



Mary McLeod Bethune, African American Educator Who Built A School That Became A University



Special Moments of 37th Anniversary For Rev. And Sis. E. R. Simmons, Lively Hope MBC, Simonton, TX



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CELEBRATING

12th ANNIVERSARY

OF

**DR. CLARENCE TALLEY, SR., AND
FIRST LADY CAROLYN TALLEY,**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
@ 11AM AND 2:30 PM**

Theme: GOTTA PREACH!

Scriptures: "For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9: 16-19 NIV).

This 12th Anniversary Celebration is set to honor Dr. Clarence Talley, Sr. and First Lady Carolyn Talley for their faithful service and obedience in the vineyard of the Lord. And The Mount Corinth Missionary Baptist Church Family is excited about this upcoming event. Commitment to the cause of Christ and service on His behalf has brought us to another day of celebration.

The 12th Anniversary is an all-day affair Sunday September 14th beginning with Sunday School at 10 AM followed by morning worship at 11 AM. The special guest for morning worship will be Pastor Charles Tompkins, Sr. and the Salem House of Blessings family of Navasota, Tx. And at 2:30 p.m., our special guest will be the anointed speaker and songster Pastor Charles Tompkins, Jr. and The New Prairie View Baptist Church Family of New Prairie San Felipe, Texas.

For more information, you may contact Norma Tompkins at 281.914.2336.



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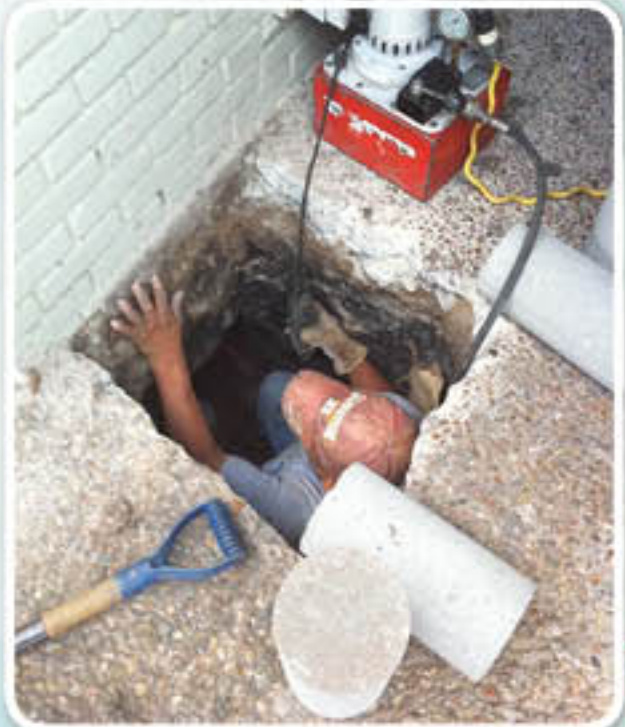
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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE

**AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATOR
WHO OPENED A SCHOOL THAT
BECAME A UNIVERSITY**

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Mary Jane McLeod Bethune (born Mary Jane McLeod; July 10, 1875 – May 18, 1955[1]) was an American educator, stateswoman, philanthropist, humanitarian, womanist,[2] and civil rights activist. Bethune founded the National Council for Negro Women in 1935, established the organization's flagship journal *African American Women's Journal*,[3][4] and resided as president or leader

for myriad African American women's organizations including the National Association for Colored Women and the National Youth Administration's Negro Division.[5] She also was appointed as a national adviser to president Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom she worked with to create the Federal Council on colored Affairs, also known as the Black Cabinet.[6] She is well known for starting a private school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida; it later continued to develop as Bethune-Cookman University. Bethune was the sole African American woman officially a part of the US delegation that created the United Nations charter,[7] and she held a leadership position for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.[8] For her lifetime of activism, she was deemed "acknowledged First Lady of Negro America" by *Ebony* magazine in July 1949[9] and was known by the Black Press as the "Female Booker T. Washington".[10] She was known as "The First Lady of The Struggle" because of her commitment to gain better lives for African Americans.[11]



"A Mother's Perspective"

The new school year often means the purchasing of uniforms, clothes, and school supplies for the classroom. While all these physical demands must be met, there are other preparations to be made. In an

Publishers' Comments

ever-changing society such as ours, Christian parents must gird up their children to meet the unfriendly Christian world in the public-school setting. Too often we think we have equipped our children to do well in

their studies by providing them with the tangibles of academic life. There is another side that must be addressed—their spiritual, psychological, and emotional well-being. AS PARENTS, WE MUST PRAY DAILY TO HELP OUR CHILDREN ADDRESS THESE NEEDS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTING. Our prayers are forceful defensive and offensive tools needed to support our children as they confront temptations, bullying, modern trends and values, and the lack of understanding of their Christian natures.

