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Congress reluctant civil rights leaders determined?

Criminal Justice Grant Funding Available for East Texas Region



Ben Jealous African American leaders in Washington devoted time to address the "state of black America." More than 60 of America's leading civil rights and community leaders gathered to discuss key issues in the black community as the nation prepares for President Obama's second term. The meeting was convened by Marc H. Morial, president of National Urban League, Al Sharpton, Ben Jealous, NAACP National President and Melanie Campbell, president of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, among others.

The meeting was convened in part to answer the questions that many African Americans have asked since Election Day: What should a "black term" be? Many civil rights leaders have said that because African-Americans turned out in historic numbers and overwhelmingly voted for Obama, he should pay special attention to the community's concerns, as he did for other constituencies during his first four years.

"We are taking this from rhetoric to results from people saying that we need an agenda to us sitting down and collectively coming up with one," Sharpton said to the guests.



RE. Al Sharpton

precipice of financial ruin and there are some who would ask working, low and middle class Americans to give more," said Morial. "We...urge all leaders involved in these negotiations to move toward a fair and rational approach that preserves the safety nets so crucial to struggling families including Medicaid, Medicare, social security, and support for investments in education, innovation, and infrastructure that will be necessary for real and meaningful recovery."

The leaders said that the administration should promote policies that achieved economic parity for African Americans, equality in educational Opportunity, protect and defend voting rights and develop policies that eliminating healthcare disparities, among others. The plight of the African-American community underscores the urgency of our demand, the leaders said in a written statement. "The African-American community was disproportionately battered by the Great Recession, and has benefited the least from the fragile economy recovery. Unemployment remains unacceptably high; income inequality and the ever-widening wealth gap threaten to relegate the lack community to perpetual underclass status. Those who



Marc Morial

wish to curtail investment education and career preparation further dim the prospects for upward mobility for our young people."

"All of this sounds great- in theory. And yes it is important to have an agenda. But one thing missing: a realistic strategy to combat a reluctant GOP-led House of Representatives. Even in talks regarding the "fiscal cliff" Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio), has made it crystal clear that he will not cooperate with President Obama. So can we believe that the lofty policy goals for black America have a chance as well?"

For example: The Republicans for weeks have called the president's position on fixing America's fiscal woes as a "non starter". It appears they plan to duplicate the same level of resistance they gave in the first term. Meanwhile, the GOP provided a counter proposal which offers \$2.2 trillion in debt reduction, increases Medicare eligibility age, and puts social security cuts on the table. They also proposed to lower tax rates for the "1 percent." This approach is the opposite of the "black agenda" laid out by Sharpton, Morial and others.

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Kilgore, TX - Local governments, independent school districts, colleges, universities, non-profit organizations, and state agencies now have the opportunity to apply for grant funds from the Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division. Continuation applicants and potential new applicants in ETCOG's fourteen (14) county region are invited to attend FREE grant application workshops, hosted by the ETCOG Public Safety Department. This training will be held at the ETCOG office, 3800 Stone Road, Kilgore, TX.

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- Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)
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- Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Agencies need only attend

EDITORIAL

Why Do We Celebrate Jesus' Birthday December 25th?

No one knows the real birthday of Jesus! No date is given in the Bible, so why do we celebrate it on the 25th December? The early Christians certainly had many arguments as to when it should be celebrated! Also, the birth of Jesus probably didn't happen in the year 1AD but slightly earlier, somewhere between 2BC and 7BC (there isn't a 0AD - the years go from 1BC to 1AD!).

The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on December 25th was in 336AD, during the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (he was the first Christian Roman Emperor). A few years later, Pope Julius I officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th December.

