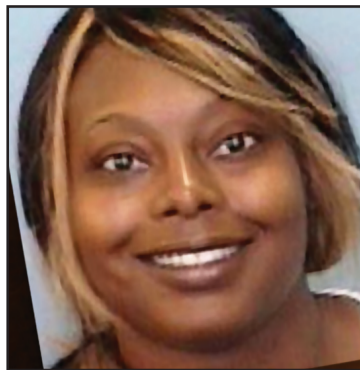


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EBONEE SPEARS

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

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BERNEST HEWETT

Merry Christmas to all

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

We are still, as we near the close of 2017, years praying for freedom and justice for all people and for with peace and good will to all, God bless America and the world as we celebrate another Christmas Season! MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL PEOPLE OF FAITH!!

Bernest Hewett is president emeritus of the Brunswick

PART ONE 2017: A YEAR OF TURMOIL

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It was the year of recovering from the 2016 election of Donald Trump when a Democratic governor came into office in North Carolina bitterly opposed by GOP lawmakers, and a prominent Black leader gained national prominence as he stepped away from the NCNAACP.

Those were just some of the top stories impacting North Carolina's African-American community, which we covered in 2017. In Part One, here's a look at an eventful January through March.

January - Wake Superior Court Judge



MORGAN

Michael Morgan is sworn in to the NC Supreme Court, making him the second African-American to currently serve. Democratic Roy Cooper is sworn in as governor, having unseated Republican Pat McCrory in the November 2016 elec-



COOPER

tion. Gov. Cooper immediately fulfills a campaign promise, choosing one of the most diverse gubernatorial Cabinets and administrations in North Carolina history. Meanwhile, the director of the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro alleges to the Black Press that the facility is not

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BUILDING B.R.I.D.G.E.S

Meet Vonni M. Goodson-Simpson

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Vonni M. Goodson-Simpson is a Wilmington native and a graduate of Shaw University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. For more than twenty years, through her work experience with Coastal Horizons Center and Domestic Violence Shelter and Services Inc., she has been a committed advocate for those battling mental health issues and substance abuse, and survivors of domestic violence.

In 2007, she co-founded B.R.I.D.G.E.S of Wilmington, LLC, an agency dedicated to serving individuals and families impacted by HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.

She is the proud mother of one son, Tre. Vonni is also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Ms. Goodson-Simpson's personal philosophy can be summed up in a quote from Mother Theresa, "If you can't feed a hundred people, feed one."

B.R.I.D.G.E.S is a privately-owned case management agency serving New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick and Onslow counties. The agency's mission is to Build Rapport with Individuals Divided by Gaps in Economic and Social Structure by meeting people where they are and bridge the gap between where they want to be and where they are.

B. R. I. D. G. E. S takes pride in serving its clients with empathy and compassion. For some, B.R.I.D.G.E.S is their stop and hope. B.R.I.D.G.E.S cherishes its clients and will exhaust all of its efforts and resources to ensure that its clients' needs are met.

It is the objective of B.R.I.D.G.E.S to be the gold standard of HIV/AIDS case management in the marketplace. By consistently meeting and exceeding client needs and offering innovative



VONNI M. GOODSON-SIMPSON

solutions that positively impact the lives of its clients, it will not only set the standard setter in the marketplace, but will also raise the bar for other agencies to serve the clients in the respective marketplace. Ms. Goodson-Simpson says this will create a WIN/WIN scenario for the agencies and families impacted by HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Goodson-Simpson further states that the primary goal of B.R.I.D.G.E.S. is to offer and provide a comprehensive network of services and support to those individuals and families whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS and other chronic diseases.

The locally owned agency offers a safe supportive environment where clients' rights are respected. Ms. Good-Simpson assures the community that B.R.I.D.G.E.S. does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, national origin, disability or sexual orientation.



ATTORNEY THOMAS FARR

Did GOP attorney lie to Senate Judiciary Committee?

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

A Raleigh attorney who has represented the NC Republican Party in defending voter ID and racial gerrymandering, is now in hot water for allegedly lying to the Senate Judiciary Committee that approved his Trump nomination to the federal bench.

Attorney Thomas Farr, up for the lifetime appointment to federal judgeship of US District Court in the Eastern District of North Carolina, cleared the committee last month with flying colors, but before the full Senate voted to approve his judicial nomination, new questions have come up about Farr's role in the 1990 campaign of the late Republican Senator Jesse Helms, and to what extent did Farr involve himself in a "ballot security" scheme designed to intimidate Black voters statewide during Helm's racially divisive 1990 US Senate campaign against Black Democratic challenger, Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt.

One hundred thousand "ballot security" postcards were sent to Black Democratic voters statewide from the NC Republican Party, warning

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For many across the nation, the dream of a Black Christmas brings joy

BY ALANTÉ MILLOW

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As the holiday season approaches, so do the wave of images representing St. Nicholas and the nativity scene. However, just a quick Google search of either image reveals an array of white representations.

The fact that people of European descent aren't the only ones celebrating Christmas is being increasingly recognized and celebrated as an industry is growing for festive products to which Black consumers can relate. Although displaying a Black

Santa may seem like a small, meaningless gesture to some, the effect it can have on the mindsets of Black children can be quite remarkable. Multiple studies have shown that whitewashed media images have negative effects on the self-esteem of Black children.

A famous 1940's study conducted by psychologists Kenneth and Mamie Clark presented Black children with both White and Black dolls. When

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being treated fairly by the City Council or Duke Energy.

At the urging of NC Republican legislative leaders, the US Supreme Court ordered a hold on any redrawing of the 2011 redistricting maps, as originally ordered by a special federal three-judge panel after the November 2016 elections.

