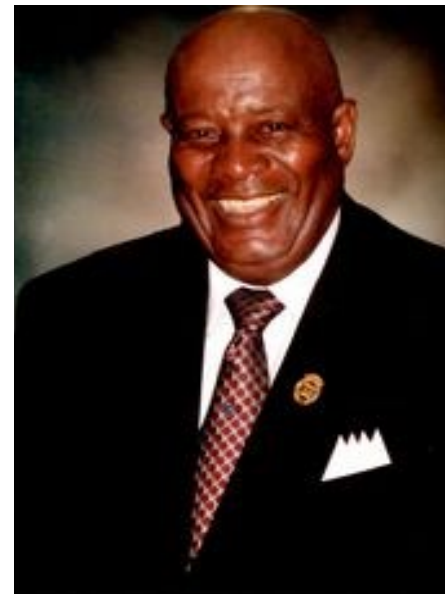


## From The Desk Of Our Parent Body President

Peace and blessings to all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the Spring season, I praise and thank God for all His many blessings. By faith, we have overcome many challenges and as always, with the Lord on our side we continue to persevere through sickness and the many loses of love ones, in spite of the still present threat of the pandemic. The Word of God continues to encourage and direct us to remain vigilant and persistent in our faith and trust in Him. God promised in His Word that if we are faithful and trust Him, His Word will be a *"lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path."* *Psalms 119:105 KJV*



Our Convention has started off great this year with our Youth and Young Adult Department presenting us with an outstanding Valentine's Day Program and the Women's Auxiliary hosting Martin Luther King, Jr. Program. We give special thanks and appreciation to Sister Sheryl Johnson, the National Youth and Young Adult Advisor, and Deaconess Alfreda LeVaine, the National Women's Auxiliary President for outstanding and creative leadership. We are looking forward to the Arnetta Thomas National Youth Day on March 22 & 23, 2024, and the Easter Program on March 29, 202 with the "Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ."

We are gearing up for our in-person Annual Session July 21, - 26, 2024, in Springfield, MA. More information is forthcoming concerning the Annual Session. We are working fervently and prayerfully for the National Baptist Deacons' Convention Of America to have a successful year in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We need your support as we strive to do the work of the Lord. I would like to personally thank all our delegates, committees, and members for the outstanding work they are doing to make our Convention Great in the sight of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God richly bless every one of you.

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Yours in the Mighty and Matchless Name of Christ,

**Deacon Earl J. Wilson Sr.,**

Parent Body President





## The Mission Statement Of The NBDC

National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. and its Auxiliaries was established July 26, 1934, when members of the local Deacons organization National Baptist Deacons' Convention of America and its Auxiliaries from Washington DC, Richmond VA, Hilltop MD, met to initiate a closer relationship among Deacons and Pastors. National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. and its Auxiliaries is to provide help and hope to a body of Christian Laymen, Women, Youth and Young Adults with a mission of Fellowship, Education and Charity. We affirm that the individuals we serve share with each other common human needs, desires and wants. We celebrate our individual and cultural diversities in this manner. **Quality;** we commit ourselves to the pursuit of excellence in everything we do, with the aid of the Holy Spirit. **Integrity;** we believe that our personal and professional integrity is the basis of Public Trust, through Faith, Love, Joy, Peace, Gentleness, Longsuffering, Goodness, Meekness, and Temperance. **Dedication;** we take pride in our commitment to Public Service Christian Organizations and to People we are privileged to serve. **Innovation;** we are committed to developing an environment that inspires innovation, foster dynamic leadership and rewards creativity among our members, volunteers and people we serve. National Baptist Deacons Convention of America, Inc. and its Auxiliaries offers a vast array of positive and impactful programs that revolve around the purpose of Worship, Education, Fellowship, Missionary Work and Christian Leadership and Training.

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2Timothy 2:15 KJV*

## Our Women's Auxiliary President



I Greet you, my Brothers and Sisters with Jesus' Joy, Welcome to our Spring Quarterly edition of the Diaokonate Leader, The National Baptist Deacons' Convention's Newsletter. As the Spring season is approaching us, we begin to shed our heavy, Winter clothing. I can't help but think that this Lenten Season is the perfect time to shed some excessive "stuff". We should focus on He, who has given us the seasons. He who has given us life. He who has given us His Son who died for us so that we may have eternal life. As we enter Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday later this month may you be blessed and continue to move

forward with God.

In addition to celebrating Resurrection Day, this month is also Women's History Month. Let's take time out and honor a woman in your life whose walk you have admired. Let her know the impact that she has had on your life. We have so many great women to reference like First Lady Michele Obama, Vice President Kamala Harris, Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson just to name a few. We can also go to the Bible and reference Eve, Deborah, Naomi, and Ruth, Mary mother of Jesus, Priscilla, and again so many more great woman in the bible. However, let us honor those amazing women right here that we can touch and have touch our lives. Let's honor them this month.

