

The Testament

December 2020

Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church

Durham, NC

A timeless message from the archives...

This Christmas

- by Bro. Dean Jernigan

“Hang all the mistletoe, I’m going to get to know you better – this Christmas.” Those are the opening lyrics to one of my favorite Christmas songs, *This Christmas*. Written many years ago by the late Donny Hathaway, *This Christmas* is one of those songs that manages to penetrate my outer shell and work its way down to my core. For me, it helps with pushing aside the many commercial aims of the Christmas season and focusing on a more important aspect – gaining a better understanding and stronger appreciation for those who make up our inner circle of family and friends.

The first step in knowing others better actually begins with getting to know ourselves better. In fact, the key to a better world is to first become a better you. Understanding ourselves requires effort and honesty. We have to work continuously to learn ourselves and work toward becoming the person that we desire to be. Being honest with ourselves helps us to measure how close we are to being that person and to truthfully acknowledge when we fall short. We grow from both our successes and failures. Adding a healthy dose of truth to our daily diet goes a long way toward getting us to the goal of knowing ourselves. In the Greek tragedy *Hamlet*, the playwright William Shakespeare states it nicely when he writes - “This above all: to thine own self be true”.

While you’re gaining an insight to yourself, strive also to get a better understanding of our Lord and Savior along the way. If you don’t already do so, develop a habit of taking a few moments each day to study His Word. Reflect often on His many blessings, both big and small. Thank Him for those in your circle that you want to know better and let this Christmas be the one for a true reflection on the

reason for this blessed season – the birth of our Savior and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

The birth of Christ serves as one of the most joyous illustrations of God’s love for us. *And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)*

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of this most wonderful time of the year, let us make sure to include the gift of love in all that we do. Let love guide our thoughts and actions. Let love decorate our Christmas trees, homes and our church. Let love grace our holiday gatherings and dress our Christmas meal. Let love be a part of every gift given and received.

Let’s also remember that being joyful is a challenge for some of God’s children during this time of the year. Somewhere, setbacks have caused someone to forget about the blood that was shed on Calvary’s mountain for us many years ago. Somewhere, someone can no longer feel the warmth of the embrace of a dear friend or a cherished family member. Somewhere, one less present will be under the tree and one less plate will be put out for the Christmas dinner. In mimicking the actions of Christ, we need to be everywhere to help those who struggle during this time of the year and to remind them of the glory of God’s greatest gift!

Merry Christmas to everyone from the Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church Newsletter Committee. We pray that God will continue to shower His many blessings upon each of you and your families. We pray for your health, faith and prosperity as we prepare for the sun to set on 2020. We pray for your



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Thursday, December 31st
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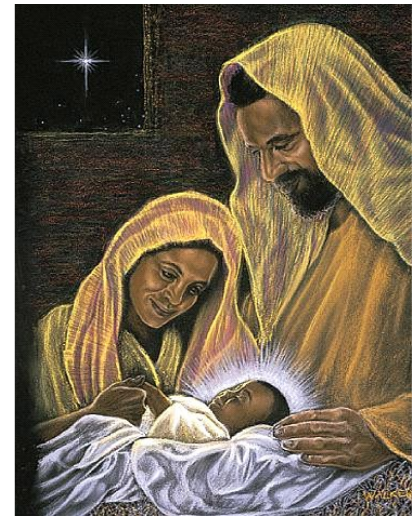
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The Reason For This Season!



