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Mother's Day
To All
Mothers",
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And Their
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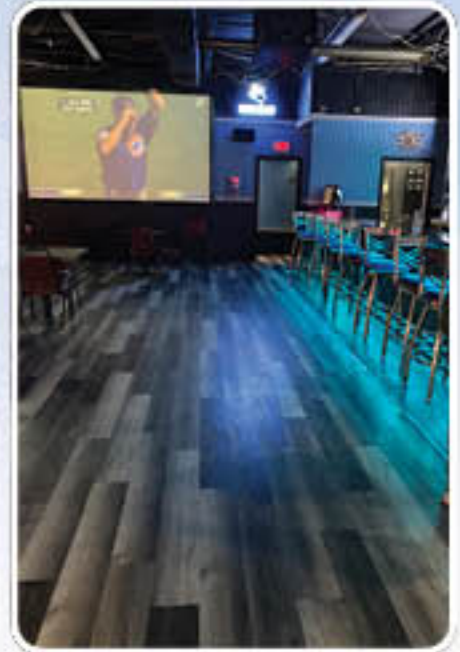


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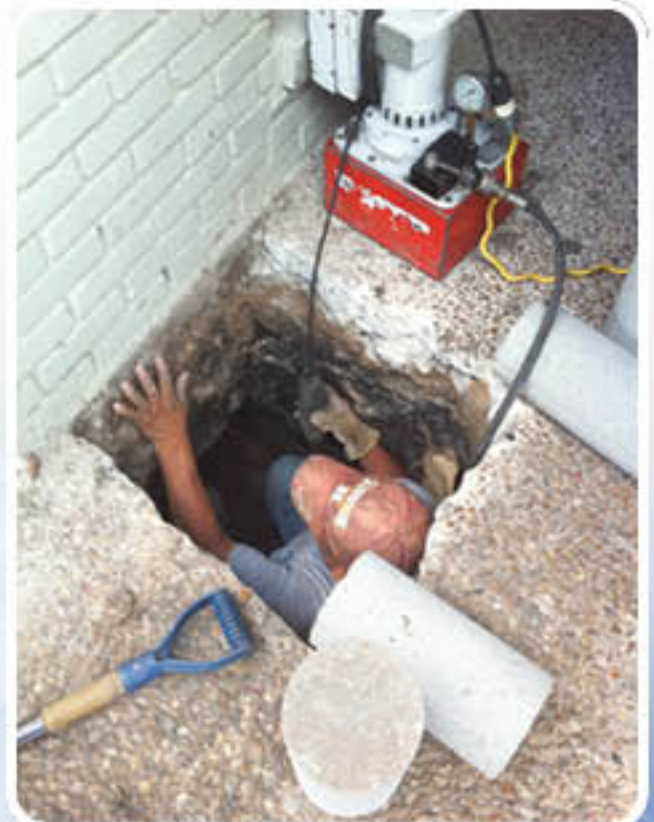
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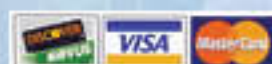
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Happy Heavenly Mother's Day to the Generations of Mother's of Michael D. and Mable L. Turner Buford

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Mother's Day is May 11, 2025

We, the Publishers of THE GOOD NEWS MONTHLY, would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and great-great-grandmothers who have directly or indirectly influenced our lives. The four generations of mothers in both of our families were born again and Holy Spirit-filled women of God who loved the Lord Jesus Christ, served Him, and encouraged their families to do the same. Both of our families had women who served as slaves, worked in cotton fields, served in rich people houses and took care of their children. Their shared history knew about going to the back door, riding at the back of the bus across town, and having little rich boys and girls address them as "girl" or "gal."

But even with all this negative history, they all taught their children not only how to survive, but to make steps and even leaps and bounds toward a better future than they had. They always pointed their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren to God and His blessed Son, Jesus Christ, who will make things better if they would just trust in Him, depend on Him, and serve Him. Instilling in us a work ethic to work as unto the Lord and not man, they always encouraged us to hold our heads up high regardless of the situation. In teaching us know

and keep the TEN COMMANDMENTS, knowing Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and Lord, and stressing the importance of going to church, they oftentimes reminded us that God can and will open any door that man closes and make straight any crooked roads due to ignorance and prejudice. We thank God that they also gave their children their faith in Christ with their "daily doses of wisdom and knowledge" they garnered from the Word of God. Consequently, God has blessed us to have witnessed graduates from high schools, colleges, trade schools, major universities and the military with professional careers and business concerns. And now our generation can see on the horizon future generations going even further than any of us could have imagined.

WE HONOR AND THANK GOD FOR OUR GREAT-GREAT GRANDMOTHERS; OUR GREAT- GRANDMOTHERS, OUR GRANDMOTHERS, AND OUR MOTHERS FOR THEIR FAITH IN GOD AND FOR DIRECTING US TO THE POWER AND LOVE FOUND IN THAT FAITH. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO MRS. MARY TURNER, THE ONLY LIVING MOTHER OF OUR FOUR GENERATIONS; AND, IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOSE WHO ARE NOW FELLOWSHIPING WITH OUR SAVIOR AND LORD, JESUS CHRIST FOR ALL ETERNITY, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



By Sis. Brenda
Watkins Edwards

THE PASTOR'S WIFE

A Few Words of Encouragement to All Mothers on Mother's Day

My name is Brenda Watkins Edwards, and I am the wife of Rev. Arthur L. Edwards, Pastor of Greater New Prospect Baptist Church, Needville, TX. Our membership began at GNP in March 1994 under the leadership of the late Pastor Leonard Watkins, Sr. We are so fortunate and blessed to have been loved by the family that we have grown so fond of and accustomed to Greater New Prospect.