I thank Sister Marsha Riley and her awesome team for putting together this newsletter which is a wealth of inspiration as well as information. I am confident that you will walk away from reading this newsletter informed and uplifted. I just ask that you share this newsletter with your ministries, pastor, church family, friend and biological family.

As I close this greeting I would be remiss if I did not wish all the mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and godmothers, "like a mother", and mentors a blessed and Happy Mother's Day "**Proverbs 31:26**: "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Blessings,

*Deaconess Alfreda Levaine*  
Women's Auxiliary President





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# Spring

# March 19, 2024



## NBDC Mid-Session , 2024 - Registration Process

### 1. NBDC Mid-Session Registration Process

The Mid-Session for the National Baptist Deacons' Convention is less than a month away, March 22 & 23, 2024. In the past years, we've learned that the number of Convention Members registering for the Mid-Session is light in terms of volume as compared to the Annual Session in July. We hope this year is different. So, for the Mid-Session this year, we will process the Registration information manually.

**Please submit your registration information to the persons listed below for your State.**

**A.** For Convention Members living in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, please send your completed registration form, along with your check or money order to:

Deaconess Gwen Miller

7756 Discovery Road

North Charleston, SC 29420

Email Address: [glm7756@gmail.com](mailto:glm7756@gmail.com)

Tel: (843)412-7679

**B.** For Convention Members living in Virginia, DC, Maryland, and Delaware, please send your completed registration information, along with your checks or money order to:

Reverend Tocco Arrington

3716 Meridian Avenue

Richmond, VA 23234

Email Address: [arringtonta@alumni.vcu.edu](mailto:arringtonta@alumni.vcu.edu)

Tel: (804) 855-8810

**C.** For Convention Members living in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, please send your completed registration information, along with your check or money order to:

Sister Sonia Murphy

74 Parkside Road

Plainfield, NJ 07060

Email Address: [Sonianique@verizon.net](mailto:Sonianique@verizon.net)

Tel: (908) 531-7834

Deaconess Gwen Miller, Reverend Torroco Arrington, and Sister Sonia Murphy, will forward your checks and money orders to Deacon William Wise, the Convention's Treasurer for deposit.

### 2. NBDC Annual Session Registration Process

We are planning to use the **PlanetReg** Online Registration Application for the Registration Process in July 2024. Deacon Joseph Miller informed me that the Convention used this application for the registration process when the National Baptist Deacons' Convention Annual Session was in Baltimore, MD a few years ago.



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## NBDC Mid-Session , 2024 - Registration Process (continued)

We are in the test mode of **PlanetReg** and have uploaded all the registration information from our Registration Form in the **PlanetReg** application which includes the Parent Body information, the Young Adult information, and the Youth Information.

*This application has a processing fee from \$3 to \$5, depending the amount of the transaction being processed.*

That's because the application charges \$0.50 per transaction, plus 2% of the dollar amount being processed.

For example, Package 1 on the Registration Form is \$100. To process Package 1, the Package cost is \$100, plus \$0.50, plus the 2% charge equaling \$2, giving a total cost of \$102.50.

Package 4 is \$225. The process Package 4, the Package cost is \$225, plus \$0.50, plus the 2% cost equaling \$4.50, giving a total cost of \$230.

If all continues to go well, we will have the online application, PlanetReg, ready in a couple of weeks.

Please email me or give me a call if you have any questions.

God bless, Deacon McArthur

Email: [gllrmk@comcast.net](mailto:gllrmk@comcast.net)

Tel: (908) 463-0854

### Announcements:

If you have not paid your 2024 and/or 2023 NBDC Membership Dues of \$25.00, please do so as soon as possible. You can use CashApp \$NBDCOA to pay your dues. Or, you can mail your check or money order to: Deaconess Gwen Miller, 7756 Discovery Road, North Charleston, SC 29420

### Upcoming Meetings:

**March 9, 2024 – NBDC Monthly Executive Board Meeting at 10 am via Zoom**

- March 11, 2024 - NBDC Monthly Robert Wiggs Prayer and Communion Service at 6 pm via ZOOM
- March 16, 2024 – Region II Semi-Annual Meeting at 10 am via Zoom
- March 22 & 23, 2024 – NBDC Annual Mid-Session & the Arnette Thomas National Youth Day
- March 29, 2024 – Good Friday Service by the NBDC Parent Body
- March 2024 – NBDC Leadership Academy, Accessing Online Healthcare and Social Security Services (date to be determined)



## NBDC Annual-Session, 2024 - Deacons Attire

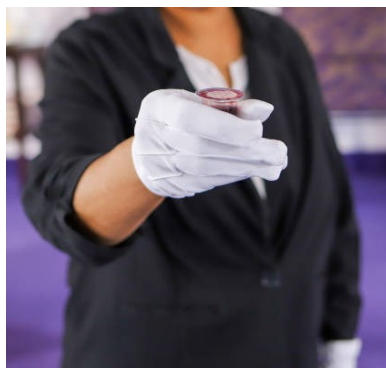
# Memo to Deacons: Male and Female

In preparation for the 90th Annual NBDC Session this year, 2024, in Springfield, MA., this request comes from our Parent Body President, Deacon Earl J. Wilson, Sr., who would like for all deacons who want to participate in Holy Communion Service, which will be observed on Tuesday, July 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM, to please comply with the uniform attire requested as follows:

All deacons, male and female are asked to dress in uniform attire.