No, your children are not like everybody else's. They are targets. Their gentle, kind, and helpful attitudes are often mistaken for weakness by their peers. Their obedience to authority, politeness, and preparedness in their school assignments are often viewed as wonderful by teachers but as uncool by fellow students. Praying with them and for them so they will know they are not alone, strengthen them for each school day and carry them through it. I remember when children could no longer bless their food aloud at lunchtime. My husband and I deliberately instructed our children to pray silently at lunch thanking God for His blessing. Not only did we emphasize prayer at lunch, but all through the day, especially when facing challenges or stressful moments. We knew the connection between them and God must not be broken no matter where they were or what circumstance occurred. I believe that even now that knowing that others pray and have prayed for them makes a substantial difference in how they manage day-to-day situations.

While some children receive very little positive praise during the school day and were often belittled for not following societal norm, praise at home was always forthcoming when the family came together. The biggest supporter of our children cannot

and should not be other people, but it should come from us, the parents. There is always something to praise a child for. He or she could be the greatest dish washer or the best hugger. Praise goes a long way. I remember being in the fifth grade participating in art class. This project we worked on involved the tracing of a picture through carbon paper onto burlap and then stitching on top of the picture with thread. A talker I am an artist I am not. My picture was supposed to be a stem with little tulip like flowers coming from it. It looked more like a straight line with circles on either side. Try as I might, my little picture was plain ugly. I knew it was ugly. The teacher knew it was ugly. The kids all knew it was ugly. My parents knew it was ugly. Ugly as it was; but I got an award for trying the hardest. My parents framed the picture and only got rid of it when it fell apart due to old age. I remember this incident only because I was praised for diligently working on my project and giving my best effort, not for the product itself. Instances like this serve to empower our young to always try, give it your best effort, and stay focused on doing a task to completion. They



Mrs. Mable L. Buford

**A Message to Parents
The Three 'P's'
PRAYER, PRAISE,
POWER
for Today's School,**

BY MRS. MABLE L. BUFORD

believe they can do anything when positive praise is the norm, and not the exception to the norm. And if your children are Christians, always remind them that nothing is impossible for them if they continue to put their trust in God and their faith in Jesus Christ. An art project cannot discourage them; a test cannot frighten them, a challenge will be met with their best effort, and being set apart from the crowd does not worry them. They are equipped for their tasks because they know they depend on the promise that Jesus has given them; "I (Jesus), will never fail you nor forsake you. Paul writes in Philippians 4: 6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God, and the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." THIS IS REAL POWER! It is our prayer that Christian parents be prayerful for their children and equip them with the three "P's" this year: Prayer, Praise, and Power. Teach them to pray always in the name of Jesus Christ; to praise Almighty God for His rich blessings, and to call on the power of the Holy Ghost through daily prayer that lives within each born-again believer! In Christ Jesus name! Amen.

SEPTEMBER 17TH-18TH, 2025

JERUSALEM STARLIGHT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

PREPARES TO CELEBRATE

101st

Annual Session

REV. E. R. SIMMONS, SR.,
Moderator And Pastor,
Lively Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Simonton, Tx

101ST ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

JERUSALEM STARLIGHT DISTRICT
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 @ 7 PM

OPENING NIGHT SERVICE

Guest Speaker: Pastor Kerry Tilmon, Pastor,
West Point MBC and President,
American General Baptist Convention, Galveston, TX

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 @ 7 PM

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

Rev. E. R. Simmons, Moderator, Jerusalem Starlight District
Association and Pastor,
Lively Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Simonton, TX



REV. KERRY TILMON,
PASTOR, WEST POINT
MBC AND PRESIDENT,
AMERICAN GENERAL
BAPTIST CONVENTION,
GALVESTON, TX

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE; AND IS STILL DOING! I certainly give Him all the glory and all the praise for blessing me with the privilege and opportunity to serve the Simonton community and this organization known as the JERUSALEM STARLIGHT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. It was founded by the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the year of our Lord, September 1924. And by the continued mercy, grace, and faithfulness of God, the Father, WE ARE STILL STANDING STRONG 101 YEARS LATER!