This Christian journey that my family and I are on is because of the way that I was reared and taught by loving and dedicated parents. Ben and Estell Watkins brought me up in the admiration of the Lord to make sure that no thought was ever given to not knowing where all our blessings come from. We did not have everything that we wanted, but we certainly had what was needed to make it. Prayer was a weekly obligation and not only did my parents pray, but each child was shown how to pray so that the realization of the Lord's power was witnessed. I was not confused in praying but taught that good things come to us by prayer, supplication, and most of all, by faith. We also had weekly bible study at home so that when we attended church services, we could identify with the Word that was being taught in Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and regular church services. I am so grateful to have been born during the time when respect was not only given but was expected. This type of attitude was engrained in me, and I know that my teaching has been successful as I passed it along to our three children: Erica, Aja, and John. We, as parents know for sure that the devil is on a twenty-four (24) hour rampage to always steal and destroy any and everyone who is attempting to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is why we, as Christian mothers, must stay on the straight and narrow path to be that "good" example for

those close to us and especially, for those not so close. The first lady of any church has an obligation not only to the Lord, but to the members of her church family to walk by faith and to demonstrate love and hospitality to everyone who enters the church so that God can be glorified through her life. The responsibility should never be taken lightly and pride has no place in the work of our Heavenly Father. I can truly say that with the wife being the help meet, (found in Genesis 2:18 and comes from the Hebrew word - ezer; aid or helper), of the Pastor, it is not always easy and sometimes we are visualized as being more powerful than we really are. When you love your husband, you must make sure that you are not a stumbling block to the ministry but share in his calling so that the Lord will be glorified and lifted up, the word of God will be received, and souls will be saved!

I have seen good days and I have seen bad days; but through it all, my Savior has never failed or left me. Whether my burdens have been light or heavy, I do know that the Lord has and will deliver me from them all. I can be praised for my service and work or criticized in the eyes of the beholder, but the Lord knows my heart. The joy is in knowing that whatever I am going through, the Master is right there with me. I am a vessel to be used for the glory and magnification of the power of the Lord. In closing, I would like to say always try to do the right thing, treat everybody the way you want to be treated, and most of all; serve the Lord our God with all your mind, soul, and heart. May the Edwards' Family and the Greater New Prospect Family continue to strive to put the work of the Jesus Christ first and be blessed to take HIS will to higher heights. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MABLE L. TURNER BUFORD GENERATION OF MOTHERS



#1 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Emma Bolden Williams
Great-Great Grandmother (Paternal)



#2 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Maude Smith
Great-Grandmother (Paternal)



#3 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Evelyn Smith Brown Grant
Grandmother (Paternal)



#4 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Willie Mae Simon Turner
Grandmother (Paternal)



#5 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Mary Brown Turner
(Mother of Mable L. Turner Buford)



#6 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
MABLE L. TURNER BUFORD
CONTINUING THE LEGACY

MICHAEL D. BUFORD GENERATION OF MOTHERS



#7 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Mary Freeman (Big Mama)
Great-Grandmother (Paternal)



#8 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Pearl Allen (Mama Pearl)
Great-Grandmother (Paternal)



#9 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Robbie Buford Arnold (Grandma Robbie)
Grandmother (Paternal)



#10 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Gertrude Bolden (Grandma Gert)
Grandmother (Paternal)



#11 IN LOVING MEMORY of
Geraldine Buford
(Mama of Michael D. Buford)

Happy Mother's Day MAY 11, 2025

A DESCRIPTION OF A VIRTUOUS WOMAN (Proverbs 31:10-31) (KJV)

- 10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it; with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
- 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.



THIS IS MY STORY; THIS IS MY SONG,

**Robert Jackson - Steer Wrestler, Rodeo & Trail Ride Promoter, Entrepreneur,
And Leader of The Southwestern National Cowboys Association**



The RV Ranch in McBeth, TX, in the 60's was a place and still is today after a 72-year history, a place where skin color/ethnicity is not an issue. Robert and Catherine Jackson had their first rodeo in 1953 at the William Dudley arena in Angleton, TX; prior to building their own arena at the RV Ranch in McBeth, TX.

Robert and Catherine Jackson became part of the Southwestern National Cowboys Association in the mid-60's until its demise in the early to mid-80's. Robert served several terms as the association's President and Treasurer. The SNCA consisted of rodeo arenas located in or near Houston, TX, along the Gulf Coast. Members of the SNCA at its peak not only competed at the RV Ranch in McBeth, TX, but also in Kendleton, Egypt, (both arenas), in Wharton, Cedar Lane, Brazoria, (Buddy Wards / Jones Creek), El Campo, Fresno, Dickinson, Runge Park, Hitchcock, and in Houston, TX at the (Diamond L Ranch / Russell Celestine / Smith Cow Palace / Happy Trails). Robert and Catherine Jackson were an intricate part of the association hosting at least two rodeos' monthly at the RV Ranch in McBeth, TX. Robert also worked for one of the best Rodeo Promoters and Stock Contractors. There was Frank Harris of the T-Diamond



Ranch, where he and Catherine would have rodeos. The Jackson's Rodeos were top notch having some of the best Stock Contractor's in the business providing rodeo livestock such as Frank Harris, Sloan Williams, Smokey Davis, William Keri, OB and Robert Jackson, Clarence Gonzales, Jesse Randle, Melvin Glover, and present-day stock contractor, Ramone Jackson.

Not only was the stock great, but the cowboys who came to compete were great as well. Just to name a few names you may know, Cory Solomon,

John Douch, Joe Beaver, Fred Witfield, Robert Jackson(himself), Tommy Cook, Willie Jackson, Rodney Jackson, Myrtis Dightman, Freddie Gordon, Willie Thomas, Sr, Wayne Brown, Craig Jackson, Sr. and Jr, We apologize for not including everyone; there are so many more we are unable to list all their names.

