.

This 17th day of November, 2017.

/s/ Lisa H. Bell  
Assistant Clerk of Superior Court  
New Hanover County, North Carolina  
Petitioners' Attorney:  
Charles T. Busby  
P.O. Box 818  
Hampstead, North Carolina 28443  
910-270-8830

November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Oma Russell, III, (17-E-1638)**, late of 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 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 1, 2018** 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 November, 2017

Louise Montgomery, Executrix of the Estate of Oma Russell  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
Wilmington, NC 28401  
910-815-0085

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **William Mark Ungerland** deceased, of New Hanover County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below on or before **February 25, 2017** or this Notice shall be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address shown below.

This the 23rd day of November, 2017.

Cindy Ann Ward, Executrix of the Estate of William Mark Ungerland  
c/o BRITT LAW FIRM  
720 North 3rd St. Ste. 401  
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November 23, 30, December 7, 14, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Ramesh Shah, M.D.**, deceased, of 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 **2nd day of March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 30th day of November, 2017.

Jyotsna Shah, M.D., Executrix of the Estate of Ramesh Shah, M.D.  
69 Semmes Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28401

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Linda Racko, (17-E-1641)**, late of 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 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **March 1, 2018** 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 November, 2017

Charlotte Noel Fox,  
Administrator of the Estate of Linda Racko  
Craig & Fox, PLLC  
701 Market Street  
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910-815-0085

November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 2017

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of **Robert R. Ledbetter**, deceased, of 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 **7th day of March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of December, 2017.

Edythe B. Ledbetter, Executrix of the Estate of Robert R. Ledbetter  
5006 Carleton Drive Unit 19  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
MURCHISON, TAYLOR & GIBSON, PLLC  
16 North Fifth Avenue  
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December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.**, deceased, of 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 **7th day of March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of December, 2017.

Jeffrey L. Dunlea, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.  
PO Box 4748  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Richard A. Dunlea, III, Co-Executor of the Estate of Richard L. Dunlea, Jr.  
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December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**Notice to family of Kirsten Hewett, D.O.B.: 5-14-1970, Deceased**

Mrs. Hewett has a lawsuit in Nebraska in which money is involved. We cannot reach any of the family members, and ask that anyone who knows her husband, Blake Hewett, or her daughters Ashley Spurling or April Spurling, or her mother, Nancy Ireland, or any other family members, to contact me immediately: Greg Garland, Greg Garland Law, 14301 FNB Pkwy, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68154, 402-330-7000, greg@greggarlandlaw.com. If the case is not filed in the proper court, or not settled by February 8, 2018, the case will be over forever.

December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2017

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

Having qualified on the 6th day of December, 2017, as Administrator of the Estate of **HOWARD EUGENE BAREFOOT, JR.**, Deceased, late of South St. Paul, Dakota County, Minnesota, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent to exhibit the same to the Administrator, Robert Brian Frenger, at 820 Park Lane, South St. Paul, MN 55075, on or before the **14th day of March, 2018**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate should make immediate payment.

This 8th day of December, 2017.

ROBERT BRIAN FRENGER, /s/  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Attorney for the Estate:  
J. Wesley Casteen, Esq., CPA  
Carolina Legal Counsel  
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December 14, 21, 28, 2017 and January 4, 2018

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