Gov. Cooper and Republican legislative leaders get into a war of words over repealing the controversial HB2 so called "bathroom bill," in addition to the NC General Assembly's passing laws during a special session in Dec. 2016 that stripped the Democratic governor of many of his powers. Cooper sued the legislature as a result.

Gov. Cooper appoints Durham Rep. Larry Hall, 61, to become Secretary of Veteran and Military Affairs, adding to the eventual large number



HALL

of African-Americans serving in the governor's cabinet. As outgoing President Barack Obama prepares to leave office after eight years, North Carolinians dread the inauguration of Republican Donald Trump as the 45th President of the United States.

A new study denotes that Black women are dying of cervical cancer at an alarming 77 percent rate higher than White women.

February - The NCNAACP blasts Pres. Trump's false assertions of voter fraud.

Duke professor, Timothy B. Tyson makes national headlines with his new book, *The Blood of Emmett Till*, when the Mississippi White woman whose husband killed the Black Chicago teenager in 1956 admits for the first time that the 14 year old did nothing wrong.



TYSON

The NC NAACP led Forward Together Movement holds its 11th Annual HK on J Moral March on Raleigh and People's

Assembly.

The GOP-led State Senate demands to vet Gov. Cooper's Cabinet officers before approving them to serve.

Gov. Cooper appoints Colonel Glenn McNeil as Commander of the NC Highway Patrol.



MCNEILL

Chancellors and presidents from North Carolina's HBCU's meet with President Trump and GOP lawmakers.

March - US Attorney Gen. Jeff Sessions announces that the US Justice Dept will no longer legally fight against Voter ID laws.

The NCNAACP and National NAACP President Cornell Brooks calls for an international economic boycott of North Carolina because of "repressive" policies by the Republican-



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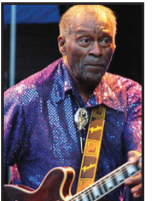
led NC legislature.

HBCU presidents and chancellors begin to doubt the Trump Administration's promises to their schools.

Emboldened by the Trump Administration, hate groups increase across the country.

Rock and roll icon Chuck Berry dies at age 90.

The Winston Salem Chronicle is sold by founder/publisher Ernie Pitt.



BERRY

The controversial HB2 "bathroom bill" is repealed. Shows and sporting events begin returning to North Carolina after a boycott.

Kalvin Michael Smith, whom supporters said was falsely convicted and imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit, is shot after he's released from prison and is listed in serious condition.



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Legislators respond to GOP tax bill



CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS

Tuesday, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Ranking Member of the Committee on Financial Services, gave the following floor statement in opposition to H.R. 3312, a bill that would deregulate some of the largest banks:

strong opposition to H.R. 3312, the Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act.

At a time when big banks are doing very well and the industry made record profits - more than \$171 billion last year - and business lending has increased 75 percent since Dodd-Frank was signed into law, now is not the time to eliminate critical safeguards and reduce oversight of many of our largest banks. H.R. 3312 would roll back the enhanced prudential standards that currently apply to 30 of the largest banks with more than \$50 billion in assets. These are some of the most important rules in Dodd-Frank, like enhanced capital and stress testing, that are critical to maintaining a safe and sound banking system that supports the broader economy.

Proponents of this bill argue that Dodd-Frank imposed a one-size-fits-all approach to any bank over \$50 billion. But the

law makes clear that the Fed should tier and tailor its rules to differentiate between even these large banks "on an individual basis or by category, taking into consideration their capital structure, riskiness, complexity, financial activities (including the financial activities of their subsidiaries), size, and any other risk-related factors that the Board of Governors deems appropriate." There is no one-size-fits all mandate, and the Fed has indeed tailored these rules. For example, the prudential rules for a trillion dollar bank are much tougher compared to those that apply to a \$250 billion bank, and considerably more so compared to a \$50 billion bank.

And yet, after 18 months, this bill would exempt 30 of our largest banks from enhanced oversight and replaces the \$50 billion threshold with a cumbersome, discretionary process

led by the Federal Reserve along with the FSOC. We have a similar process for designating non-bank financial companies, like AIG, which have posed a systemic risk, so it is strange Republicans are now pushing a similar approach after they repeatedly blasted the same FSOC designation process for being arbitrary, opaque, unfair and unworkable. Those designations were heavily litigated if not blocked in court, as these new designations by the Federal Reserve and the FSOC would likely be. Currently, there is only one non-bank designated by FSOC through this process, so we should expect there would be hardly any designations through H.R. 3312.

Who are these 30 massive banks that stand to benefit? These banks collectively hold more than \$5 trillion in assets, or one-fourth of all banking assets in the United States. Of

the 30 banks, 12 of them are foreign banks, including Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Credit Suisse and UBS. These banks have violated a wide range of U.S. laws, including anti-money laundering and unlawful trading practices, so I have no clue why Congress should even consider doing those banks any favors.

For all the talk about helping out small, community banks that serve their customers well in our rural and underserved neighborhoods, there is not a single provision that helps out these thousands of community banks and their customers. While some characterize this bill as helping "medium-sized" banks, the median sized bank only has about \$200 million in assets, or roughly 250 times less than the massive banks that benefit by this bill. More troubling, instead of helping community banks the bill would make it easier for the largest banks to acquire smaller ones,

accelerating a 30-year consolidation trend. Reasonable people can disagree on how best to dial up or down some of these enhanced standards and tier them more effectively, and I know my colleagues have good intentions, but this proposal goes way, way too far in reversing strong oversight of the nation's largest banks.

Even a Senate bill that resembles Chairman Hensarling's Wrong Choice Act is far less aggressive, raising the \$50 billion threshold to \$250 billion, although even that proposal would be damaging.