Robert Jackson was a great rodeo cowboy competitor along with his brothers; Walter, Alvaris, Emery, Clarence, and Alexander. Robert was a calf and steer roper, as well as a legendary pickup-man. But most of all, he was standout, ahead of his time "Steer Wrestler!" Robert Jackson competed competitively until the age of sixty-five against men half his age or younger; winning events by throwing cattle under four seconds on a consistent basis. One could say that he was a generational Cowboy "Steer Wrestler," since he had successfully competed against most of today's competitor's fathers during the 60's and 70's to the present.

Robert and Catherine were also entrepreneurs! At one point, they owned a hay baling business, a Conoco gas station, feed store, and not only did they promote rodeos, but they were also Rodeo Stock

Contractors.

Robert and Catherine Jackson organized the McBeth Riding and Charity Club in 1960; therefore, celebrating 63 years of trail riding in 2023. The McBeth Riding and Charity Club joined Southwestern Trail Riders Association under leadership of Fred Gray as Wagon #1 in 1974 and remains currently. As members of SWTRA, the McBeth Riding and Charity Club has many accomplishments and honors. They include: 1 Overall Wagon at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, 1983; and Best Show Wagon Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade, in 1989. At that time, both accomplishments were first for an African American Trail Riding Organization. The McBeth Riding and Charity also received a Proclamation from the City of Angleton in 1998. "...Whereas Robert Jackson was the first Black man in Brazoria County to obtain and maintain a trail riders permit.

The Jackson Family continue their rodeoing and trail riding traditions today along with their children, family, and friends.

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OPEN TIE DOWN	\$70	\$600 ADDED
LADIES BARREL RACING	\$70	\$500 ADDED
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Upcoming Events:

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When it comes to sections like this in the Bible, most first-time readers will simply skip over it. In their minds, it is like reading credits at the end of some movie. While many may or may not be aware that each of those names are important, they may not know exactly how important they are. One may come conclude that most of the public do not know any of the people mentioned in the bible's Matthew 1: verse 5a; since the people mentioned in the verse have not been featured in the movies.

A MOTHER'S CONTRIBUTION

*Salmon begot
Boaz by Rahab,
Boaz begot Obed
by Ruth...
- Matthew 1:5a*

BY APOSTLE E. BURTON

esting about her. We are told that this upline mother of Jesus is labeled as being a harlot. In Bible times, if a woman engaged in any sexual activity with anyone besides her husband, she could have easily been viewed as being a harlot. I wonder if that criteria were still being held today, how many of us could honestly be able to point fingers at Rahab? Yet, when it comes to the law as first mention in the Bible and in life, it is hard to move away from that initial definition that a person



has been labeled. No matter what changes may have taken place in a person's life, some people will not allow you or anyone else for that matter, to forget what you once were.

Now, harlotry may have been Ra-

hab's past; but I thank God, His Word has allowed us to see her future and the contribution she made to it. What is that you may ask? Rahab became a mother and not just any mother. God wanted us to know of the contribution she made to all of us by being an ancestor of Jesus Christ! What a contribution! Therefore, the mother of Jesus Christ, Mary, and Mary's Mothers—her grandmother; great-grandmother, great-great grandmother, and so on... have played a key role in our genealogy as well. A similar example could be made that Mordecai Ham will also be credited for all the souls Billy Graham reached because he was the one who led Billy Graham to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I believe that the reason Rahab is mentioned here, despite her past, is to let us know that your past does not matter as much as your future and the contribution you made to others. What better gift could any mother give than the gift of playing a part in bringing Jesus to the world through your lineage. So, my hats off to all the Mothers who made sure that Jesus was included in your lineage by introducing Him to your downline. No matter what your past may have been, when it is all said and done, if God were to write about your history and you at one point in time in your life included Jesus Christ in the lives of your family since He had been included in yours, then your contribution as a mother would be just as powerful as we see Rahab's was in Matthew 5: 1a. And it does not matter if you were recognized through the pages of man's record. Just know that God has it recorded in His book, and that is what really matters! Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers!

ing us to the point of being able to watch that movie. So, it is important for us to understand that each of those names in the list of credits played a major part in the production of the movie no matter the size of their role; thus, making it possible for of us to watch that movie in its entirety.

Therefore, is it any wonder that whenever we get to a consecutive list of names, especially names we cannot pronounce, that most consider it to be just as unimportant? And yet, these names listed in the Bible at the beginning of Matthew 1: 5a, are even more important than the list of credits at the end of a movie! We are told "how important" these names are because the first verse of Matthew, Chapter 5, tells us that this is the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. The Bible traditionally specializes in following the genealogy of the Hebrew nation through the male because they carry the seed. But here in Matthew, something unique happens and there is a twist in the genealogical names. This time, in looking at Jesus's genealogy, we are given the names of not one, but five different women who are keys in His genealogy. We know about Mary, His mother; but long before Mary, we are introduced to four other biological mothers, (because grandmothers are indirect mothers), of Jesus. Since time will not allow me to go into all the of the four other mothers of Jesus, I want to spend this time with just one of His upline Mothers—that would be none other than the woman named, Rahab.

The first time we are introduced to Rahab is in the scriptures of Joshua 2:1. We are told something inter-

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR MAY 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 May 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!"

MATTHEW 25:31-46

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- 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:
- 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
- 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
- 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
- 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
- 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
- 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
- 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
- 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
- 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
- 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
- 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
- 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
- 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.
- 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Happy Memorial Day!

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.

Of the two official United States holidays recognizing the commitment of



members of America's military services, Memorial Day honors those who lost their lives while defending their country.

The holiday is observed on the last Monday of May, as weather is turning warm and most schools and universities are adjourning for the summer, establishing Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial beginning of summer.