I am reminded of those faithful words given by our Lord, Jesus Christ, that upon this "Rock," I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. The blessed assurance from these words that His church, also found within the fellowship of the JERUSALEM STARLIGHT DISTRICT ASSOCIATION, will continue to stand to serve giving God the very best of their time, talents, and finances for His glory, honor, and praise! And we know we have His promise that at the end of our journey, we will hear those faithful words from Him saying, WELL DONE, THY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, NOW, I WILL MAKE YOU RULER OVER MANY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 101ST ANNUAL SESSION. THANK YOU, JESUS!

THEME: "Restoring the people of God through the teaching and preaching of the Gospel."
(Scripture: Ezekiel 33: 6 - 7)

Continuing with our series on those passages of scripture that some may be slightly familiar with or may not be aware of at all, let us now turn to that renowned book in the Bible, the Book of Job. For this writing, I need us to look at this verse—Job 34:33, from the Message Version of the Bible. This version of the Bible conveys the point a bit clearer for those of us living in the 21st Century. If you have been in church for any length of time, I am sure that you have heard at least read one message or two from this well-known Book of the Bible. This could explain why most people have missed the particulars of the book of Job, such as in our verse for today.

HAS GOD ACCEPTED YOUR CHOICE?

I need to give you a little context so that we can better understand what is being said and why. For the most part, many have read or at least have

Just because you refuse to live on God's terms, do you think he should start living on yours? You choose. I cannot do it for you. Tell me what you decide.
— Job 34:33 (MSG)

BY APOSTLE E. BURTON

course from Job's friends for the entire length of those twenty-eight chapters. We learn not only that his name is Elihu, but that he remained silent because he was raised like many of us, who were often told in our youth that wisdom comes with age; and since he was much younger than Job and his three friends, he was obliged to practice what he had been told. He just knew that something of substance would eventually be said during this discourse of back and forth with Job and his companions. Finally, seeing



that this was not going to happen, Elihu could no longer hold his peace; and so, he dove into the fray to give his insight into Job's situation. He came to the conclusion like those of us who have read the Bible surely know that true Wisdom comes from God; it has nothing to do with

our age. Not that you should not know some things because you grow older over time and with experience, wisdom is not an automatic thing because of time or environment. Wisdom only avails herself upon those who seek her and are willing to invite her into their lives.

While Elihu also does not know the real story behind what is going on in Job's life; he, unlike Job's three other friends, does not pretend to say that he does. And yet, I love what Elihu tells Job in this passage for today as Job has been trying to defend himself. What we do know about every man, woman, boy and girl is that we were all born in sin and shaped in iniquity (guilt worthy of punishment). Therefore, we all have the propensity to sin. As stated in Romans 3:23, ALL HAVE sinned and come short of the glory of God, which, would include Job! Because of that statement of truth, Job, nor any of us deserve any of the good that we receive from God. And this is the reason Elihu could pointedly ask this POWERFUL QUESTION to Job, and to you and me as well. The question demands a response to all of those who think they know how to govern their lives better than the clear direction that God has prescribed for them. Here is that "powerful" question, "Just because you refuse to live on God's terms, do you think he should start living on yours? You choose. I cannot do it for you. Tell me what you decide? This question goes out to everyone including those who REFUSE to live as God said, such as when he made us either male or female and has not ever created a third alternative. When He gave us only one way to reproduce and since neither of us to my knowledge can stop or prevent the aging process, we will all eventually get older. It will be at that point when we will all see the need to have some younger person there, if they are not all aborted? So, tell God what You decide and see if He has truly accepted your choice?

heard about the tragedy which hit Job's life in the first two chapters of the book. While Job was not given privy to exactly what was taking place in his life of sudden suffering and why, we are told in the narrative that Job was being tested not by God, but by Satan because God had so blessed him. This episode in Job's life let us all know that just because things go wrong or totally south in your life, it may not be because you have sinned. If you do not already know it, we, the body of believers in Christ Jesus, have a real enemy who wants to and is sometimes allowed to run havoc in our lives. It appears that this testing allowed by God is because He wants to prove to our true enemy, (Satan), where those who have faith in Him truly stand when times get hard; or life goes wrong. By the way, how have you been dealing with sudden or prolonged suffering when things go wrong in your life?