Let me close by emphasizing that H.R. 3312 represents one of the largest rollbacks of sensible rules for many of our largest banks, including a dozen foreign banks, at a time when the industry is making record profits - and such a bill will hurt and make it harder for community banks to compete.



CONGRESSWOMAN GWEN MOORE

In response to Tuesday's vote on, H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04) released the following statement:

"As members of Congress, we have a duty to always put the needs of our constituents before our

own. This reckless Republican tax bill not only represents a deep misunderstanding of that responsibility, but also exposes the extent of their indifference to the struggles of poor and working class families.

"The GOP tax scam betrays every tenet of

responsible governing and meaningful reform. It further complicates the tax code and creates even more loopholes for their corporate donors. When fully implemented, their plan will raise taxes on every single income group making less than \$75,000 per year. Of the advertised

tax benefits, 83% will go to the top 1% of taxpayers.

"It's no secret that CEOs have already stated their intention of passing these tax cuts to their shareholders rather than creating jobs or raising wages. Our constituents are rightfully sick and tired

of these empty promises, trickle-down myths, and attempts to chip away at the bedrock safety net programs upon which they depend. That's why I'll continue to fight for policies that truly grow our economy and support the needs of regular Americans."



CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA LEE

Congresswoman Barbara Lee released the following

statement after House Republicans voted to advance a tax bill that steals from middle-income families to line the pockets of the wealthiest 1%:

"House Republicans just passed the greatest tax scam in American history. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is not tax reform, it's a crooked scheme that steals from the hard-earned pay checks of low and middle income families just to line the pockets of millionaires, billionaires and wealthy corporations. Independent

economic experts have weighed in and one thing is certain: this bill only benefits the rich.

"Just yesterday, the Tax Policy Center found that under this bill more than half of all Americans would face tax increases in the next ten years. That means 86 million middle-

income households will see their taxes go up, just so Republicans can line the pockets of millionaires, billionaires and wealthy corporations. Make no mistake; the Republican tax scam is corrupt to its core.

"At a time when everyday Americans are struggling to make ends meet,

this bill would lead to 13 million more uninsured Americans, make it easier for wealthy corporations to ship jobs overseas, run up the federal deficit by \$2.2 trillion and trigger spending cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. Republicans control the House and the Senate - they could be using

their majority to help the American people. Instead, they have chosen to rubber-stamp President Trump's greedy, un-American agenda and pass bills that do nothing except enrich corporate cronies and the billionaire donor class. This is a sad day for the American people."

FARR

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them falsely that if they tried to vote in precincts where they were not registered, they were "ineligible" to cast a ballot and could be arrested and thrown into jail.

Farr was the lead counsel for the Helms' campaign in 1990. Last September, he told the Senate Judiciary Committee that he knew nothing about the ballot security postcards until after the US Justice Dept sent a letter to the campaign about it.

However, a former US Justice Dept. attorney, Gerald

Hebert, told the Independent Weekly Newspaper, of Durham last week that, per his investigation at the time, Farr took part in a key meeting before any letter was sent to the campaign by federal authorities.

Yet Farr is on record as telling Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member, Senator Diane Feinstein (D-CA), "No" when she asked him, "While you were serving as lead counsel to the 1990 Helms for Senate Committee, the Justice Department filed a complaint in federal court charging the campaign with intimidating Black voters in violation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965?"

"The complaint alleged that the campaign sent over 100,000 postcards to mainly African-American voters suggesting that they were ineligible to vote and that voting could lead to criminal prosecution for voter fraud. Did you provide any counsel, or were you consulted in any way, about the content of or the decision to send these postcards?" Feinstein continued.

A transcript shows Attorney Farr as replying, "I was not aware that the cards had been sent until they had been sent and the manager of the Helms Committee received a letter about the cards from the Voting Rights Section of the United States Department

of Justice. The manager of the Helms Committee then called me for legal advice."

US Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) has now asked the US Justice Dept. for a 1991 memo that outlines the ballot security scheme and allegedly places Farr right in the middle of it.

"It is clear to me that this memo is essential in determining whether Mr. Farr misled the Senate Judiciary Committee," Booker wrote in a letter to US Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Strong opposition to Farr's judicial nomination has come from both North Carolina congresspersons, G. K. Butterfield and Alma Adams, and from the NCNAACP.

CHRISTMAS

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asked which they preferred, 65 percent of the participating Black children showed a preference for the White doll.

The Clark study, duplicated in 2006, netted similar results. Kiri Davis, then a 17-year-old film student of Manhattan's Urban Academy produced a similar study with children at a Harlem Day Care Center. Fifteen of the 21 children surveyed preferred the White doll over the Black one.

Psychologists such as Dr. Julia Hare, argue that - even today - these attitudes among children are because of the abundance of White images and lack of Black ones. At Christmas time, these images can exacerbate low self esteem unless they are reversed.

"[Black] children are bombarded with images every day

that they see on television screens and on coffee tables; either the light-skinned female that everybody is pushing, or they give preference to the closest white images," Hare told BlackEnterprise.com.

Rev. Orin Boyd Jr. of the Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church agrees that displaying Black holiday images could be beneficial to Black children.

"Most people relate the Christmas holiday to a time of joy, good things, positive things. So if none of the images look like [Black children], that association or connection is not made," Boyd said. "But if they're able to see themselves within it, it reinforces that people of African descent contribute to joyous positive experiences and that's not always displayed in other areas of life."

Mother of two, Adrienne Lynette, said she raised her children seeing positive Black images for this exact reason.

"If Black kids don't see that their black princesses, superheroes and powerful [images] like Jesus, I think they'll start to think that it's not possible for them," Lynette said. "I always tried my best to give my daughters Black dolls because I think it's just important for their self-esteem."