Black suits, white shirts/blouses, black tie, (optional for females), black shoes, black socks/stockings, and white gloves.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a blessed day, and we pray that we will see you all there.



### ~ Womens History Trailblazer ~

Ruth Smith Wells, a community of the first female police officers Nov. 4, 1929, in North Philadelphia to the late Birlee and Jessie Crawford Smith. She graduated Pennsylvania Congress of Christian Education and also completed studies at Temple University. She From this union came three children. Throughout the civil rights movement, Wells worked along- side fellow activist C. Delores Tucker, a friend from the Philadelphia High School for Girls. She was a strong supporter of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and frequently went to rallies, meetings and marches, such as the March on Washington. She campaigned for the election of Mayor W. Wilson Goode, Councilwoman Augusta Clark, and Congressmen Dwight Evans and William H. Gray III. She is believed by her family to be the last surviving grandchild of Anthony P. Crawford, a successful cotton farmer who was lynched by a white mob in 1916 in Abbeville, South Carolina, after complaining that a white buyer was paying him less for his cotton than white growers were receiving.



*Ruth Smith Wells*

Wells was featured in a 2020 documentary, "Anthony Crawford: The Man the South Forgot." Wells witnessed the U.S. Senate vote in 2009 to formally apologize for failing to pass anti-lynching legislation first proposed more than a century earlier. She was recognized in 2016 by the Equal Justice Initiative at ceremonies on the 100th anniversary of Crawford's death. "She was a civic leader, a passionate advocate for women's rights and the disenfranchised, a trailblazer, a devout woman of God," her niece Andrea Muhammad said in a tribute. Wells was a trailblazer in Philadelphia law enforcement, having sued and prevailed against the Philadelphia Police Department twice. She was one of 19 women who joined the Police Department in 1955 after her first case was successful. Later she successfully sued the department again for maternity leave. She and her brother, Albert Smith, were also the first brother-sister duo in the department. She retired from the Police Department after 21 years and went to work at the University of Pennsylvania, where she started the Women's Safety Department. In 1976, the university commissioned her to develop and oversee the Public Safety Education and Training Program. Wells retired in 1993 after 17 years of service. She was a member of the Philadelphia Ethics Board, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, which has a scholarship in her name, and the Guardian Civic Leagues.

She was also a founding member of the Mayor's Commission for Women; former board chair of Women Organized Against Abuse, and founder of the Women of Color Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. As a member of Christian Hope Baptist Church for 81 years, Wells served as a deaconess, church secretary, and president of the Board of Christian Education, the Senior Choir and the Senior Missionaries. Wells was a former president of the Pennsylvania Baptist State Convention Women's Ministry, former director of Christian education for the National Baptist Convention's Young People's Department, and former director of the New England Baptist Youth Ministry. She was featured in Ebony magazine, Jet magazine, The Collegiate, Women in Policy and other publications.

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Sheila Yvette Oliver<sup>[1]</sup> was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, where she graduated from Weequahic High School in 1970.<sup>[2][3]</sup> Oliver graduated *cum laude* with a B.A. in sociology from Lincoln University in 1974 and was awarded an MSW from Columbia University in community organization, planning and administration in 1976.<sup>[4][5][6]</sup> On May 6, 2018, Oliver received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Lincoln University.<sup>[7]</sup> Oliver worked in both the public and private sectors. 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**Kamala Harris** (born October 20, 1964, U.S.) 49th vice president in the Democratic administration was the first woman and the first African American to hold the post. She had previously served as attorney general (2017–21) and as attorney general (2017–21). Her father, who was Ja-University, and her mother, the mat, was a cancer researcher. She became a public policy advisor in political science and economics at Howard University, Kamala from Hastings College. She served as deputy district attorney (1990–1998) for her reputation for toughness as violence, drug trafficking, through the ranks, becoming