There are many different traditions and theories as to why Christmas is celebrated on December 25th. A very early Christian tradition said that the day when Mary was told that she would have a very special baby, Jesus (called the Annunciation) was on March 25th - and it's still celebrated today on the 25th March. Nine months after the

25th March is the 25th December! March 25th was also the day some early Christians thought the world had been made, and also the day that Jesus died on when he was an adult. December 25th might have also been chosen because the Winter Solstice and the ancient pagan Roman midwinter festivals called 'Saturnalia' and 'Dies Natalis Solis Invicti' took place in December around this date - so it was a time when people already celebrated things.

The Winter Solstice is the day where there is the shortest time between the sun rising and the sun setting. It happens on December 21st or 22nd. To pagans this meant that the winter was over and spring was coming and they had a festival to celebrate it and worshipped the sun for winning over the darkness of winter. In Scandinavia, and some other parts of northern Europe, the Winter Solstice is known as Yule and is where we get Yule Logs from. In Eastern Europe the mid-winter festival is called Koleda.

The Roman Festival of Saturnalia took place between December 17th and 23rd and honoured the Roman god Saturn. Dies Natalis Solis Invicti means 'birthday of the unconquered sun' and was held on December 25th (when the Romans thought the Winter

Solstice took place) and was the 'birthday' of the Pagan Sun god Mithra. In the pagan religion of Mithraism, the holy day was Sunday and is where get that word from!

Early Christians might have given this festival a new meaning - to celebrate the birth of the Son of God 'the unconquered Son'! (In the Bible a prophesy about the Jewish savior, who Christians believe is Jesus, is called 'Sun of Righteousness'.)

The Jewish festival of Lights, Hanukkah starts on the 25th of Kislev (the month in the Jewish calendar that occurs at about the same time as December). Hanukkah celebrates when the Jewish people were able to re-dedicate and worship in their Temple, in Jerusalem, again following many years of not being allowed to practice their religion.

Jesus was a Jew, so this could be another reason that helped the early Church choose December the 25th for the date of Christmas! Christmas had also been celebrated by the early Church on January 6th, when they also celebrated the Epiphany (which means the revelation that Jesus was God's son)

and the Baptism of Jesus. Now the Epiphany mainly celebrates the visit of the Wise Men to the baby Jesus, but back then it celebrated both things! Jesus's Baptism was originally seen as more important than his birth, as this was when he started his ministry. But soon people wanted a separate day to celebrate his birth.

Most of the world uses the 'Gregorian Calendar' implemented by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. Before that the 'Roman' or Julian Calendar was used (named after Julius Caesar). The Gregorian calendar is more accurate than the Roman calendar which had too many days in a year! When the switch was made 10 days were lost, so that the day that followed the 4th October 1582 was 15th October 1582. In the UK the change of calendars was made in 1752. The day after 2nd September 1752 was 14th September 1752.

Many Orthodox and Coptic Churches still use the Julian Calendar and so celebrate Christmas on the 7th January (which is when December 25th would have been on the Julian calendar). And the Armenian Apostolic Church celebrates it on the 6th January! In some part of the UK, January 6th is still called 'Old



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Happy Birthday

Eddie Harris
Dec. 20

Kim Clark
Dec. 22

Tre' McGowan
Dec. 14

State of American Family in Decline

African American Family suffering Most

According to a report released by the Urban Institute, the state of the African-American family is worse today than it was in the 1960's. The report also discloses that families of all ethnicities are showing a decline; however, the African-American household has suffered the worst decline.

In 1950, 17 percent of African-American children lived in a home with their mother but not their father. By 2010 that had increased to 50 percent. In 1965, only eight percent of childbirths in the Black community occurred out-of-wedlock. In 2010 that figure was 41 percent; and today, the out-of-wedlock childbirth in the Black community sits at an astonishing 72 percent. The number of African-American women married and living with their spouse was recorded as 53 percent in 1950. By 2010, it had dropped to 25 percent.

The original report titled "The Negro Family: The Case for National Action," was released in 1965 by the late New York Sen. Daniel Moynihan. Moynihan, who was the assistant labor secretary at the time of the report's release, laid out a series of statistics on the African-American family. Moynihan, in his report's conclusion declared, "at the heart of the deterioration of the fabric of Negro society is the deterioration of the Negro family. It is the fundamental source of the weakness of the Negro community at the present time." Sadly, the outlook of the African-American family is more bleak than when Moynihan wrote his conclusion.