Theologians have pointed out that images of White biblical characters, such as the nativity scene and Jesus, aren't even accurate.

"After one of my recent lectures, a Christian college student approached me and asked if black people are uncomfortable with the fact that Jesus is white. I responded, 'Jesus is not white. The Jesus of history likely looked more like me, a black woman, than you, a white woman,'" writes Christena Cleveland in a Christianity Today article titled, "Why Jesus' Skin Color Matters."

She adds, "Not only is white

Jesus inaccurate, he also can inhibit our ability to honor the image of God in people who aren't white...Jesus of Nazareth likely had a darker complexion than we imagine, not unlike the olive skin common among Middle Easterners today. Princeton biblical scholar James Charlesworth goes so far as to say Jesus was 'most likely dark brown and suntanned.'"

Regardless of how people spend the holidays, Rev. Boyd reminds, remember the true reason for the season.

"We always have to keep in mind when we discuss the ethnicity of Jesus...that we keep in perspective that it's not as important as the central fame and purpose of Jesus Christ," Boyd said. "It's important that we understand it's the divinity of Christ - not necessarily the natural ethnicity of him - that makes him a unique figure to all of humanity."

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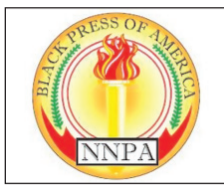
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He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village, where He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never had a family or owned a home. He never set foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never wrote a book, or held an office. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness.

While He was still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends deserted Him. He was turned over to His enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had, His coat. When He was dead, He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave.

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MATTERS OF OPINION

RAINBOW COALITION

The South can lead the Nation to a 'NEW POLITICS'

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Liberating the South is the key to liberating the nation. The key to liberating the South is the black vote. Recent black turnout in elections in Virginia and Alabama demonstrate this point.



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

There are 4 million unregistered black voters in the 11 former Confederate states. Florida has more than 555,000 unregistered blacks (and some 200,000 Puerto Ricans moving to the mainland around Orlando after the recent devastating hurricane). Georgia has 618,000 unregistered blacks and North Carolina 463,000. Massive voter registration efforts must be the priority in those three states, with other Southern states to follow. If African-Americans and Latinos register and vote in large numbers in the South, there will be a new politics in America.

In the most recent Alabama

Senate race, voters were offered a stark choice: The Republican nominee, Roy Moore, had praised slavery and vilified immigrants, and had been twice removed from judicial posts for elevating his religious beliefs over the laws and the Constitution. His opponent was Democrat Doug Jones, a lawyer famed for prosecuting the Klansmen who murdered the four little girls in the infamous 1963 Birmingham church bombing. Jones prevailed, but Moore might well have won if he were not being credibly charged with preying on teenage girls when he was in his 30s.

Although it was close, the race represents a turning point. African-Americans — particularly women — turned out in record large numbers. Jones won the Iron Bowl vote, winning in the hometowns of Auburn and the University of Alabama. He fared best among the young. That vote represents the potential future of politics in Alabama, in the South and in the country.

The race-bait politics that have defined the Republican Party since Nixon's "Southern strategy" in 1968 may well be reaching its end date. Trump

renewed the strategy with his posturing on immigrants, his blustery nativism against Muslims and his divisive stance on the haters in Charlottesville, Va. But in the governor's race in Virginia and the Senate race in Alabama, Republicans trying to recycle Trumpism were defeated — in large part because African-Americans turned out in record numbers.

Trump's vilifications clearly mobilize the vote of people of color; of the young and increasingly of women. Their vote cannot be inherited; it must be earned. If Democrats want to succeed, they have to put political energy and resources into opening up our elections, making it easier for working people to register and vote, and putting new energy on the ground to persuade and organize people of color to vote.

They will also have to stand up for an agenda that will speak to the pressing needs of the African-American community. At the core of that agenda are policies needed by working and poor people of every race — affordable health care, decent paying jobs, quality schools, affordable college or technical training, clean water

and air, retirement security and more. Equal opportunity and equal justice — particularly an end to mass incarceration for nonviolent crimes — are claims not for special treatment but for basic citizenship.

Democratic Party Chair Tom Perez says that African-American women are the "base of the Democratic Party." Yet neither African-American women nor men have been the center of the party's efforts or the focus of its resources. What Alabama showed is that there is a new energy outside of the party structures — in organizations such as Black Votes Matter, Woke Vote and more — that can make a difference. Democrats need to walk the talk, to wake up and catch up.

African-Americans are clear about who their foe is; what is yet to be proven is who is for them, who stands on their side. What Alabama and Virginia suggest is that candidates who make that clear may well be able to transform the South — and in doing so, transform the country.

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

Time to hook Black women up

(Via TriceEdneyWire.com)

Senator Elect Doug Jones (D-AL) did not have to win his battle against accused sexual molester and Republican candidate Roy Moore in the epic battle in Alabama on December 12.



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

He won because young people, some Ewhite women (most of them voted for Moore), and an amazing effort from Alabama's African-Americans put him over the top. Some white folks crossed party lines for the first time, voting for Jones because Moore repulsed them.

Some analysts have especially noted that White moms were more likely than other white women to vote for Jones. But Black folks showed up and showed out — a larger percentage of African American voters participated in this election than in the 2012 election of President Barack Obama. And 98 percent of African-American women voted for Doug Jones (along with 94 percent of Black men). Among whites, 27 percent of White men

voted for Doug Jones, along with 35 percent of White women.