From Chapter 3 all the way to Chapter 31, there is a conversation between Job and his three friends—Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar. He first listens to them, trying to make sense of what is happening in his life from their explanations. But since his three friends, who also were not privy to the backdrop of what was going on with Job, they wrongly spend the bulk of their conversation trying to convince Job that he had sinned and that all he needed to do was to admit it and to repent of it. The rationale for their conclusions was that a good God would never allow such tragedy and suffering occur in anyone's life UNLESS they have either some unknown or hidden sin in their life. Question: "Have you ever known within your gut that you were right about something you had done or said or even believed for that matter and your closest friends did their best to convince you that you were wrong?"

It is not until we are told in Chapter 32 that there was a fourth man who remained silent during this entire dis-

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR AUGUST 2025

WITH SIS. JEANETTE WASHINGTON



Sis. Jeanette Washington

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, before you pray each day, let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart as you read the following scriptures during the month of August 2025. Then pray for yourself, your loved ones, your church and pastor, your community, nation, and world. And always end each prayer with this, "I offer this prayer in the mighty name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord!"

PRAYER LIST FOR AUGUST 2025

PSALM 37: 1 – 11 (KJV)

- 37 Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
- 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.
- 7 Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
- 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
- 9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.
- 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
- 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

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SPECIAL MOMENTS FROM THE 37TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR
Rev. E.R. Simmons And First Lady Debbie Simmons
OF LIVELY HOPE MBC, SIMONTON, TX, JULY 6, 2025



Pastor E. R. Simmons and First Lady Debbie Simmons were recently honored by the Lively Hope Missionary Baptist Church family on their 37th Anniversary of faithful service to the church, community, and fellowship of churches in Simonton, TX. Honored guests included family, friends, local pastors and their churches, and the special guest, Dr. C. E. Richardson, Pastor of Calvary First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, TX. Special tributes, gifts, and testimonies from church and community leaders and members were showered on the honored "man and woman of God"-Pastor and First Lady Simmons, bearing witness to their commitment and dedication of the work God has entrusted to both of them. The picture collage is just a brief snapshot of the grand celebration that was enjoyed by all in attendance at Lively Hope on July 6, 2025, 37th Anniversary Celebration!

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2025 JUNETEENTH PARADE & "FREEDOM FLAG CEREMONY"

PHOTO ESSAY PART TWO



The Black Cowboy Museum Juneteenth Parade and "Freedom Flag Ceremony" was recently held on June 19, 2025, in downtown Rosenberg TX. Larry Callies, Founder and CEO of the Black Cowboy Museum, sponsored the two events along with Legacy Ford of Rosenberg and SUNBELT RENTALS. The parade had over 25 entrants which included churches, trail rides, classic car clubs, museums, local businesses, and local government officials. The Grand Marshall for this year's parade was Briana Conner, news anchor and reporter, for Houston's "abc13" news station. After the parade, a "Freedom Flag Ceremony" was held at the museum located at 1104 3 rd Street in downtown Rosenberg, TX. Prior to Larry Callies being hoisted on a crane to put the "Freedom Flag" on top of the museum, Ms. Neal of Mt. Vernon MBC and Ms. Edwards of Greater New Prospect BC sang the Negro National Anthem—"Lift Every Voice and Sing", in honor of the occasion. The crowd joined in. Afterward the ceremony, Larry Callies opened up THE BLACK COWBOY MUSEUM to everyone in attendance to tour the museum for "free". IT WAS A GREAT DAY OF CELEBRATION GIVING PRAISE AND HONOR TO ALMIGHTY GOD WHO MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE.

Happy 45th Anniversary

Rev. L. H. Spencer, Sr.