"An analysis of national data indicates that little progress has been made on the key issues Moynihan identified," wrote Gregory Acs, of the Urban Institute, in a statement released with the report. "Further, many of the issues he identified for Black families are now prevalent among other families." The Urban Institute's report also added to the original scope of the Moynihan report to include the rate of incarceration, employment, and educational attainment in the African-American community. "Since the Moynihan report was released, another major social trend has put further strains on Black families — the mass incarceration of Black men," Acs said. "By 2010, about one out of every six Black men had spent some time in prison, compared with about 1 out of 33 white men."

A demographic breakdown by race was not available for the 1965 report, but numbers beginning in 1974 showed disproportionate numbers of African-American men being sent to prison. In 1974, it was nine percent of Black men compared to one percent of white men. By 2010, that had risen to 16 percent of Black men and three percent of white men. The report did note that number has started to decline

slightly among Black men.

Unemployment for African-American men remains more than twice as high as among white men. For white men in 1954, unemployment was zero. For African-American men in 1954, it was about 4 percent. By 2010 it was 16.7 percent for African-American men and 7.7 percent for white men. In 1954, 79 percent of African-American men were employed. By 2011 that had decreased to 57 percent. For Black women the numbers rose. In 1954, 43 percent of African-American women had jobs. By 2011 that had risen to 54 percent. The trend among African Americans was mirrored among whites, but in both cases white men and women fared better in terms of employment. Although the earnings gap between African-Americans and their white peers has narrowed, it still persists with Black men earning about 70 percent what white men do. In 1960, Black men earned about 60 percent what white men did.

There is one area of improvement: High school graduation. In 1964, fewer than half of African-American students finished high school. That compared to roughly 70 percent of white students. That has since risen to about 85 percent for both Blacks and whites. But, the number of Black students that repeat grades or were suspended was higher than for whites. Half of Black male students have been suspended, compared to 21 percent of whites

The Bureau of Labor Statistics show Unemployment Down

The Bureau of Labor Statistics shown unemployment rates down for most area counties in December 2012.

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Angelina County	6.2
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Cherokee County	7.2
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Mr. Lester Session

Arlington, and Jackie Don Session of Rusk. Ten daughters: Daisy Garner (Willie) of Grand Prairie, Janie M. McMillian (William) of Sierra Vista, Arizona, Calene Anderson (Bobbie) of Houston, Ruby Randall (late Robert Randall) of Desota, Texas, Janie S. Anderson (Leon) Cushing, Texas, Wanda Glanton (Rev. Charlie Glanton) of Greenville, Georgia; Linda Godfrey (Nelson) of Grantville, Georgia; Patsy Simmons (Travis) of Rosharon, Texas; Ruthie Simon (Danny) of Cushing, Texas; and Ester Johnson (Tony) of Bullard, Texas; two grandchildren raised as children: Tracy Bernard Session (Lisa) Rusk, Texas and Sharon Denise Jackson (Greg) of Grand Prairie, Texas; one sister, Mildred Griffith of Tyler, Texas; one brother, Robert L Session of Rusk, Texas; one brother-in-law, 4 sisters in-law, 27 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and a large number of neices, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral Services were held Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Woodville, CME Church with the Rev. Betty Smith Rogers and the Rev. Charlie F. Blanton Officiating. Mr. Session was born January 13, 1915. His life ended November 10, 2012. He was the son of the late Mr. Henry and Mrs. Octavia Wickware Session and was born in Cherokee County, Texas.