On that three-day weekend, many people travel to visit friends and family. They attend events ranging from community gatherings to large sports competitions. The Indianapolis ("Indy") 500 motor race, for instance, attracts an estimated 300,000 people on the Saturday before Memorial Day. But many Americans also visit cemeteries, where volunteers often place American flags on graves. On Memorial Day itself, a national moment of silence takes place at 3 p.m. local time to remember the war dead.



Even as Americans enjoy the coming of summer, they also can be found in somber moods. Veterans Day, in contrast, honors everyone who serves or has served in defense of the country and is observed with celebrations on the same date each year, November 11.

History of Memorial Day

The American Civil War of 1861 to 1865 claimed the lives of more than 550,000 people. During those years, many citizens began to place flowers on the graves of the war dead. Several Northern and Southern

cities claim to be the originators of Memorial Day, but in 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Waterloo, New York, as its official birthplace.

In 1865, Henry Welles, a Waterloo pharmacist, suggested that the town formally set aside a day to honor those killed in the war. The following year, Waterloo held the

MEMORIAL DAY 2025 REMEMBER & HONOR



first formal observance of a day dedicated to honoring the war dead.

In 1868, John A. Logan, a former Civil War general and founder of an organization of war veterans, extended the idea by suggesting May 30 as an annual date to remember the massive numbers who died during the turmoil of the divided nation. Called "Decoration Day," it is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

By the turn of the century, nearly every state had declared "Decoration Day" an official holiday. After World War I, Decoration Day was expanded to honor those killed in all of the nation's



wars, and after World War II, it became known as Memorial Day.



Among the ceremonies held on the first Decoration Day was one at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington. President Ulysses S. Grant presided. After the speeches and tributes, thousands of war orphans, veterans and others decorated the graves of the Civil War dead. There were more than 20,000 such graves at Arlington Cemetery alone.

This tradition continues. The U.S. president or vice president typically presides at a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery outside of Washington and places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, also known as Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. In the evening, the National Symphony Orchestra performs a free patriotic concert on the front lawn of Congress. Solemn observances also are held at Civil War battle sites, including Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and Sharpsburg (Antietam), Maryland.



Meanwhile in Waterloo, the festivities include a parade, a crafts show, a strawberry festival, music, tours of the town's Memorial Day Museum and an antique car show. Civil War buffs in period uniforms and dresses hold a two-night encampment in a city park and present a live cannon-fire demonstration. Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead.

In 1971, Congress established Memorial Day as a federal holiday and fixed its observance on the last Monday in May.

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THIS IS A MESSAGE THAT BELIEVERS IN CHRIST JESUS NEED TO HEAR AND MEDITATE ON AMERICA TODAY!

The Bible is full of great personalities who stand out as heroes of faith. Person who exemplified in their lives an unwavering and indelible confidence and trust in God. Abraham is such a person and from his experience at Mt. Moriah, we understand what a real and substantive faith in God is all about.

You recall that it was Abraham for who the LORD said, "Get thee out..." And Abraham, at the age of 75, obeyed by faith and went looking for that land. It was Abraham and his wife, Sarah, who were old and stricken in age, who were by faith blessed with a son named Isaac. Abraham's faith was surely tested by many trials and disappointments.

However, Abraham's greatest test of faith came when he was commanded by God to take Isaac, the son of promise, to the land of Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Yet Abraham continued to exercise his faith in God. And because his faith was real, instead of letting him offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice, the LORD put a ram in the bush that was used instead for that sacrifice. This story says to every child of God who will put his or her faith in motion that the LORD will provide!

Every pastor ought to give to his people a faith to live for, to live with, and to live by. For the Bible declares, "...that without faith, it is impossible to please God." It is sad to say that one of the most lacking elements in the Christian community is a real and substantive faith in God! Our shame is a

contradicting Christianity. On the one hand, God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms; but on the other hand, we are slothful to step

No Matter the Situation You Find Yourself or Your Home or even Your Country In; Remember this, The Battle is the LORD'S

BY: REV. RUEL TAYLOR, III

out on faith. On the one hand, we affirm that we have come this far by faith; leaning and depending on the LORD. And He has never failed us yet! But on the other hand, we are very apprehensive to wholeheartedly submit ourselves to the promise of God. On the one hand, we testify that we will trust in the LORD until we die. But on the other hand, we are timorous to take God at his Word. And this, my friend, is a faulty, flagging, feeble, and fictitious faith! What we need today is a people who have a deep and abiding trust in God and who will without hesitation; let themselves go for God in any and every situation.

One of the problems with the contemporary church is that we are failing to give its people a practical faith—a faith they can make operative in their daily arena of life. We cannot afford to say one thing in word and then perform another in

deed. We have a witness to make to the secular society! There are some valuable instructions on faith we can lay hold of in the Old Testament story of David and Goliath. (1 Samuel 17: 22 – 51).

The story of David and Goliath illustrates the saintly stoutheartedness that accompanies real faith! What courageous and daring spirit floods one's soul when they read this episode in the life of David, the servant of the LORD. All of us have read the story of David, the little fellow who took his faith in God and with a slingshot, slew a giant. This inspiring and encouraging episode should speak volumes to Christians at every age as a reminder that victory is already ours! We can overcome any obstacle in life if we will only have "faith in God!"

The faith David had in the LORD was spoken out, was clearly seen, and was definitely acted upon. In verses 1 Samuel 17: 45-47, "Then David said to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, who thou hast defied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand: and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee: and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands." Everything that David foretold happened that day when this little shepherd boy with only his slingshot, but most importantly, his faith in an awesome God, believed and trusted that "The Battle is the LORD'S!"