In cyberspace, people are thanking Black women for their support of Doug Jones, on Twitter, and Facebook, and Instagram. A friend told me that a woman she had not seen in a decade called her to thank Black women for saving the Senate from the likes of Roy Moore. Everyone likes to be thanked, but Black women deserve more than thanks. We deserve the "hook up", the connection, organizational, institutional and financial support for our efforts.

Black women's organizations in Alabama should get immediate contributions from the Democratic Party. Indeed, some of the sisters who led the effort to get the vote out, like Congresswoman Terri Sewell (D), need to be consulted on how to effectively support Black women in Alabama. The Democratic Party ought to cultivate Black women leaders in Alabama, so that they are poised to run for other offices. And since Doug Jones has a short term, and will be up for reelection in 2020, Black women need to be deputized to begin, immediately, working on his reelection campaign.

The focus should not just be on Black women in Alabama, but also Black women nationally. The white

women around the country who cheered Black women on now need to open their doors and embrace the Sojourner Truth observation that "Ain't I A Woman". Too many women's organizations are white women's organizations. Don't these women think they can learn a thing or two from the amazing way Black women organize, mobilize, and step up?

White women are often in the unique position to hook Black women up, in politics and in the workplace, but they don't offer the hook up as often as they should because it is challenging for them to step outside their comfort zone and embrace diversity. But when folk step out of their comfort zone, look at the results! Thanks to Black women, among others, Doug Jones is the unlikely winner of this Senate contest.

I'm cognizant of the fact that Black women weren't the sole reason for the Jones victory. It is especially exciting to see young people reject Roy Moore. Millennials are far less partisan than their elders are. You can't say they cross party lines because many of them have no party affiliation. But like Black women, young people in Alabama thronged to the polls to elect Jones. Their participation makes a strong case for generational inclu-

sion when political strategies are being developed.

In any case, it is heartening to see Black women being thanked for doing what we always do — the work. I don't just want thanks, I also want the hookup. Those white folks who are thanking Black women might also send a contribution to Higher Heights (<http://www.higherheights-foramerica.org>), a Black women's PAC named after Dr. Dorothy Irene Height. Or, folks can send contributions to the Black Women's Roundtable (<https://nbcpc.org/programs/bwr/policy>), which is part of the National Coalition for Black Civic Participation. It is great to express gratitude, but it is even better to put your money where your mouth is.

Black women have always had to assert our place in the mainstream, and we have too often been ignored by our natural allies. And we still come through in a crunch. Those who are thanking us ought also to support us. They need to hook Black women up!

Julianne Malveaux is an author and economist. Her latest book "Are We Better Off? Race, Obama and Public Policy" is available via www.amazon.com for booking, wholesale in-inquiries or for more info visit www.julianne-malveaux.com.

WISHING EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

From The Wilmington Journal Staff

Novant Health team members pledge \$1.4 million to local communities

Giving. Serving. Together. Team member giving campaign supports health, humanitarian assistance agencies

Winston-Salem, N.C., Dec. 14, 2017 – In 2017, 3,660 Novant Health team members pledged \$1,443,683 to local nonprofit community partners and Novant Health regional foundations through the Novant Health team member giving campaign, Giving. Serving. Together. The campaign lasted from Sept. 4 to Oct. 29.

The team member giving campaign provides an opportunity for Novant Health team members across all Novant Health markets covering a four-state area to join together to make a difference where they work and live.

“As a nonprofit organization, we rely on the support of our communities in order to advance health care to the next level,” said Kim Henderson, chief of staff to the CEO and senior vice president of Novant Health foundations and social responsibility. “But how could we ask others to support our mission if we don’t do it ourselves? This team member giving campaign demonstrates to our communities that our mission and our organization matter, and that our team members are invested in the work we do and the work of our communi-

ty partners.”

Team members pledged money to their local Novant Health foundation and local community agencies to impact the lives of those who live in their communities, as well as improve the overall health of their communities. Team member pledges support:

- Access to care
 - Employee assistance funds
 - Services at free clinics
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 - New facilities to better serve patients
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 - Research funding
- Giving. Serving. Together: contributions increased by nearly 30 percent from 2016. Team member giving increased by 20 percent.

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New Hanover County

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

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

HOMETOWN NEWS FROM BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Holidays are a time of looking and thinking

We tend to have deep inward feelings and thoughts during the holidays. We have deep thoughts of many things. One thing that captures the attention of many of us is gifts. Children, adults, and senior citizens think of the gifts they'd like to receive. Many children look forward to new bicycles and other such wonderful gifts.

Verniece Stanley



The holiday season is a special time for folks all across the country for various reasons. For many, it is a time of vacation and visiting. People

go back and visit family, old friends, classmates, old places, such as hometowns, birthplaces, etc. Some, particularly senior citizens, just stay at home, enjoying visitors, both young and old. Sometimes, they enjoy giving handmade gifts into which they have put lots of love. That seems always to bring a lot of joy.

The holidays give us the time to look about us and think of those who are less fortunate than we, those who have experienced the destruction of property, illness, injuries, and the loss of loved ones. For example, there are still those, particularly in California who are experiencing the destruction caused by fires burning out of control. Some have experienced

extreme cold weather or powerful storms of one kind or the other. As a result of these, power outages and other destructive problems have ravaged certain areas and caused excessive headaches and heartaches for many. Accidents, such as the recent train derailment near Tacoma, Washington have brought death and destruction to others.

There are those who just like to watch the snowfalls of the season. For example, I was reading of a central Florida family who traveled seven hours to Atlanta just to watch the freshly driven snow fall and blanket the earth.

During this holiday season, we are privileged and blessed to be able to look

around and look up and see and think of all that for which we have to be thankful.

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.