In 2010 she was narrowly elected attorney general of California—winning by a margin of less than 1 percent—thus becoming the first female and the first African American to hold the post. After taking office the following year, she demonstrated political independence, rejecting, for example, pressure from the administration of Pres. Barack Obama for her to settle a nationwide lawsuit against mortgage lenders for unfair practices. Instead, she pressed California's case and in 2012 won a judgment five times higher than that originally offered. Her refusal to defend Proposition 8 (2008), which banned same-sex marriage in the state, helped lead to it being overturned in 2013. Harris's book, *Smart on Crime* (2009; cowritten with Joan O'C. Hamilton), was considered a model for dealing with the problem of criminal recidivism. In 2012 Harris delivered a memorable address at the Democratic National Convention, raising her national profile. Two years later she married attorney Douglas Emhoff. Widely considered a rising star within the party, she was recruited to run for the U.S. Senate seat held by Barbara Boxer, who was retiring. In early 2015 Harris declared her candidacy, and on the campaign trail she called for immigration and criminal-justice reforms, increases to the minimum wage, and protection of women's reproductive rights. She easily won the 2016 election. When she took office in January 2017, Harris became the first Indian American in the Senate and just the second Black woman. She began serving on both the Select Committee on Intelligence and the Judiciary Committee, among other assignments. She became known for her prosecutorial style of questioning witnesses during hearings, which drew criticism—and occasional interruptions—from Republican senators. In June she drew particular attention for her questions to U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who was testifying before the intelligence committee on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election; she had earlier called on him to resign. Harris's memoir, *The Truths We Hold: An American Journey*, was published in January 2019. Shortly thereafter Harris announced that she was seeking the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020. From the outset she was seen as one of the leading contenders, and she drew particular attention when, during a primary debate, she had a contentious exchange with fellow candidate Joe Biden over his opposition to school busing in the 1970s and '80s, among other race-related topics. Although Harris's support initially increased, by September 2019 her campaign was in serious trouble, and in December she dropped out of the race. She continued to maintain a high profile, notably becoming a leading advocate for social-justice reform following the May 2020 death of George Floyd, an African American who had been in police custody.

~ Womens History Trailblazer ~



20, 1964, Oakland, California of the United States (2021–) of Pres. Joe Biden. She was the first African American to have previously served in the U.S. Senate as attorney general of California (2011–2017). She is the daughter of an Indian diplomat. Her younger sister, Maya, is a lawyer. After studying economics (B.A., 1986) and law (J.D., 1989), she subsequently worked as a prosecutor in Oakland, earning a reputation for prosecuting cases of gang and sexual abuse. Harris rose to become district attorney in 2004. In

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Dr. Jones was born on Dec. to Robert and Mattie Jones, a worker. In a transcribed inter-Houston Center for Public after her older sister died in Dr. Jones decided to pursue Knoxville College at 16 and scoring exceptionally well on cepted to multiple medical versity of Arkansas' medical cause tuition was low and be-mother. The decision wasn't previously all-white institu-was so proud. I was so school that absolutely noth-said in the interview with the Univer-

UAMS, the school's board of trustees voted to increase the class size by one that year so no one could claim Dr. Jones had taken a spot from a white applicant. In 1950, she married Dr. James B. Jones, a psychology professor at a nearby university; they were together until his death in 1989. The couple had three children, Gary, Myra and Keith. Dr. Jones established medical practices in Hot Springs, Ark., and Houston and completed her residency at Baylor, where she also later taught. In 1985, Dr. Jones was elected the first female president of the National Medical Association, a medical organization representing African-American doctors and their patients. She was also a founding member of the Association of Black Cardiologists. In Arkansas, Dr. Jones was also a prominent activist as a member of the "Freedom Four," encouraging people to join the Civil Rights Movement. Ms. Romain said her parents encouraged and often paid for students' tuition at Knoxville College, Dr. Jones' alma mater and a historically black liberal arts college. In the 1990s, Dr. Jones sponsored and co-founded a clinic in Haiti. When her mother would travel to the island, Ms. Romain remembered, she'd bring pharmaceutical samples and other important drugs in large suitcases, sneaking them into the country past customs. In 1988, Dr. Jones lost one of her eyes after developing glaucoma. Ms. Romain said she continued working using a prosthetic, a solution that worked until she began losing her eyesight in her remaining eye. Dr. Jones' daughter, Myra Jones Romain, said her mother died Monday, July 22, 2019, in Houston of natural causes. She was 91.

Ms. Romain said her mother practiced and taught medicine until she reluctantly retired in 2013, telling her daughter, "All I've ever wanted to do was practice medicine."

**Dr. Edith Irby Jones**

23, 1927, in Mayflower, Ark., sharecropper and a domestic view with the University of History, Dr. Jones said that the 1930s from typhoid fever, medicine. She enrolled in graduated in 1948. After aptitude tests, she was ac-schools. She chose the Uni-school, Ms. Romain said, because it was close to her out of a desire to integrate a tion, her daughter said. "I proud that I was in medical ing else mattered," Dr. Jones city of Houston. According to