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(Scripture: Luke 24:27)

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THE BLACK COWBOY MUSEUM

FOURTH ANNUAL HALL OF FAME

INDUCTION CEREMONY & BANQUET, APRIL 26, 2025

The Fourth Annual HOF Induction Ceremony and Banquet was held, April 26, 2025, at the Rosenberg Civic Center, Rosenberg, TX. This is the fourth year that Larry Callies, Founder and CEO of the Black Cowboy Museum, has acknowledged the achievements of Black Cowboys of Southeast Texas and have inducted them in the Museum's Hall of Fame. This is the first year that "Black Cowgirls" were inducted in the BCM Hall of Fame. 2025 HOF honorees were: Mollie Taylor Stevenson-Scott (aka. Mollie Taylor Stevenson, Jr.); Acynthia Villery; Ben "Legs" Stevenson; Norris Wayne Brown; and Robert Jackson. Hall of Famer, Harold Cash, served as Master of Ceremony for the fourth year in a row. And Edmund Samora, Program Director, presented an historical video focusing on the origins of the Black Cowboy Museum. The "Bronco Band" provided some great country-western music which was highlighted with a good old fashion BBQ dinner served by Schulze BBQ Restaurant & Catering. Over two hundred guests attended this historical event to the delight of all! (Below are brief biographies of this year's Hall of Famers.)



MOLLIE TAYLOR STEVENSON, JR. - FASHION MODEL, RANCH OWNER, HISTORIAN, AND EDUCATOR

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, and Click 2 Houston, 2/21/20) Mollie Taylor Stevenson Scott (aka Mollie Taylor Stevenson Jr.; born 1946), a former model, is the daughter of Benjamin Franklin "Big Ben" Stevenson (a football star at Tuskegee Institute) and Mollie (née Taylor) Stevenson (1911-2003). Mollie Jr. and her mother were the first living African-American women inducted into the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame. She and her husband, Elicious Scott Jr., taught and connected children and adults with Western culture and agriculture. She received the Chester A. Reynolds Memorial Award, one of only two women to have received the honor; the other being Connie Douglas Reeves.[1] Mollie Jr. founded the American Cowboy Museum which is located on the Taylor-Stevenson Ranch, an historic working ranch located near Houston, originally purchased in 1875 by her great-grandfather, Edward Ruthven Taylor. The ranch is among the oldest African-American-owned ranches in the United States.[2] Education and volunteer work [edit] Mollie Jr. graduated from Houston's Jack Yates High School in 1963, and attended Texas Southern University for four years pursuing a business major. She worked as a model for fifteen years, and managed her schedule to allow time for volunteer work with "the black trail riding and rodeo associations, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Black Landowners Association." Ranch life Mollie and her family manage a ranch with horses, cattle, hay production and oil. She often organizes the tours held at the ranch for children to be able to communicate with various ranch animals.[4] The American Cowboy Museum was opened on her family's Texas ranch before Texas schools were racially integrated, in order to give African-American children to give them a taste of ranch life and to acquaint the public with the role that has been played by blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, and women in the West history.[5] Stevenson Jr.'s career and life work has always been a family affair. She credits her family for inspiring her to be a rancher and educator. Her husband, Elicious Scott Jr., joined her in teaching and connecting children and adults with Western culture and agriculture. Stevenson and her mother founded the American Cowboy Museum in 1988. Stevenson Jr.'s ranch is located at 11822 Alameda Road, but there have been many changes because of the pandemic. Visitors must make an appointment to visit and must follow CDC rules.



ACYNTHIA VILLERY, "TRAILBLAZER - FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE RODEO ANNOUNCER," ENTREPRENEUR, AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Acynthia Villery, a dynamic and accomplished professional making a significant impact in both her community and the cancer non-profit sector as the Advisory Board President of Pretty Girls With Cancer. Born and raised in Beaumont, TX, Acynthia pursued her studies in Human Resource Management at Lamar University and Our Lady of The Lake. With a deep commitment to her family, she is a proud mother of three children - Sean, Steven, and Kathryn, and revels in the joys of being a grandmother to eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Currently residing in Pearland, TX, Acynthia's passion for making a difference extends far beyond her home. For an impressive 36 years, Acynthia has been actively involved with the Bill Pickett Invitation Rodeo, demonstrating her versatility in various roles. She serves as the social media Director and holds the esteemed position of the First African American Female Rodeo Announcer, breaking barriers, and inspiring others through her trailblazing achievements. Professionally, Acynthia collaborates with her sister, Sarah, at Express Billing Inc., where she plays an essential role in Human Resources. Additionally, she serves as the VP of Sales with The Forward Insurance Agency, leveraging her expertise to help companies optimize their employee benefits. Acynthia's achievements and contributions have earned her widespread recognition and accolades, including being the Owner of Alpha Omega Media Services. As the 1st African American Female Rodeo Announcer, she continues to make history and inspire the next generation of trailblazers. Her dedication to community service is evident in her role as the Advisory Board President for Pretty Girls With Cancer, where she lends her expertise to empower and support cancer patients and survivors. Acynthia's commitment to service and leadership earned her the distinguished honor of being the first recipient of the Acynthia Villery Unsung Hero Award.



BEN "LEGS" STEVENSON, PROFESSIONAL BULL RIDER

Born September 10, 1962, Ben "Legs" Stevenson is married and has four children. He started riding bulls in 1979. His dad wanted him to rope calves and do steer wrestling. But

in 1977, Ben saw Myrtis Dightman ride bulls in a rodeo and immediately he said that is what he wanted to do. He credits Myrtis Dightman for inspiring him to ride bulls professionally. Ben would be an uncharacteristic bull rider since he is 6 feet 5 inches tall. Most bull riders are "little guys." Charlie Sampson, the first Black American cowboy to be a world champion bull rider is only 5 feet tall. Ben, being 6 feet, 5 inches tall, soon got a nickname as "Legs" Stevenson. During his career, "Ben" has won many bull riding championships in rodeos located in Denver, Colorado, Pecos, TX, Colorado Springs, Colorado, and many other places. Ben's most famous bull ride occurred at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado, where he was the first "rodeo cowboy" to successfully ride the world famous "Bodacious Bull." Ben "Legs" Stevenson is only one of seven professional rodeo cowboys in the world who have successfully ridden the bull named, "Bodacious"! Even though Ben is retired from bull riding, he continues to be active in the sport of professional rodeo competing in team roping.