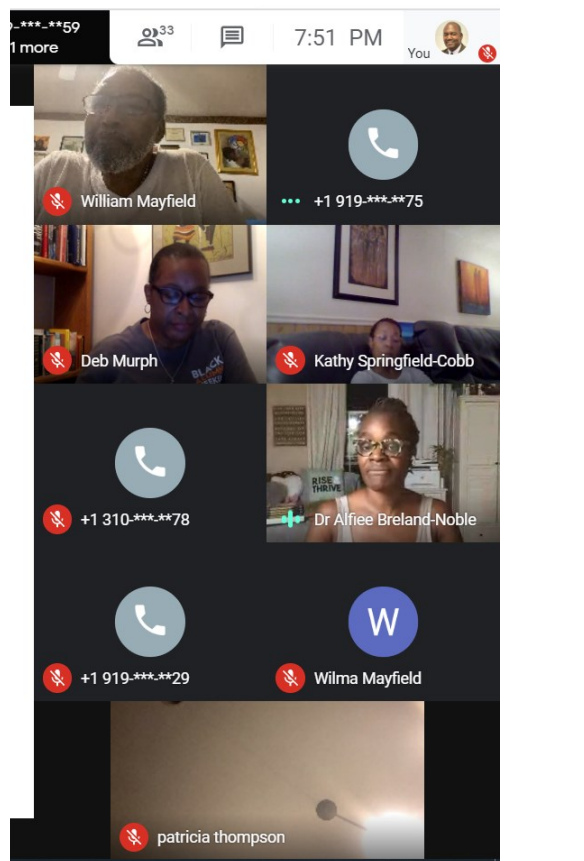
friends, co-workers and for the Lincoln family as we share the Good News of salvation during this season. Most of all, we pray that this Christmas will indeed bring a better understanding of our Heavenly Father’s Word and a greater insight into ourselves.

We pray that this will be the Christmas that we look beyond the external wrappings of our gifts and truly see the love that wraps our gifts. Let this be the Christmas that we seek Christ first in our thoughts, words and deeds. Let’s remember to keep Him there as we go caroling throughout the year on the roadways of life.

Merry Christmas!!

Christian Education Hosts COVID-19 Webinar


In an effort to reach out and address the mental health needs of our church family relative to coping with the stress of living in the age of COVID-19, our Christian Education ministry hosted a virtual webinar featuring Dr. Alfiee Breland-Noble, a noted psychologist adept at helping individuals to achieve an optimal level of mental health. Dr. Alfiee's presentation provided strategies for reducing the impact of COVID in our lives and allowed for a discussion with the attendees regarding their personal adjustments to changes caused by the pandemic. The session was well-timed and highly appreciated by the attendees. Special thanks to our Christian Education ministry for organizing the presentation.



Dr. Alfiee Breland-Noble is presenting

Free Virtual Psychotherapy
Teens & Young Adults

<https://aakomaproject.org/outreach%2Fawareness>



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LEADING MENTAL HEALTH NONPROFITS HELP NORTHERN VIRGINIA THROUGH THE COVID-19 CRISIS

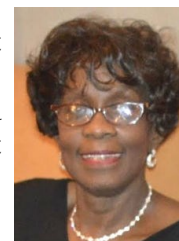
The AAKOMA Project and the Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation join forces to help Northern Virginia's communities of color.

Minister's Corner

- by Rev. Patricia Lee

For this I give HIM Praise Psalm 100

I believe that we all can attest to the fact that the year 2020 has brought with it some extremely difficult days. We also see first hand the evil and wickedness that flows from the heart of man.



This disregard for God and His commandments is not new to us. The bible is full of examples of this type of behavior. The world can not provide any hope or peace for the children of God. But should we expect it to? John's gospel tells us in Chapter 14 that we are not to expect peace from the world. Jesus has given us His peace and it comes by way of the Holy Spirit. More spiritual assurance comes from Matthew's gospel. The last words spoken by Jesus as recorded by Matthew in Chapter 28:20 further reminds us that Jesus is always with us through every valley, every river, and every mountain. He never leaves or forsakes us. As you can see the only way we know these truths is that we must read and study His Word.

The other day while my son was working a man approached him and told him that people were looking for Jesus to come but Jesus came back in 1952. My son said oh yeah. He asked the man where Jesus was the man told him over there somewhere I don't know. My son has been taught and he knew that liar and confused person belonged to another spirit.

Well my sisters and brothers our world is full of confused spirits who try to tear us down and weaken our relationship with our Saviour. We must study our Bible so we can recognize the workers of Satan and not be caught up by all the things going on in this world.

As we look at the spiritually deprived state of this world it makes you wonder who are people giving thanks to and for what are they thankful? I'm so thankful that one day I opened my heart to the man from Galilee who saved a wretch like me.

I close with words from Kurt Carr's song - speaking truth for you and me.