PASTOR, GOSPEL HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



REV. L. H. SPENCER, SR

REV. AND MRS. L. H. SPENCER, SR

Rev. Lionel H. Spencer is celebrating his 45th Pastor's Anniversary at Gospel Hill Missionary located at 1926 Paul Quinn Street, Houston, Texas 77091 The church is located in Northwest Houston in the Acres Homes area. He is grateful to God for continuing to bless him and his family through the years and for allowing him to serve as pastor for 45 years. You can follow him at Gospel Hill Missionary Baptist Church Houston on Facebook.



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BACK TO SCHOOL FOR PARENTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Recommendations for increasing student success in the public school - for the home, for the church, and for the school;

by Michael D. Buford, BA, MEd.

What Parents should do in the home for their children to have greater success in the public school classroom

- Establish/Maintain a Home Educational Environment (HEE)
- Follow Student Study Skills (SSS) Guidelines daily
- Monitor Individual Education Plan Contract (IPAC) daily
- Monitor amount of time student studies and completes homework assignments, daily
- Monitor student attendance and provide positive reinforcement weekly
- Monitor student behavior and provide positive reinforcement weekly
- Review "every page" in the STUDENT HANDBOOK your child and you will be accountable to before signing the page that you have read and understand the districts policies/procedures/responsibilities (Recommend you have a meeting over some coffee with neighbors or friends to review the STUDENT HANDBOOK together)
- Contact school "immediately" via e-mail, note, phone, text, or conference on the first signs of student poor progress in academics, attendance, behavior

Suggestions for church pastors, deacons, and missionaries (servant-leaders) to assist their school-age members to have greater success in the public school classroom

- Servant leaders state something positive about education weekly during morning worship, Sunday School, or during Wednesday Night Bible Study
- Servant leaders design a vehicle to recognize student academic success; i.e. every six weeks honor roll call announced in the church; Sunday School; Bible Study; give verbal/non-verbal positive reinforcements to school age children regularly
- Servant leaders post examples of students' success in academics/attendance/behavior somewhere in the church each month; i.e. Church Bulletin Board, Church Weekly Bulletin or Newsletter
- Servant leaders provide a computer station and/or library accessible to school age students in the church to be used during after school hours and on Saturdays
- Servant leaders encourage students to visit regularly the community/county library (may involve youth in a field trip to the county library to get personal library cards)
- Servant leaders promote "good oral reading" in the church and provide excellent examples via church announcements, scripture readings, Sunday School teachers, etc.
- Servant leaders encourage all church leaders responsible for teaching to reinforce education skills taught in the school during Sunday School and Youth Bible Study; i.e. Q/A, analysis, synthesis, inference, evaluation, predicting, map skills, dictionary skills, drawing conclusions, etc.

Suggestions for the public school to work cooperatively with parents and churches to increase student success

- School provides all necessary contact information to parents for teachers, counselors, attendance office, administrators, coaches
- School provide area churches important dates, special events, and student handbooks
- School provides different formal/informal settings for parents to meet school staff prior to the beginning of school, during the school year, and prior to end of school
- School provides "special tutorials" for students at a times which are "parent friendly"
- School provides a "homework hotline" for parents to check weekly, daily, and special assignments
- School communicates monthly with parents regarding student progress via individual classroom progress reports or as needed
- School is proactive regarding potential problems with behavior/attendance/grades contacting parents at the early signs of said problems
- School provides information to local churches regarding policy, procedures, and ways the community could assist them in providing "safe and secure schools"
- School actively provides positive reinforcement for students and their parents as they participate in school events and regular pursue positive communication with the school regarding issues or concerns about their school age children

If you are interested in acquiring a copy of BACK TO SCHOOL FOR PARENTS or would like to discuss acquiring an, "Education Coach" to assist you with your school age child, contact Michael D Buford at 281-387-7875 or e-mail: bufordgrm@outlook.com.