NORRIS "WAYNE" BROWN: A CHAMPION BULL RIDER THROUGH EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Wayne's journey as a rodeo cowboy began at a very young age which was deeply rooted in his family's tradition and love for the sport of Professional Rodeo. Born November 11, 1960, Wayne started riding in 1975 at the age of fifteen. Inspired by the legacy of trailblazing cowboys such as Myrtis Dightman, Bailey Prairie Kid, Calvin Neely, Tex Williams, and Willie Thomas, Wayne pushed through every challenge to carve out his own path to enter the ranks of the Black Rodeo Cowboys. Even though he started out calf roping, watching his heroes of the Black Cowboy Rodeos as a youth while eating snow cones during Juneteenth celebrations impacted his decision to be a full-time bull riding cowboy. Wayne credits Mike Williams as the one person who really steered him into bull riding. Afterwards, Myrtis Dightman encouraged him to team up with the first Black Cowboy World Champion bull rider, Charlie Sampson, to learn from him and honed his natural borne skills. He is most thankful for the sport that allowed him to make a living as a full-time, professional rodeo cowboy which also brought love and laughter over countless weekends and thousands of miles. Traveling along those long, lonely highways, Wayne would remember a saying his late father would often say, "Burning the highway up..." Rodeo has been instrumental throughout Wayne's life journey, which started during the youth rodeos in Victoria, TX, and continued to be forged in the Black Cowboy Open Rodeos of Kendleton, Macbeth, and Egypt, TX. Participation in many of these rodeos along with the sanctioned PBR rodeos, helped strengthen the physical and mental toughness needed to ride a 2000-pound bull for eight seconds and become a man of perseverance and integrity. Whether it was a success or a failure, every ride caused each phase of Wayne's career to witness continued growth, both personally and professionally. Throughout his journey, Wayne has been blessed to earn numerous championships that reflect his dedication and passion for the sport of professional rodeo. He gives thanks to God for protecting him through a rewarding yet dangerous career.



Memorable Championships through 80's & 90's:

San Antonio Livestock Show - A significant milestone in Wayne's career, highlighting his prowess and determination.
Fort Worth Livestock Show - Another remarkable achievement that solidified Wayne's reputation in the rodeo community.
Farmington, New Mexico World Championship Bull Riding won first place.
Retired from Bull Riding in 2006 after 31 years with numerous championships, belt buckles, saddles, prize money, and golden memories.

ROBERT JACKSON, STEER WRESTLER, RODEO AND TRAIL RIDE PROMOTER, ENTREPRENEUR, AND LEADER OF THE SOUTHWESTERN NATIONAL COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

The RV Ranch in McBeth, TX, in the 60's was a place and still is today after a 72-year history, a place where skin color/ethnicity is not an issue. Robert and Catherine Jackson had their first rodeo in 1963 at the William Dudley arena in Angleton, TX; prior to building their own arena at the RV Ranch in McBeth, TX. Robert and Catherine Jackson became part of the Southwestern National Cowboys Association in the mid-60's until its demise in the early to mid-80's. Robert served several terms as the association's President and Treasurer. The SNCA consisted of arenas located in or near Houston, TX, along the Gulf Coast. Members of the SNCA at its peak not only competed at the RV Ranch in McBeth, TX, but also in Kendleton, Egypt, (both arenas), in Wharton, Cedar Lane, Brazoria, (Buddy Wards / Jones Creek), El Campo, Fresno, Dickinson, Runge Park, Hitchcock, and in Houston, TX at the (Diamond L Ranch / Russell Celestine / Smith Cow Palace / Happy Trails). Robert and Catherine Jackson were an intricate part of the association hosting at least two rodeos monthly at the RV Ranch in McBeth, TX. Robert also worked for one of the best Rodeo Promoters and Stock Contractors. There was Frank Harris of the TDiamond Ranch, where he and Catherine would have rodeos. Not only was the stock great, but the cowboys who came to compete were great as well. Just to name a few names you may know, they were Calf Ropers: Cory Solomon, John Douch, Joe Beaver, Steer Wrestling: Robert Jackson(himself), Tommy Cook, Willie Jackson, Bronc Riders: Howard Laneley, Taylor Hall Jr., Jesse Guillory, Bubba Boone; Bull Riding: Myrtis Dightman, Freddie Gordon, Willie Thomas, Sr, Wayne Brown, and Johnathan Brown. We apologize for not including everyone; there are so many more we are unable to list all their names. Robert Jackson was a great rodeo cowboy competitor along with his brothers; Walter, Alvaris, Emery, Clarence, and Alexander. Robert was a calf and steer roper, as well as a legendary pickup-man. But most of all, he was stand out, ahead of his time Steer Wrestler! Robert Jackson competed competitively until the age of sixty-five against men half his age or younger; winning events by throwing cattle under four seconds on a consistent basis. Robert and Catherine were also entrepreneurs! At one point, they owned a hay baling business, a Conoco gas station, feed store, and not only did they promote rodeos, but they were also Rodeo Stock Contractors.