"A Time Of Remembrance"



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KEON HARRISON AND THE W.T. HOWARD GOSPEL SINGERS AND JERRITA WATERS (TRUMPET)

SPECIAL TO THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

On Friday, December 8, 2017, Davis Funeral Home hosted its second annual Holiday Memorial Service: "A Time of Remembrance". This event was initiated last year to allow the community to come together to honor loved ones who have died. The event featured a soul stirring message by Rev. Dr. Clifford D. Barnett, Sr., Pastor of Warner Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church, opening prayer by Rev. Danielle Glaze, Associate Pastor at

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, ministry in song by Keon Harrison and the W.T. Howard Gospel Singers and a Trumpet solo by Jerrita Waters.

Javoque and Jennifer Terrell shared that it is their desire that Davis Funeral Home not only serve the community when death occurs, but to also be a positive influence to and supporter of the community.

"Countless families have called expressing their gratitude for the service and that is has provided a time of healing during this holiday season." says

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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. 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 passion 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, Tyrar, 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 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.

Mr. Ronen Algene Ashe

Mr. Ronen Algene Ashe was born December 8, 1954 to Andrew and Doris Boney Ashe. Ronen was educated in the schools of New Hanover County. Upon completing high

school, he achieved the rank of Supply Sergeant in the US Army and was a Combat Veteran of Desert Storm, serving his country for more than 15 years. Ronen later settled in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his father Andrew Ashe and his wife Evelyn Ashe.

He leaves to cherish indelible memories, one daughter Amanda Ashe of Atlanta, Georgia; two grandchildren Marquel Ballard and Kinsley Ballard, three step daughters, Kia Williams, Shalonda Williams and Patricia Williams, eleven step grandchildren of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his mother Mrs. Doris Boney Ashe of Wilmington, NC; one sister Andrea Teresa Ashe of Atlanta, GA; one nephew Matthew Ashe, two nieces Doris and Tierra Ashe of Atlanta, GA; special cousins Derald Boney, Michael Ashe, Thomas Ashe, Gloria Boney of Wilmington, NC; one uncle Robert Boney of Wilmington, NC and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Mt. Zion AME 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.

Alfred H. Brewington

Alfred H. Brewington, age 69, of Wilmington, NC passed away Saturday, December 9, 2017. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. Burial followed in Dark Branch Cemetery.

Alfred was a gift of life born to the late Helen Kirby Scott and the late Walter Brewington on February 10, 1948.

Alfred attended Williston Industrial High School and graduated in 1968.

Alfred worked for New Hanover County as a mechanic for over 20 years. In the early 1990's he retired from his job due to illness and later became disabled. Alfred loved working on cars and painting them. He had a collection of many types of model cars and loved bragging about them. Alfred was a loving son, a devoted father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend.

Alfred Henry Brewington quietly and peacefully surrendered to the call of Jesus on December 9, 2017. He was preceded in death by his son, Bruce Anthony Montgomery.

Alfred's lasting memories will be cherished by his granddaughter, Alexius Denise Montgomery; two sisters, Claudia Mallette (Samuel) and Vivian Inez Lewis; one brother, Herman Brewington; three aunts, Inez Merrick

(Nathaniel), Viola Hembrick (Chester) and Mae Sue Jones; five uncles, Charlie Clark (Mattie), Rudolph Brewington (Judy), James Brewington (Linda), Lawrence Brewington (Genovia) and Ernest Brewington; and a host of nieces, nephews, 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.

Christina Richardson

Christina Richardson, age 52, of Decatur, GA (formerly of Navassa), passed away Sunday, December 10, 2017. A celebration of Christina's life was conducted on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at New Light Pentecostal Bible Ministry. Interment followed in Meares Cemetery.

Christina Yeoman Richardson, affectionately known as "Chris" was born on November 21, 1965, to the late Marvin Eugene Davis and the late Ann Yeoman. She gained her heavenly wings on December 10, 2017, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia; surrounded by her loved ones.

Christina accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of New Light Pentecostal Bible Ministry.

She was preceded in death by her father, mother and grandmother, Evelyn Willis; who raised her since she was five days old.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her husband, Rodney Richardson of Carrollton, Georgia; five children, Shavell (Latoya) Swain of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Nekesha (Victor) Benjamin of Wilmington, North Carolina, Shamar Yeoman of Navassa, North Carolina, Shawanna (Vachard) Harris of Dallas, Georgia and Rashaunda "Kookie" Yeoman of Decatur, Georgia; a special granddaughter, Aon'dajua Swain; grandfather, Johnnie Willis of Navassa, North Carolina; three sisters, Brenda Joyner; Pamela Willis, and Poinsettia Willis of Navassa, North Carolina; two brothers, Anthony Willis and Harold "Jr." Yeoman of Wilmington, North Carolina; and a host of other family and friends including, four aunts, six uncles, thirteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild a special nephew, Jaqual Willis and a host of other special nieces, nephews and cousins. 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. Friends are cordially invited to a visitation with the family from 6:00 - 8:00 pm on Friday, December 22, 2017 at Davis Funeral Home. A celebration of Elaine's life will be conducted at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 23, 2017 at St. Luke AME Zion. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. 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.

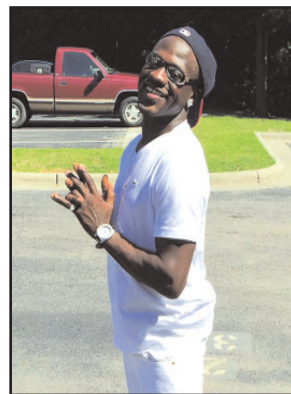
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Carl E. Smith

Carl E. Smith, age 78, of Southport, passed away Saturday, December 16, 2017. A memorial service will be held

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Montreal A. Holmes
Sunrise: December 22, 1988
Sunrise: February 5, 2017

If Roses grow in Heaven,
Lord please pick a bunch
for me,
Place them in my nephew's
arms
and tell him they're from
me.
Tell him I love him and
miss him,
and he turns to smile,
place a kiss upon his cheek
and hold him for awhile
Because remembering him
is easy, I do it every day.
But there's an ache within
my heart that will never go
away.