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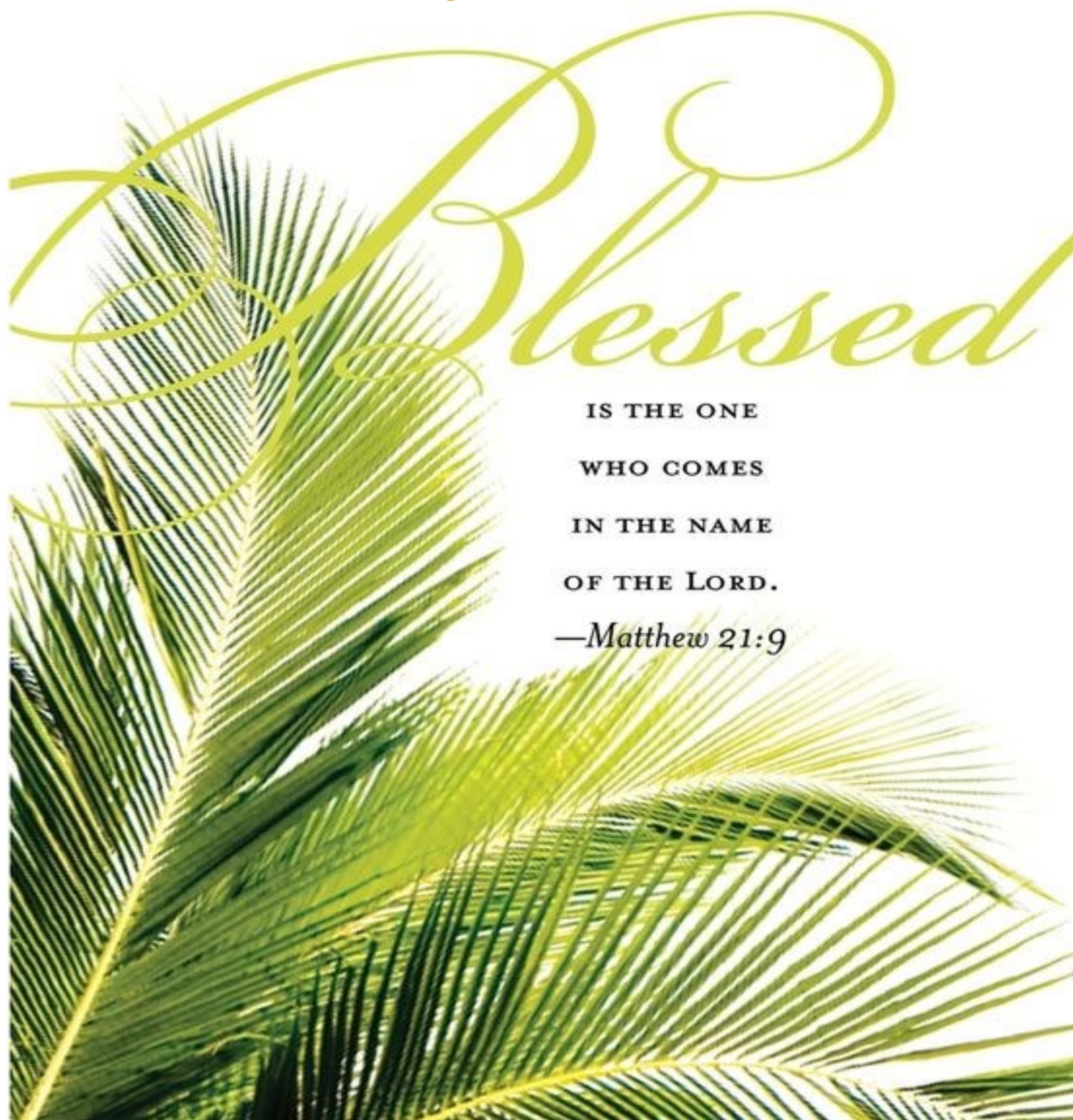
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## Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024





## THE 7 LAST WORDS PROGRAM

PARENT BODY - FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 - 6:00 PM - ZOOM

# SEVEN LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS

*Father*  
*forgive them*  
FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW  
WHAT THEY ARE  
DOING.

LUKE 23:34 (NKJV)

TRULY I TELL YOU  
*today*  
YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN  
*paradise.*

LUKE 23:43 (NKJV)

*My God, my God,*  
WHY HAVE YOU  
*forsaken*  
*me?*

PSALM 22:1 (NKJV)

*Woman*  
*here is your son.*  
(JESUS TO THE DISCIPLES)  
*Here is your*  
*mother.*

JOHN 19:26-27 (NKJV)

*I am*  
*thirsty.*

JOHN 19:28 (NKJV)

*It is*  
*finished.*

JOHN 19:30 (NKJV)


*Father*  
INTO YOUR HAND  
*I commit my*  
*Spirit*

LUKE 23:46 (NKJV)

# Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here,



but has **risen.**

Luke 24:5

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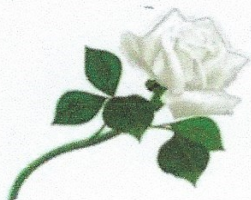
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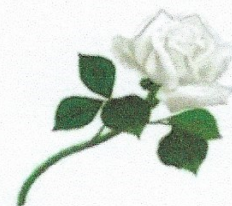
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- Executive Board Meeting, Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ
- March 22 & 23, 2024—2024 ARNETTA THOMAS YOUTH DAY:  
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- Registration for the 2024 Mid-Term Session is by mail or on-line. Registration is \$25.00.
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April 13, 2024 – Zoom (TBA) National Baptist Deacons' Convention Region II Meeting (Delaware)
- May 18, 2024 New Jersey State Baptist Deacons' Convention Annual Session  
Host Union: Baptist Deacons' Alliance of Central New Jersey & It's Auxiliary  
Host Church: St. Matthew Baptist Church, 159 E. 9th Avenue, Roselle, NJ 07203
- July 15 – 19, 2024 National Baptist Deacons' Convention 2024 Annual Session  
Host State Convention: Connecticut Baptist Deacons Alliance  
Host Hotel: Sheraton Springfield Hotel, One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA. 01144
- September 21, 2024 – Zoom (TBA) New Jersey State Baptist Deacons' Convention
- Executive Board Meeting at 10am at Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton, NJ
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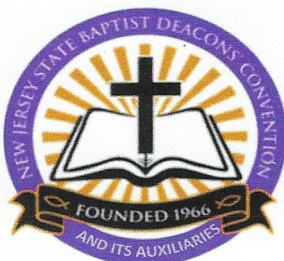
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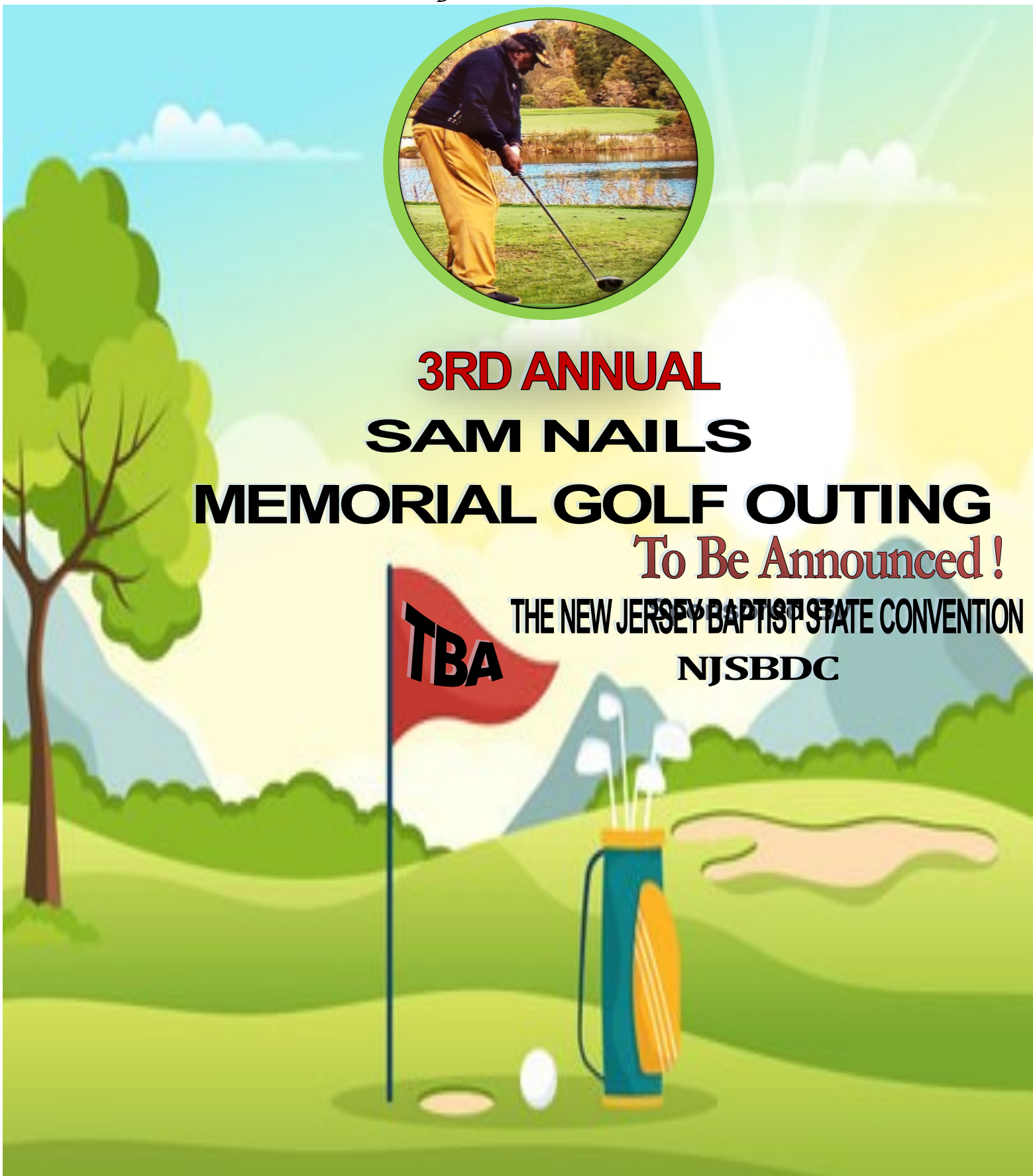
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*~ Sports News ~*

This past winter, the Pennington School boys' basketball team had one of its best seasons in school history, finishing the year at **19-8 and winning the 2023-2024 Mercer County Tournament!**

Starting at center, **Destine Evans** played a major role all season in the team's success. This season, the 6'6 junior from Trenton, averaged a **double double** in points/rebounds and **tallied 12 points and a team high 15 rebounds in the 2024 MCT Championship game against Hopewell Valley.**

**Destine will be a senior next year** and we look forward to seeing another great season for **Destine and the Pennington School boys' basketball team!**

Destine is the son of Pastor Ethan Evans and First Lady Jennifer Evans of **Grace Community Baptist Church in Trenton, N.J.**

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With aging, collagen in the deep skin layers changes from a tightly organized network of fibers to an unorganized maze. [1] Environmental exposures can damage collagen fibers reducing their thickness and strength, leading to wrinkles on the skin's surface.