Up and Down The Brazos and Beyond

with Sis. Sharon Harris

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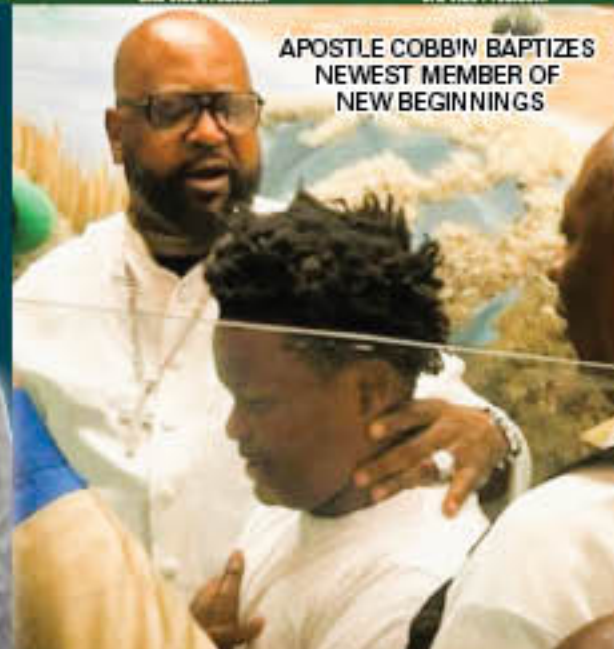
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MAY, 2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Devotional Reading:
Jeremiah 29: 10-14

Background Scripture:
Colossians 1

Printed Text:
Colossians 1: 1-14

COLOSSIANS 1: 1 – 14

- Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
- To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossae: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
- Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,
- For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
- Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:
- As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ;
- Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.
- For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not

cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

- That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;
- Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness;
- Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
- Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.
- In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.

GOLDEN TEST:

"We also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."
(Colossians 1:9)

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Wed. Teacher Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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Bible Study (Tues.)	7 PM
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Thursday Noon Bible & Community Outreach	12 p.m.
Thursday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	6 p.m.
Thursday Family Night (1st Thurs)	7 p.m.
Sunday Men's Only Bible Study (3rd Sunday)	8 a.m.

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Wednesday Mission	6:00 p.m.
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
Tuesday and Thursday MORNING PRAYER	9 AM
Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY	7 PM

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Tues. Mission & Brotherhood	7:00 p.m.
Tues. Bible Study	7:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study	11 - 12:30 noon
Thurs. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Choir Rehearsal	11:00 a.m.
Ushers Meeting (2nd Sat.)	11:00 a.m.

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Wednesday Night Live:	
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 School	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
Prayer/Bible Study (WED)	7:00 p.m.

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

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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Wednesday Nite Bible Study	7:30 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.
Sr. Choir Rehearsal (TUES)	7:00 p.m.
Prayer/Teacher Meeting (WED)	7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal (THURS)	7:00 p.m.

Pastor's Annals: 1st Sunday in April
Church Annals: 3rd Sunday in November

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Sunday School	9 AM-10:15 AM
Sunday Morning Worship (1st & 3rd Sundays)	10:30 AM

REMEMBERING

Sis. Virgie Pink Jenkins - Henry

ON MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 11, 2025



Mrs. Virgie Pink Jenkins - Center - And The Other Mothers Of The Tom Bass Park Prayer Ministry Being Honored On Mothers Day

I welcome my life experiences as a continuous opportunity to remember and share with my walking partners how thankful and blessed I am that God has allowed me to see another year. I am thankful that I can walk two miles a day, five days a week. After coming off the track each morning with the group that I walk with, we continue in prayer, worship and thanksgiving. Rev Waldrup and the other ministers lead us in our daily scripture verse and motto that we renew each year. This year it is Psalms 150:6; Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, praise ye the Lord. Our motto;

"Lord change my heart 2015"

During our worship, we join hands in sisterly and brotherly love in agreement.

Matthew 18:20; For where two or three are gather together in my name, there am I in the midst. We can feel the prayer wheel turning and we know that the fire is burning as we have a little talk with Jesus. Just a little talk with Jesus will may everything all right.

Personally, I am blessed and thankful that God has been so good to me.

He has blessed me on January 27 to celebrate my 99th birthday. That is right I am 99 years young this year! I drive myself were I need to go, do not wear eyeglasses, cook my own food and attend church every week. I cannot thank God enough because of his grace and mercy toward me. I daily refer to my favorite scriptures, which is Psalms 121: I will lift up my mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made the heaven and earth. Also 23 Psalms; The Lord is my (Virgie) shepherd; I shall not want



SIS. VIRGIE PINK JENKINS HENRY

On February 6, 2015, one of our prayer brothers Calvin Lobbe had his Birthday celebration fellowship luncheon at the Golden Corral on 518 for the prayer group. It was a joyous occasion and we appreciate his generous heart.

Let us keep each other in prayer. I am a living witness and I know prayer works.

All we have to do is believe and receive.