Happy Birthday "Weezy"
Love,
Aunt Lo

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Montreal A. Holmes
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If we could visit heaven
even for a day...Maybe for a
moment the pain would go
away. We'd put my arms
around you and whisper
words so true...That living
life without you is the hard-
est thing to do. No matter
how we spend our days no
matter what we do...No
morning dawns, or evening
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Happy Birthday in Heaven
son, dad, brother, grandson,
uncle, cousin, family
and friends

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Ezmas Juanita Carmichael

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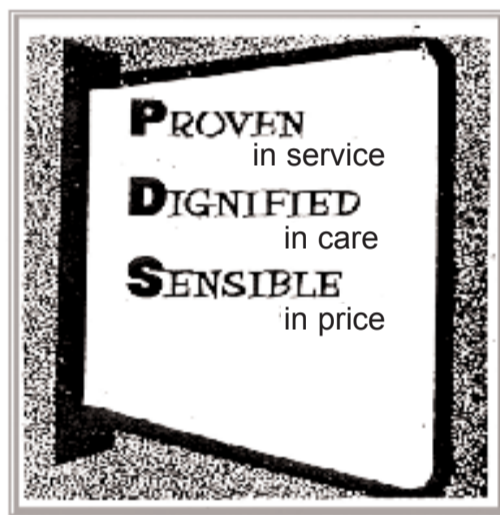
The Lord, your God, has prepared a place for you to rest from your earthly labors'.

Jack, we are left with the memories of your time with us and we continue to smile at the mention of your name. We remember your taking your children and nephew to help you clean seafood at 'Faircloth' before take your sons/daughters became fashionable. May you forever rest in peace!

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MANY HOMES IN WILMINGTON ARE DECORATED WITH LIGHTS AND LAWN SCENES IN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS.

A Reason for the Season

BY JOHANNA THATCH BRIGGS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

As Wilmington grows in population, the community is becoming culturally diverse. Therefore, we must recognize all religious holidays that are celebrated during this season. People are joined by one common denominator this time of the year, and this is the hope for world peace.

The first step in achieving unity is to learn about each other's belief and their history, so that we can understand one another. Below

are the explanations of the various holiday traditions as they are celebrated in Wilmington:

Christmas: Popular American Tradition

The traditional Christmas is not a single but prolonged period. Normally, from December 24 through January 6 includes the new year, thus increasing the festival value of Christmas.

The traditional date for Christmas is obviously from the birthdate of Jesus. This date is nearly the shortest day of the year; and from old times, this was an important agricultural solar feast-

ing period in Europe. The actual birthdate of Jesus is not known, and thus the early church fathers in the fourth century fixed the day as December 25th.

There are many customs which Americans practice. The most common traditions are decorating their homes, the exchanging of gifts, and the gathering of family together. Driving through neighborhoods, one may notice the various ways in which people decorate their homes. Some homes may simply don a single wreath on the door, while some homes may be trimmed with colorful lights.

Perhaps, some homes may be seen with a manger scene or Santa Claus with his reindeer. Embellishments will vary according to personal taste, but the custom of the Christmas Tree is the most common symbol of celebration. This tradition is usually associated with eternal life.

There are roots in the custom of exchanging presents as well. There is St. Nicholas, who is the anonymous benefactor. There is also the tradition of Magi giving precious gifts to Jesus, and there is the Roman custom of giving gifts of good luck to children during

Saturnalia. In the American tradition of giving, children hang stockings, leave Santa Clause milk and cookies and wait impatiently for the bearded man in a red suit.

One final Christmas tradition is the gathering of family and the sharing of large meals. An innumerable variety of cakes and pastries, often very intricate, were, and are, baked only for Christmas. In the past, cakes were often hung from Christmas trees. Whatever custom one chooses to practice, the common thread that joins Americans is the idea that the holidays are a time for family unity.



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WORSHIPPERS JOIN HANDS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AT AN OHIO'S CHURCH'S ANNUAL WATCH NIGHT SERVICE. THE SERVICE HOLDS SPECIAL MEANING FOR MANY BLACK CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AS IT COMMEMORATES THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ABOLISHING SLAVERY IN 10 STATES OF THE CONFEDERACY ON JAN. 1, 1863.

Watch Night Dates Back to Slavery

BY GARY FLOWERS

For all Christians, the Christmas holidays are the most sacred and spiritual time of the calendar year. For African American Christians, the week after December 25 holds immense significance as well.

On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln, following a decisive Union military victory over Confederate forces at Antietam, Maryland, penned and signed the Emancipation Proclamation. The Proclamation would free enslaved

African Americans in Confederate states that seceded from the United States of America (Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, and Mississippi).

The Emancipation Proclamation was to be effective January 1, 1863. As such, Christmas of 1862 was a most significant time, and the week following was the most important week of enslaved African Americans, who had fought, bled, prayed, strategized, and died for their legal emancipation. Yet their spirits were reminded of freedom through song.

The Negro spirituals, developed as sacred songs of African Americans, who were forcibly converted to Christianity by ungodly Whites, who disrespected the religions and cosmology of Africans legally designated as slaves. Regardless of earthly bondage and inhumane degradation, enslaved African Americans established spirituals to uplift their souls from the bondage, in the words of James Weldon Johnson, "felt in the day when hope, unborn, had died."