### **Collagen Supplementation**

Despite its abundance in our bodies, collagen has become a top-selling supplement purported to improve hair, skin, and nails—key components of the fountain of youth. The idea of popping a pill that doesn't have side effects and may reverse the signs of aging is attractive to many. According to Google Trends, online searches for collagen have steadily increased since 2014.

### **WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH SAY ON COLLAGEN SUPPLEMENTS?**

Most research on collagen supplements is related to joint and skin health. Human studies are lacking but some randomized controlled trials have found that collagen supplements improve skin elasticity. [3,4] Other trials have found that the supplements can improve joint mobility and decrease joint pain such as with osteoarthritis or in athletes. [5] Collagen comprises about 60% of cartilage, a very firm tissue that surrounds bones and cushions them from the shock of high-impact movements; so a breakdown in collagen could lead to a loss of cartilage and joint problems. Many of us begin noticing a decrease in our collagen production around the age of 30 when our **skin begins to lose elasticity**, we start **developing fine lines**, and **signs of aging begin to appear**. That's why collagen is quickly becoming one of the most popular supplements on the market. One of the best ways to make sure you're getting enough collagen in your diet is through a high-quality, **scientifically-formulated collagen peptide supplement**.



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## SCRIPTURE CAKE



**1/2 c. butter (Judg. 5:25)**

**2 c. flour (1 Kings 4:22)**

**1/2 tsp. salt (Lev. 2:13)**

**1 c. figs (1 Sam. 30:12)**

**1 1/2 c. sugar (Jer. 6:20)**

**2 tsp. baking powder (Luke 13:21)**

**1/2 c. water (Gen. 24:11)**

**1 c. raisins (1 Sam. 30:12)**

**3 eggs (Is. 10:14)**

**1 T. honey (Prov. 24:13)**

**1/2 c. almonds (Gen. 43:11)**

**1/2 tsp. cinnamon**

**1/4 tsp. mace**

**1/2 tsp. cloves**

Blend sugar, spices, butter and salt. Beat egg yolks and add. Sift in baking powder and flour, then add water and honey. Put fruit and nuts through food chopper; mix well. Beat egg whites until stiff. Fold in, mixing well with other ingredients. Bake for one hour in a 375° oven.



~ ~ ~ *Recipes* ~ ~ ~**JALAPEÑO CORNBREAD**

2 c. yellow cornmeal  
 1 c. all-purpose flour  
 1½ T. baking powder  
 1½ tsp. salt  
 2 T. dark brown sugar  
 3 lg. eggs  
 1⅓ c. milk  
 ½ c. unsalted butter, melted

1 c. canned sweet corn kernels,  
 drained or frozen, thawed  
 ½ c. grated Cheddar cheese  
 ½ c. grated carrots  
 ½ c. grated onion  
 ¼ c. finely chopped jalapeño  
 pepper

Preheat the oven to 400°. Grease a 10-inch cast iron skillet. In a large bowl, stir together the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt and brown sugar. Whisk the eggs, milk and melted butter in a medium-size bowl; stir this into the dry ingredients. Add the corn, cheese, carrots, onion and jalapeño pepper; stir to thoroughly combine. Pour the batter into the skillet and bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cut into pieces and serve from the skillet. Makes 8 large pieces.



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## EASY LEMON BLUEBERRY PIE



1 (9-inch) graham cracker crumb  
crust or baked pie shell  
3 egg yolks  
1 (14-oz.) can Eagle Brand  
sweetened condensed milk, NOT  
evaporated  
1/2 c. ReaLemon lemon juice

1 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind (opt.)  
Yellow food coloring (opt.)  
1 (21-oz.) can Comstock  
blueberry filling & topping,  
chilled  
Whipped cream for topping (opt.)

Preheat oven to 350°. In medium bowl, beat egg yolks; stir in sweetened condensed milk, lemon juice, lemon rind and food coloring if desired. Pour into crust and bake for 8-10 minutes. Cool, chill and top with blueberry topping. Serve and enjoy. Refrigerate.