God Bless you

Sister Virgie Pink Jenkins-Henry

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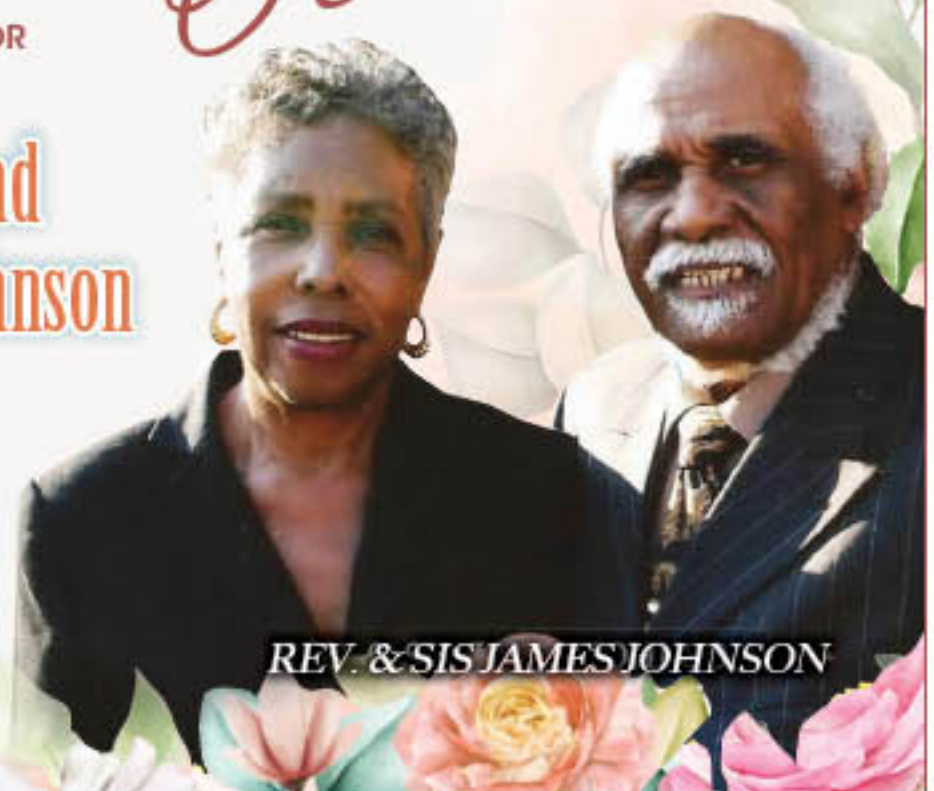
16TH *Appreciation Service*
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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 @ 10 AM

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(Exodus 14: 13 - 15)



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The RECIPE Corner

CHICKEN LASAGNA

INGREDIENTS

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| 9 lasagna noodles | 2 c. chicken chopped, cooked |
| 15 oz. ricotta cheese | ¼ c. green onion, sliced |
| 1 c. mayonnaise | can artichoke hearts, quartered |
| ¼ c. parmesan cheese | 2 oz jar of pimentos, drained |
| 1 tsp thyme | 2 c. Monterey Jack cheese |
| 1 tsp parsley | ½ tsp salt |
| 1 tsp salt and ⅛ tsp pepper | 2 eggs |

Heat oven to 350°. Grease baking dish. Cook noodles and drain. Beat eggs, add remaining ingredients except Monterey cheese. Layer ⅓ of noodles in baking dish. Top with half of chicken mixture and ⅓ cheese. Repeat layers. Cover with sprayed foil. Bake at 350° 45 minutes.



TUNA-CHEESE CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 can tuna drained | ½ tsp celery salt |
| 1 c. cottage cheese | ⅛ tsp pepper |
| ¼ c. chopped pimento | 1 c. crushed potato chips |
| 2 tbsp chopped onion | 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese |

Break tuna into bite-size pieces; add cottage cheese, pimento, breadcrumbs, onion, celery salt and pepper. Toss tuna mixture blend. Spoon evenly into a buttered casserole; top with crushed potato chips and Parmesan cheese. Bake in 350° oven for 30 minutes.



OLD BUTTERMILK PIE

INGREDIENTS

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| 3¾ c. sugar | 1 tsp vanilla |
| ½ c. flour | 2 stick margarine, melted |
| ½ tsp salt | 1 tsp butter extract |
| 6 eggs | 2 unbaked pastry shells |
| 1 c. Buttermilk | |

Blend sugar, flour, salt, and eggs. Add buttermilk and vanilla. Add margarine and butter extract; stir. Pour into 2 pie shells. Bake in 350° oven for 40 min. - 1 hour.



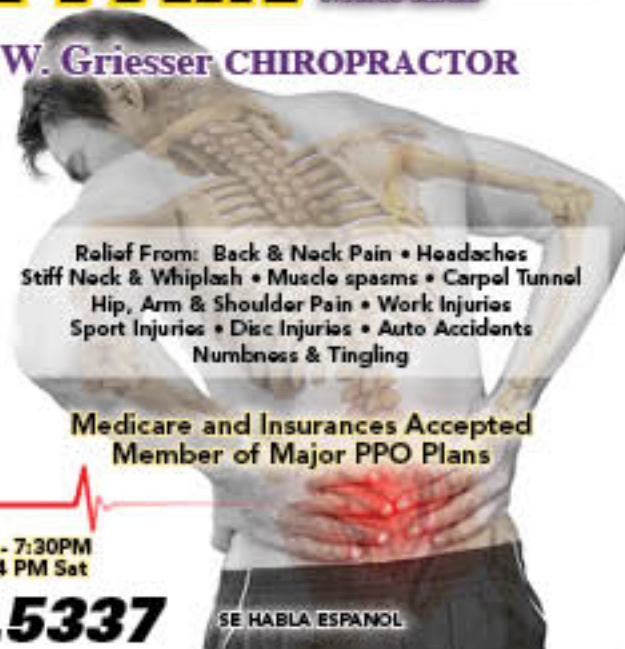
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HENRIETTA WOOD

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beginning of a series of events that led to Wood later suing Zeb Ward.

In 1870, after the Civil War, Henrietta Wood made history by pursuing a lawsuit against Zeb Ward, the man who had kidnapped her back into slavery. By then, Zeb Ward was a wealthy businessman. Henrietta Wood sued for reparations and won. In 1878, Henrietta was awarded \$2,500 in damages for lost wages and freedom (roughly about \$65,000 in today's dollars). It was a fraction of what she had sought but still offered her a measure of financial stability in 1879, the year Ward paid up. It was the largest known sum ever awarded in an American court in restitution for slavery. In 1912, Henrietta Wood died in Chicago, Illinois. Henrietta Wood has inspired crusades for reparations in the generations that followed. You can view and download the case Henrietta Wood vs. Zeb Ward from the National Archives Catalog. This record is held in District Court Case Files at the National Archives at Chicago, Illinois. Henrietta Wood's experience was the subject of "Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America," which earned author Caleb McDaniel the 2020 Pulitzer Prize for History.

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