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST

THE PROBLEM	THE SOLUTION	THE RESULT
In the beginning our relationship with God was good GENESIS 1:27, 31	Christ laid down His life for you 1 JOHN 3:16; 1 PETER 3:18	God assures you of eternal life 1 JOHN 5:12-13
But it was broken by our sin ISAIAH 59:2; ROMANS 3:23	So that you could pass from death to life JOHN 5:24	God assures you of His love ROMANS 8:38-39
And our sin leads to death and judgment ROMANS 6:23; REVELATION 20:15	By God's grace, not your works EPHESIANS 2:8-9	God assures you of His presence HEBREWS 13:5
	If you confess your sins 1 JOHN 1:9	
	And believe in Jesus JOHN 3:16; 14:6	

JESUS CHRIST

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Pastor Michael Duford
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Pastor Rudy Gellar
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"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL,"

For It Is The Power Of God For Salvation To Everyone Who Believes, To The Jew First And Also To The Greek." (Romans 1: 15 - 17)

(The following individuals have been identified by their Pastors as being "on fire for their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in their respective churches and communities!" Below is a statement and a scripture that reflects their belief and commitment toward their Christian witness.)

Sis. Gloria Thompson,
Mt. Corinth MBC, Hempstead, TX,
Dr. Clarence Talley, Pastor

Sis. Tina Al-Nimry,
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Rev. Trevor Tolbert, Pastor

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Pilgrim Rest MBC, El Campo, TX,
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Sun. Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
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Sun. Morning Worship	11 AM
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Bible Study (Tues.)	7 PM
Choir Rehearsal (Wed.)	7 PM

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Thurs. Noon Bible & Community Outreach	12:00 p.m.
Thurs. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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Sunday Morning Worship	10 AM
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Monday evening YPMW BIBLE STUDY	7 PM
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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Teachers Meeting (TUES)	6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal (TUES)	7:30 p.m.
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Prayer Meeting/Bible Study	7 pm
Thursday:	
Inspirational Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Combined Choir Rehearsal	7 am
Saturday: Olive Mission Society (1st Sunday)	10 am
Brotherhood (1st Sunday)	10 am
New Member Orientation	10 am
Youth Bible Study	12 pm
Sunday: Church School	9 am
Morning Worship	10 am

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Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (MON)	7:30 p.m.
Brotherhood (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Jr. Mission (WED)	7:00 p.m.
St. Mission (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (THURS)	7:30 p.m.
Teacher Meeting/Bible (THURS)	8:00 p.m.
Bible Study (FRI)	7:30 p.m.

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Rev. E.M. Phillips, Pastor

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Nite Bible Study	7:30 p.m.

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Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Impact Bible Study (WED)	6:00 p.m.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

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Rev. C. L. Wallace, Pastor & Wife

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Worship	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
St. Choir Rehearsal (TUES)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer/Teacher Meeting (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal (THURS)	7:00 p.m.

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CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service	11 AM
Sunday Worship Service at FACEBOOK LIVE @	
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Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wed.)	6 PM

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ACCEPTING GOD'S RULES

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Devotional Reading:
Matthew 22: 34-40

Background Scripture:
Deuteronomy 5: 1-27

Printed Text:
Deuteronomy 5: 1-9a; 11-13; 16-21

DEUTERONOMY 5:1-9A; 11-13; 16-21

- 1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto the, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them.
- 2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.
- 3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.
- 4 The LORD talk with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,
- 5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount,) saying,
- 6 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- 7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.
- 8 Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth:
- 9a Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them.
- 11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
- 12 Keep the Sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee.
- 13 Six days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work.
- 16 Honor thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the LORD the God giveth thee.
- 17 Thou shalt not kill.
- 18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.
- 19 Neither shalt thou steal.

- 20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor.
- 21 Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maid servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbor's.

GOLDEN TEXT: Hear, o Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them. Deuteronomy 5:1.

"SEVEN" QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

- The ten commandments deal with God's people and their relationship with God and man. Which of the commandments deal with "a relationship with God?" Which of the commandments deal with "a relationship(s) with his fellow man"?
- Compare the giving of the ten commandments cited in Exodus 20: 1 - 17 and the recounting of the giving of the ten commandments in Deuteronomy 5: 1-21. What are the similarities? What are the differences? Who is speaking in both accounts? Which account gives specific teaching instructions in keeping the commandments?
- What is a covenant? Give some examples of modern day covenants. What covenant did God make with the children of Israel as stated in Exodus 19?
- Read Exodus 19: 3-9. What did God agree to do if they obeyed his commandments? What were the words of the children of Israel in response to God's covenant given to them by Moses?
- Starting at Deuteronomy 5: 7-9a; and including 11-13; and 16-21; re-write the ten commandments in 36 words or less. Example for the first commandment (1) "No other Gods" v.7; (2)????.....
- What is meant by Jesus' statement in Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill...."?
- Are Christians under the same covenant that the children of Israel are under? What is the covenant that Christians are under?