*~ ~ ~ Recipes ~ ~ ~***HOMEMADE DINNER ROLLS**

**1 c. warm water (105°-115°)**  
**2 (1/4-oz.) pkgs. active dry yeast**  
**1/2 c. (1 stick) butter, melted**  
**1/2 c. sugar**  
**3 eggs**

**1 tsp. salt**  
**4-4 1/2 c. unbleached all-purpose flour**  
**Additional melted butter (opt.)**

In large bowl, combine warm water and yeast. Let mixture stand until yeast is foamy, about 5 minutes. Stir in butter, sugar, eggs and salt. Beat in flour 1 cup at a time until dough is too stiff to mix. (Some flour may not be needed.) Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or up to 4 days. Grease a 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Turn chilled dough out onto a lightly floured board. Divide dough into 24 equal-size pieces. Roll each piece into a smooth round ball; place balls in even rows in prepared pan. Cover and let dough balls rise until doubled in volume, about 1 hour. Heat oven to 375°. Bake until rolls are golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Brush warm rolls with melted butter if desired. Break rolls apart to serve. Makes 2 dozen rolls. Preparation time: about 3 hours including resting dough.

*~ ~ Wisdoms Corner ~ ~****Here Are Five Ways Jesus Served While Here On Earth.*****1. Giving His Life**

The first and foremost purpose for which Jesus came to earth and took upon Himself the flesh of man, was to give His life so that those who repent and believe might be saved. Why did Jesus come? He says, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). Jesus spoke about those who He says when "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me" (Matthew 25:35-36) with His conclusion being "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40). The difference between those who did things for Christ and those who did things for Christ to be seen by men is that the former group doesn't recognize their own good works (Matthew 25:38) but Jesus says to those who are His true followers the most wonderful thing anyone could ever hear, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

**2. Healing the Sick**

Everywhere Jesus went, He was constantly healing the sick, making the blind to see, and making the lame to walk. That was part of His purpose too as Isaiah the Prophet wrote that "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb be loosed; there is the death penalty that is hanging over every one of us that unless we repent and trust Him, we have worse than a fatal disease; we have a terminal illness of a wicked, deceitful heart (Jeremiah 17:9) that needs cleansing. Everyone who's healed will die again but everyone who believes in Jesus, not even death can separate them from God (Romans 8:38-39).





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*"For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

## **3. Forgiving our Sins**

The Apostle Paul writes to the church at Colossae that Jesus Christ delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14) That's no small task because people love their sins, they don't want to humble themselves and turn to Christ because it means they have to give up the indulgences of the flesh and most will refuse to do that. Their pride will cause them to fall someday but surely every person who has ever lived and is alive today will, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 3:10-11). You can bend the knee today to Christ or He will bend it for you someday but one way or another "every knee will bow before Me; every tongue will acknowledge God" (Romans 124:11) and that includes you unbeliever! It would be better for you to do it today, voluntarily, than to be made to do it at His appearance (Revelation 20:12-15). Either you will humble yourself today or God will do it for you someday; guess which one is more painful?

## **4. Giving Hope to the Hopeless**

Jesus said that "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10) and not that they would be without hope for as Paul writes, "whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4) and what was written before for our hope? (Romans 15:12) and so Paul prays "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13). Jesus came to give hope to the hopeless, healing to the terminally ill, and to give the Gentiles hope that "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

## **5. Feeding the Poor**



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The poor were very much a focus of Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry, and He expects us to care for them too (Matthew 25:35) in feeding them, clothing them, visiting them, and making plain the only way to be saved (Acts 4:12). Jesus, in His sermon of the Beatitudes, said "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:5-6) and especially "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). At least twice that we know if Jesus fed the poor by multiplying the little food that they had to feed thousands but ultimately the most fulfilling of all bread is where Jesus said "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty" (John 6:35) and "whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water.

### Conclusion

If you want to know what Jesus did while on earth, I strongly suggest you read the Gospel of John and Matthew chapter 25 because Jesus came to give us life and to die for our sins but also to feed the poor, heal the sick, give hope to the hopeless, and to forgive our sins. If we hope to be like Christ, we should be doing what Christ did, for there is no greater love that we can display than to minister to those in need and as such, being the Body of Christ and doing the things that He commanded us to do (Matthew 25).

After reading this article go back and do some self-examination of your service to the Master, our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ. When was the last time you checked your daily walk with God and the Bible?

Article by Jack Wellman and Dr. Clarice Thompson



*~ ~ Mother's Day ~ ~**~ A Mother's Day Prayer ~*

*Father God, thank you for our mothers. Thank you for the wonderful instructions they have bestowed upon us. Thank you for Proverbs 31 which are words of advice from a mother to her son. It has become the essence of what a godly woman should be. We thank you today also for the single fathers who have stepped into the roles of being mothers in the absence of a mother. Bring them a godly wife, Oh God to help them with this work. We also thank you for the single mothers that need to fill the role of both father and mother. We ask that you would send them a godly husband. Thank you for being the husband they need while they wait for you to bless them in this. We are grateful for their contributions and ask that you would bless all of them abundantly with strength, finances, resources and wisdom to continue raising children, grand children and great grand children according to your word. We pray that you would bless their labor by making those within their care, the children, become all that you have purpose them to be, in Jesus Name, Amen!*

*Happy Mother's Day**May 12, 2024*