*For every mountain, You brought me over
For every trial you've seen me through
For every blessing
Hallelujah, for this I GIVE YOU PRAISE!!!*

Already a blessed Thanksgiving.

Black History Spotlight

Historically Black College and Universities Series



Cheyney University

On February 25, 1837, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania became the nation's first Historically Black College and University (HBCU). The University was established through the bequest of Richard Humphreys, a Quaker philanthropist who bequeathed \$10,000 — one-tenth of his estate — to design and establish a school to educate people of African descent and prepare them as teachers.

First known as the African Institute, the school was soon renamed the Institute for Colored Youth. In its early years, it provided training in trades and agriculture, which were the predominant skills needed in the general economy.

In 1902, the Institute was relocated to George Cheyney's farm, a 275-acre property just 25 miles west of Philadelphia. The name "Cheyney" became associated with the school in 1913, though the school's official name changed several times during the 20th century.

As a charter member of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), Cheyney State College became Cheyney University of Pennsylvania in 1983, the oldest of the fourteen member institutions and the only HBCU in the state system.

While Cheyney University has a rich heritage as the first institution of higher learning for African Americans, our campus today welcomes students from a variety of races, cultures, and nationalities, all of whom receive educational instruction far beyond the vision of Richard Humphreys. Cheyney graduates still become teachers, but our alumni also enter careers such as journalism, medicine, business, science/technology, law, communications, and government service. The University offers baccalaureate degrees in an array of disciplines, and many graduates go on to secure advanced degrees in a variety of fields.

Cheyney University boasts more than 30,000 graduates. Well-known alumni include the late Ed Bradley, a correspondent for the CBS program *60 Minutes*; Pedro Rivera, Pennsylvania Secretary of Education; Robert W. Bogle, publisher and CEO of the *Philadelphia Tribune*, the oldest newspaper continuously owned and operated by an African American; and the late Bayard Rustin, a prominent Civil Rights activist.

<https://cheyney.edu/who-we-are/the-first-hbcu/>

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In addition to our weekly Bible Study and Sunday School sessions, several ministries are using, or planning to use, our Google Meet tool for their meetings and activities.

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<https://mylmbc.org/sunday-morning-services>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/193386630705190>

Happy Birthday

to our

December Birthday Celebrities!

William Mayfield, Sr. (1st) • Lisa Eley (3rd)
Jennifer Crawford (4th) • Bailee Davenport (7th)
Marsha Nazzare (9th) • La'Tonya Brodie (10th)
Marva Atkins (13th) • Cherelle Lee (13th)
Maggie Harrell (14th) • Belinda Owens (14th)
Karl Brodie (16th) • Thurman Prescott (22nd)
Eugene Lofton (28th) • Trudy Owens (29th)
Marcus Lofton (31st)

Happy Anniversary!

Deacon & Mrs. Joseph Hilliard (18th)

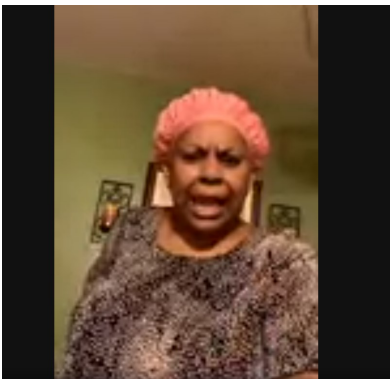
Best Wishes For Many More!!

Celebrating Our Women

Undeterred by the coronavirus, our Women's Day Committee moved full speed ahead in planning a schedule of events designed to enlighten, engage and empower the wonderful women in the Lincoln family. Guided by Sis. Jackie Brown and working under the theme, "Power Up", our women were gathered virtually on a Friday evening to hear a powerful and inspiring message from Rev. Tiffney Marley. Prior to and after Rev. Marley's message, the women engaged in a number of virtual events and were treated to virtual performances by Sis. Dotty Reid, Sisters Pamela and Adrienne Jernigan, and an entertaining performance from comedian Annie Bell Clock. The Women's Day events concluded during morning worship on the following Sunday with an outstanding poetic presentation from Sis. Latisha Johnson. Hats off to Sis. Jackie Brown, Women's Day Committee chair and Sis. Joan Lofton, Women of Faith chair for wonderful celebration of our women.