BIBLE PROMISES FROM GOD FOR PARENTS TO TEACH THEIR CHILDREN IN 2023-24

- Psalm 121:1-4 - I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven, and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
- Psalm 28:7 - The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
- Psalm 17:8 - Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.
- Psalm 125:2 - As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.
- John 14:14 - You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.
- Proverbs 22:6 - Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
- Luke 2:52 - And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.
- Deuteronomy 28:1 - If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow

all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.

- Psalm 37:26 - They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.
- Isaiah 44:3 - For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.
- Jeremiah 29:11-13 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- Psalm 1:1-3 - Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers.



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RICE-A-RONI SALAD

INGREDIENTS

One box chicken Rice-a-Roni
Two green onions, chopped
½ green pepper, chopped
1 c. black olives, sliced
8 oz. can water chestnuts, drained

2 c. cooked chicken, chopped
8 oz. jar artichoke hearts
½ c. mayonnaise
1 tsp. curry powder
salt and pepper to taste

Cook Rice-a-Roni according to package instructions. Drain artichokes, reserving marinade. Chop artichokes and combine with rice, onion, pepper, olives, chicken, and water chestnuts. Mix together mayonnaise, curry powder and reserved marinade. Pour over rice mixture, stir until well mixed. Serve cold.



DEVILED EGG POTATO SALAD

INGREDIENTS

2 ½ lb. (5 large) potatoes
peeled and cut in ½" cubes
½ c. mayonnaise
½ c. sour cream
1 tbsp. Dijon mustard

1 tsp. salt
Ground black pepper
3 celery stalks, diced
3 hard cooked eggs chopped
½ c. fresh parsley

Boil potatoes until tender. Drain potatoes and allow to cool for 5 minutes. Whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, mustard, salt and pepper. Combine potatoes, celery, eggs, parsley and mayonnaise mixture. Mix gently. Garnish with parsley.



FLUFFY FRUIT SALAD

INGREDIENTS

2 cans crushed pineapple
⅔ c. sugar
2 Tbsp. All-purpose flour
2 eggs, lightly beaten
¼ c. orange juice

1 Tbsp. Vegetable oil
2 can fruit cocktail, drained
2 cans mandarin oranges, drained
2 bananas, sliced
1 c. whipped cream

Drain pineapple, reserving 1 cup juice in a saucepan; set pineapple aside. To saucepan add sugar, flour, eggs, orange juice, lemon juice and oil. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 1 minute; remove from heat and let cool. In a bowl, combine pineapple, fruit cocktail, orange and bananas. Fold in whipped cream and the cooled sauce. Chill for several hours.



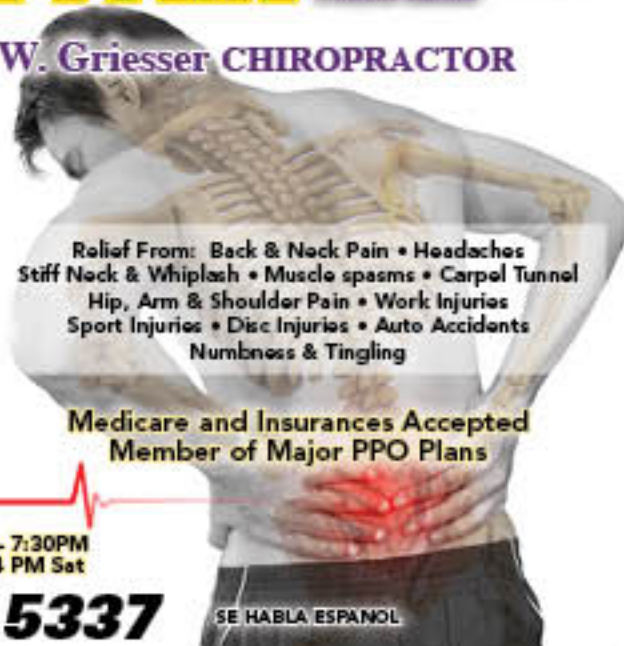
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Tellie Benjamin Mitchell was born on December 8, 1878, in Columbus, Colorado County, TX. Tellie came to Kendleton in Fort Bend County, Texas, when he was seven years old. He attended the Turkey Creek School in Kendleton. Turkey Creek School taught students up to the eighth grade, and there was no high school for Black students. In 1894, Mitchell entered the high school department at Wiley College in Marshall, TX. In 1898, Tellie B. Mitchell graduated from high school. Tellie B. Mitchell