During enslavement, many states outlawed gatherings of the enslaved. Nonetheless, African

Americans gathered in camp meetings after sunset, following 14-hour work days, in secluded and wooded areas to feed their souls through song. For example, singers longed for freedom in "There Will Be a Great Camp Meeting in the Promised Land." Likewise, in "In Dat Great Gittin' Up Morning" the writer prophesied freedom from bondage and expressed wishes that the freed would "fare you well." Similarly, the Spiritual "My Soul Be at Res" featured the lyrics: "One of deese mornins my soul be at res."

Leading up to January 1, 1863, our enslaved ancestors sang and

prayed. On December 31, religious leaders asked the faithful to have a camp meeting (church service) to watch for freedom in the morning. The idea was to spiritually ensure that President Lincoln's promise of emancipation would be fulfilled, and thus Watch Night service was established. Emancipation Day featured the diet of the day in 1863 (collard greens, black-eyed peas, pigs' feet, yams). Today, many African American communities celebrate Emancipation Day.

Gary Flowers is CEO and Executive Director of Black Leadership Forum, Inc.




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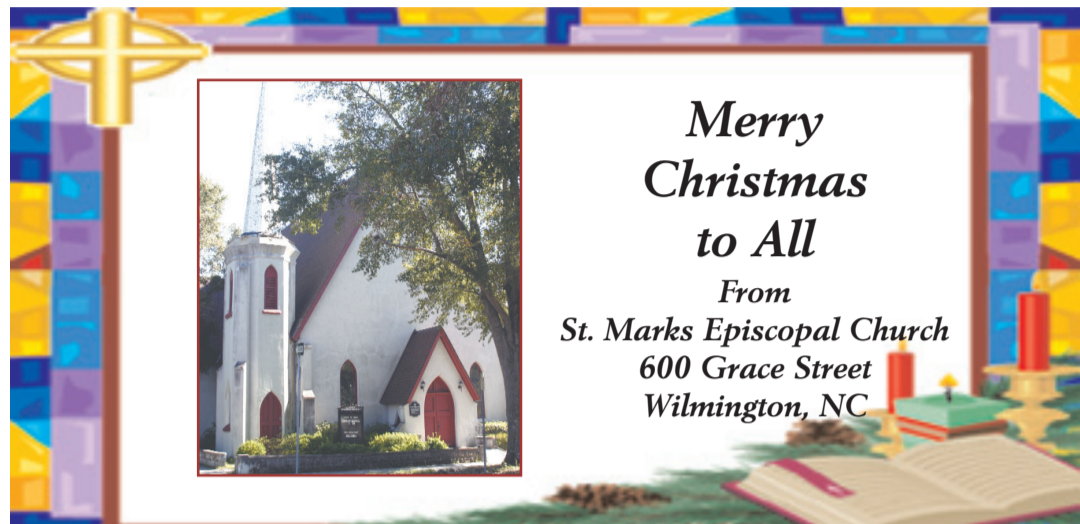
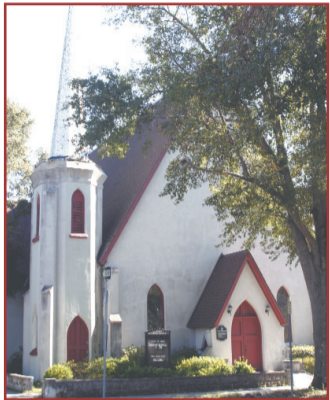


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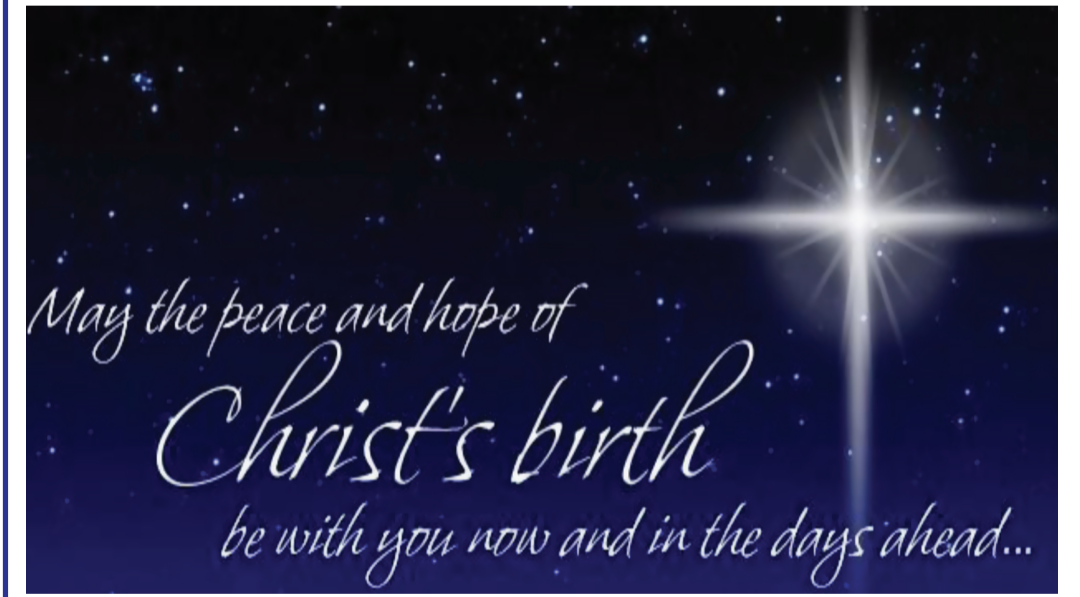
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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.----LUKE 2: 9 - 14



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