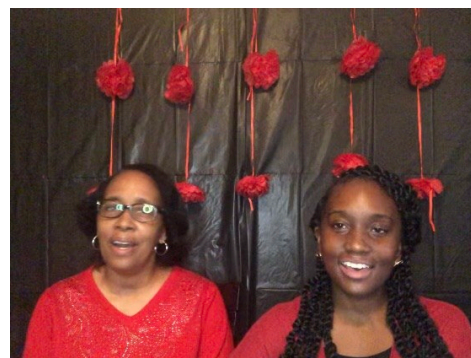
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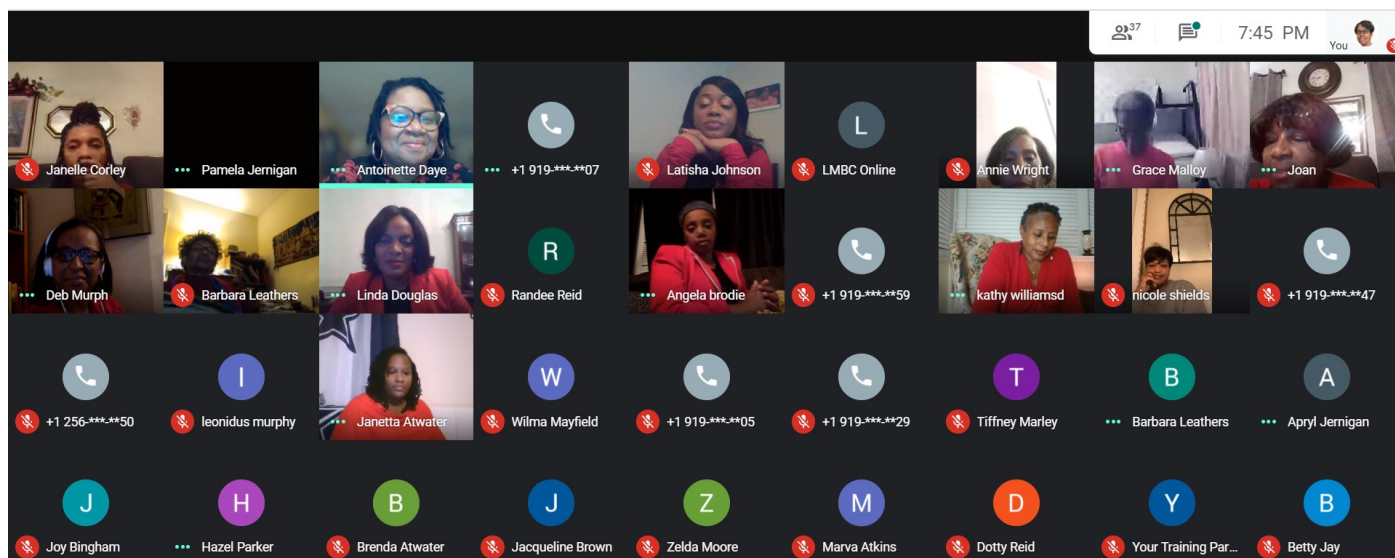
*Annie Bell Clock -
Comedian*



Sis. Latisha Johnson



Musical performances by Sis. Dotty Reid, Sis. Pamela Jernigan and Sis. Adrienne Jernigan



Attendees, both inside and outside of the Lincoln family, enjoy the Friday night Women's Day activities.

Thought Of, Missed & Loved

In an act of love and compassion, our Christian Education ministry organized an outreach effort to senior adult members aged 70 and above. Using unspent funds from the annual Senior Adult Appreciation Day event, the ministry delivered a small monetary gift of love and special card to let these members know that as valued members of our family, they are indeed thought of, missed and loved each day! Sis. Kathy Williams and Sis. Pamela Jernigan made time to personally deliver these gifts. Sis. Williams captured the moment as several of the gifts were delivered. Simply outstanding!