graduated from Wiley College and completed Post graduate work at both Tuskegee Institute and Hampton. Professor Tellie B. Mitchell was aware of the shortage of schools and educational opportunities for Black people in Kendleton and the surrounding communities.

In 1904, Professor Tellie Benjamin Mitchell opened Powell Point School, a two-room schoolhouse located in Powell Point,

in Fort Bend County. Professor Tellie B. Mitchell secured funding from the Rosenwald Foundation for the construction of a new school facility. The new building contained six classrooms, an auditorium, and a library. Powell Point School was then able to educate students from grades one through twelve. Professor Tellie B. Mitchell devoted most of his life to providing educational opportunities for Black students that traveled to Powell Point School from other cities such as Alice, Bay City, Booth, Corpus Christi, Conroe, Crabb, Houston, Richmond, and Wharton. Professor Mitchell created a girl dormitory and three boys' dormitories to house the students.

His students became educators, ministers, military officers, medical workers, and every successful career was the result of the principles and educational knowledge obtained at Powell Point School. Professor Mitchell was able to help provide an outstanding education to three generations of students. Tellie B. Mitchell was not just an educator. He was a farmer, a ranch owner, Christian leader, and businessman. Mitchell played a vital part in the development of the Kendleton community. On February 12, 1955, Professor Tellie Benjamin Mitchell died at the age of seventy-six. Professor Tellie Benjamin Mitchell is buried in Kendleton's Paradise Garden Cemetery.

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Mr. Thomas first started rodeoing in 1948. The first rodeo in which he participated was Hempstead, Texas. The entry fee was \$3.00 for bull riding. He was bucked off and on the second day disqualified for slapping with his free hand. The second rodeo he participated in was held at the Diamond L Ranch on South Main, Houston, Texas owned by PRCA Gold cardholder Jerome Sweeney. His first win was third place in the amount of \$35.00. From that day on, Willie participated in the bull riding for three consecutive years without being thrown.

His first Professional Rodeo was in 1953 when he obtained his PRCA card in San Antonio, Texas. Because he was an amateur and rookie, he would put his rope on backward from other cowboys in the professional rank. Most of the cowboys laughed at him, but he drew one of the rankest bulls in the herd and won the bull riding. After the rodeo was over, Jim Shoulder came to him and said he would give him \$10 for every bull he rode for eight seconds. He was given four bulls to ride and left that day with an additional \$40.00. Jim Shoulder and some of the other cowboys followed him to his car and asked him where he was from and who taught him to ride.

Mr. Thomas's second Professional Rodeo was in San Antonio where he rode a bull that had never been ridden. He won second in the 2nd go round. The Third bull was for all the average money, Mr. Thomas rode the bull for approximately fourteen seconds and stepped off, and then the whistle blew. A Texas rancher by the name of Zeno Farris from San Antonio told the timekeepers they should be ashamed of themselves, this left a bitter taste in Willie, and he did not attend another PRCA show for one year. He continued to rodeo locally at the Diamond L Ranch, West Columbia, Dickinson, and surrounding rodeos.

Mr. Willie Thomas returned to the PRCA rodeo in 1958 where he rode and won in Boston, Mass., and Madison Square Garden in New York; Harrisburg, Pa.; Austin and Waco, TX. Mr. Thomas won over twenty belt buckles and saddles for bull riding, bareback riding, and all-around Cowboy from 1953-1969.



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were married for over 61 yrs. They were blessed with nine children. They resided in Booth, Texas, until his death in the Spring of 2020.