Mr. Lester Session confessed his hope in Christ and united with Woodville CME Church at a young age. He was united in holy matrimony to Mrs. Annie C. Tucker, who preceded him in death. To this union twelve children were born; however, he was father to fourteen, two of which were grandchildren, Tracy Bernard Session and Sharon Denise Session Jackson. His survivors are two sons: Jackie Ray Session (Tangela) of

“A Hard Row To Hoe”

Following the signing of the Emancipation

After the Emancipation Proclamation was issued, the government had agents who went throughout the country to see if the slaves had been freed. They would see how the Proclamation was being carried out. They would ask them, “How are you working?” “You are free?” What are you getting?” Some of them would say, “I ain’t getting nothing now. Well, the agent would take that up, and they would have that owner up before the government. Maybe he would be working people for a year and giving them nothing before they found him out. An ex-slave said,” There are some places where

they have them cases yet, where they have people on the place and ain’t paying them nothing.”

By the end of the Civil War most southern planters had little or no money left. With their slaves freed, their problem was how to secure labor for running the plantation. The freed slaves had no money and barely a change of clothing. They were driven by hunger to work for little or nothing. The planters took advantage of them. The system of sharecropping was developed. Dishonest booking and debt led to further degradation for the freed slaves.

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PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
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became what you
were not, that I might
become what I was not

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Breast and cervical cancer screenings save lives through early detection and diagnosis

Health Matters

Among all of life's routine stress-inducers, few jangle our nerves more than the nurse's voicemail we get a day or two after a medical screening: "Please call me during regular clinic hours so we can discuss your test results." It's usually no big deal, but it triggers one of our deepest fears – that of the unknown.

For Texas women who avoid breast and cervical cancer screenings because of that fear, the Texas Department of State Health Services has a simple message: Not one life has ever been saved by ignoring cancer, but thousands are saved each year by early diagnosis. It's a slam-dunk argument when you consider that about 200,000 American women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and another 12,000 with cervical cancer.

DSHS helps Texas women improve their odds by providing free and reduced-priced screenings for both diseases. Available services include clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams and Pap tests. They're offered at more than 200 community health centers, hospitals, regional and local health departments, university-based teaching institutions and other community-based organizations.

The program delivers these services at no cost to low-income women who have no health insurance. Most receive a clean bill of health, but the ability to find cancer or precancerous lesions at an early stage makes every exam worthwhile.

About Breast and Cervical Cancers

Breast cancer is more common than cervical cancer and takes many forms. In addition to screenings by a health care professional, doctors also recommend that women regularly check themselves for:

- A lump in the breast or any area that feels different from tissue around it.

- Change in a breast's shape or size.
- Bloody discharge.
- "Dimpling" or other changes to the skin over the breast, including redness or pitting.
- Inversion (turning inward) of the nipple.
- Flaking or peeling of the nipple skin.

Contact a doctor immediately if you notice any of these changes, even if you've had a recent mammogram.

Cervical cancer is one of many possible results of infection by the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus, commonly known as HPV. Most people with HPV have no symptoms, and immune system usually destroys the virus in a year or two. Sometimes, though, HPV will linger in the cervix and cause cell changes that lead to cancer.

DSHS recommends that women guard against cervical cancer by getting regular Pap tests and other diagnostic tests as prescribed. And don't wait until you notice symptoms such as unexplained pelvic pain and abnormal vaginal bleeding. They seldom appear until the disease is in an advanced, hard-to-treat stage.

Where to Get Screenings and Treatment

To find breast and cervical cancer screening locations in your area, check the DSHS Breast and Cervical Cancer Services program website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/bcccs/default.shtm. This site also includes links to other state and national sources of cancer information.

If cancer treatment is needed, DSHS also may be able to help. Guidelines and qualifications for treatment under Medicaid are on the same page as the screening map.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
~Matthew 28:19

Thomas Morris Chester

1834 - 1892

Black History



Thomas Morris Chester was the first African American correspondent hired to write for a major daily newspaper during the Civil War. Working for the Philadelphia Press, he covered the activities of African American troops around Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia. In fact,

Chester was on hand when the Confederate capital of Richmond finally fell on April 3, 1865. The reporter made his way into the abandoned Confederate House of Representatives, sat down at the Speaker's desk, and wrote a dispatch telling of the city's fall.