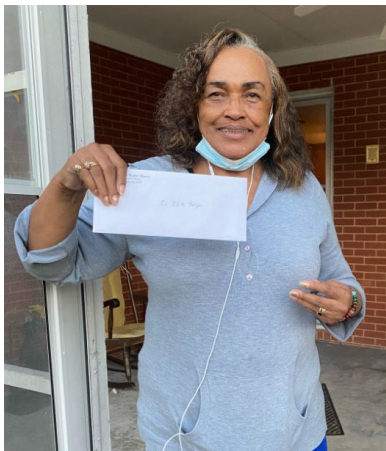
Deacon Joe Hilliard



Deaconess Willee Murphy



Deaconess Mamie Brodie



Sis. Edith Thorpe



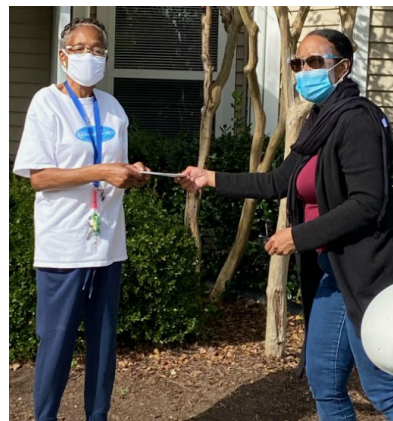
Deaconess Grace McFadden



Sis. Ann Williams



Deaconess Gwen Perry



Sis. Marsha Nazzare



Deaconess Hazel Parker

The photos above represent just a few of the many seniors who received a blessing from the Lincoln family through the efforts of our Christian Education Ministry. Let's keep all of our senior adult members in constant prayer for their health, safety and well-being!

KIDZ ZONE

-submitted by Sis. Earleen Sharrock

TWAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS GIVING LESSON

It was the week before Christmas as they were leaving the store, Timothy whined and begged and kept asking for more.

With his hands on his hips and his face in a pout, He pointed his finger and stomped all about.

"More toys, more presents, more candy for me, I want every grand thing that I see." Then in the middle of his selfish tirade, He noticed no attention was being paid.

A man with a bell stood by the door, collecting coins to give to the poor.

And in spite of his great dismay, Timothy's parents gave money away.

He sulked and grumbled all the next day, refusing even to go out to play.

I'm busy making my Christmas list, He said rudely, with a shake of his fist.

Suddenly his father said, "You are coming with me. I think there is something that you need to see."

They went to a shelter for the homeless and

poor. He watched the children as they played on the floor.

As his eyes wandered over each friendly smile, he realized he had known some of them for a while.

With a little wave of his hand, he called each one by name. "Kala, Levi, Bryan and Bonita, can I join in your game?"

He met people who were happy for a safe place to stay and food in their bellies at the end of the day.

Then, as that old building faded out of sight, Timothy slowly began to see the light.

When they returned to their house, he rushed for the door. "I won't be needing that Christmas list any more.

I am going to be thankful for the way that we live and make a new list of things I can give.

I'll do my chores with a smile on my face, pick up my room, put things in their place.

I'll take gifts to the poor on Christmas Eve. I now know it is better to give than receive."

By A.B. R. (Copyright 2010)

Acts 20:35 I have shown you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, **It is more blessed to give than to receive.**

The Bible is telling us that at Christmas or any other time of the year, we should be thinking about what we can give, not about what we are getting. We celebrate Christmas because God gave His Son so that we could have a way to be with Him in heaven. We celebrate the birth of Jesus by giving gifts as a way of sharing God's love. It is the giving that is a blessing, not the getting.

2 Corinthians 9:6 But this [I say], He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. **7** Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

When we give, we should do it happily. If we only give things we did not want or if we resent having to give someone a gift, that will not make us feel blessed. It is the desire to help others and to share God's love, not the size of the gift that matters. God gave the greatest gift. He gave the gift of His son. He did it out of love for us.

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Christian Christmas Word Search

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birth	gold	savior
candles	hallelujah	shepherds
Carols	holy spirit	stable
christ child	magi	star
christmas day	miracle	togetherness

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“Building the Church in the Community and the Community in the Church”

****Note - Most meetings are being held either virtually or via the telephone. Rev. Atkins will advise when all services and meetings may resume at Lincoln.***

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