After the war, Chester traveled to England, studied law and became the country's first African American barrister. Chester also served in Europe as a diplomat for Liberia.



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Winner of Cherokee Brotherhood Raffle Announced



Winner of the November raffle held by Cherokee Brotherhood is Greg Carpenter. The ticket was sold to him by organization president Oliver Sturns. Shown above is Oliver Sturns presenting the rifle to Greg Carpenter. The fundraiser was held to assist with community projects sponsored by the Brotherhood including scholarships to local students. The organization wishes to thank those who purchased tickets.

Cherokee Civic Theater Preparing for 2013

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Cherokee Civic Theater works year-round to plan its next season so we are always looking for suggestions of great scripts to produce. If you have a favorite show you'd like to see presented at Cherokee Civic Theatre, please let us know.

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Circle of ten trains East Texas leaders in grant writing workshop



The workshop was a very positive experience... Learned so much in a short time... Impressed with the passion and the sincerity of everyone in attendance... I look forward to learning more ...from A Circle of Ten... being a participant ...and developing a collaboration..." said Sally Schultz, OTR, PhD, LPC-S who is new to Tyler and looking to get involved. She along with 19 other diverse nonprofit leaders learned about grants and collaboration in A Circle of Ten, Inc.-Network for Collaboration's (C10) half-day Grant Writing as a Process training hosted by Area Agency on Aging and Project Others and sponsored by Southside Bank.

Citizens National Bank's Landon Alford Training Center, Henderson, set the stage with C10's Kathy Holdway and Arthur Blount facilitating along with a C10 alumni panelists Gary Allen of Workforce Solutions East Texas, Christie Gambrell of Christian Women's Job Corp and Apryl Burton of Trinity Institution and Development, Inc. Diverse leaders from the Area Agency on Aging of East Texas, East Texas Center for Independent Living, Kilgore Baptist Church, Kilgore College, Longview Habitat for Humanity, Meals On Wheels Ministry, Inc., Project Others, Inc., The Magnificent Journey, Virginia College and the Women's Center of East Texas participated in the interactive training.

A Circle of Ten, Inc. has trained leaders since 1996 and facilitated regional and statewide collaborative grants since 2002 building the capacity of leaders and communities, while multiplying services and funding in Texas. C10's seven Initiatives address health/human services, adult education, workforce, housing, art, technology and entrepreneurship with Alumni agency leaders shaping each collaborative grant.

Standing, L&R: Citizens National Bank CRA Officer Krista Lebow, Panelists Apryl Burton of Trinity Institution and Development, Gary Allen of Workforce Solutions East Texas, Christie Gambrell of Christian Women's Job Corp of Rusk County. Sitting, L&R: Arthur Blount, Georgann Turlington and Kathy Holdway of A Circle of Ten, Inc.-Network for Collaboration

Cashley Jackson Benefit Held



A benefit program was held recently for Cashley Jackson at Rusk Junior High Cafetorium. Cashley was born May 20, 1993 and is a member of the Rusk High School graduating class of 2010. She has a muscle disease of the heart called Cardiomyopathy. Because of this condition she is in dire need of a heart transplant. Her current medical expenses are great for hospital stays and doctor visits back and forth to Dallas.

Members of local churches Mt. Olive Community Church, Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church, Shady Grove Church of God and Christ and West Union Faith Ministry participated in the program and brought monetary gifts. Entertainment was also provided by Shalonda Morrison. The program was hosted by Shinnitta Foreman, Connie Foreman, Tonya Fuller, and Sharon Wickware. The picture above shows Cashley Jackson surrounded by family, program participants and sponsors.

Cashley is the youngest daughter of Sheryl Jackson and the granddaughter of Ollie Lee and Evelyn Foreman.

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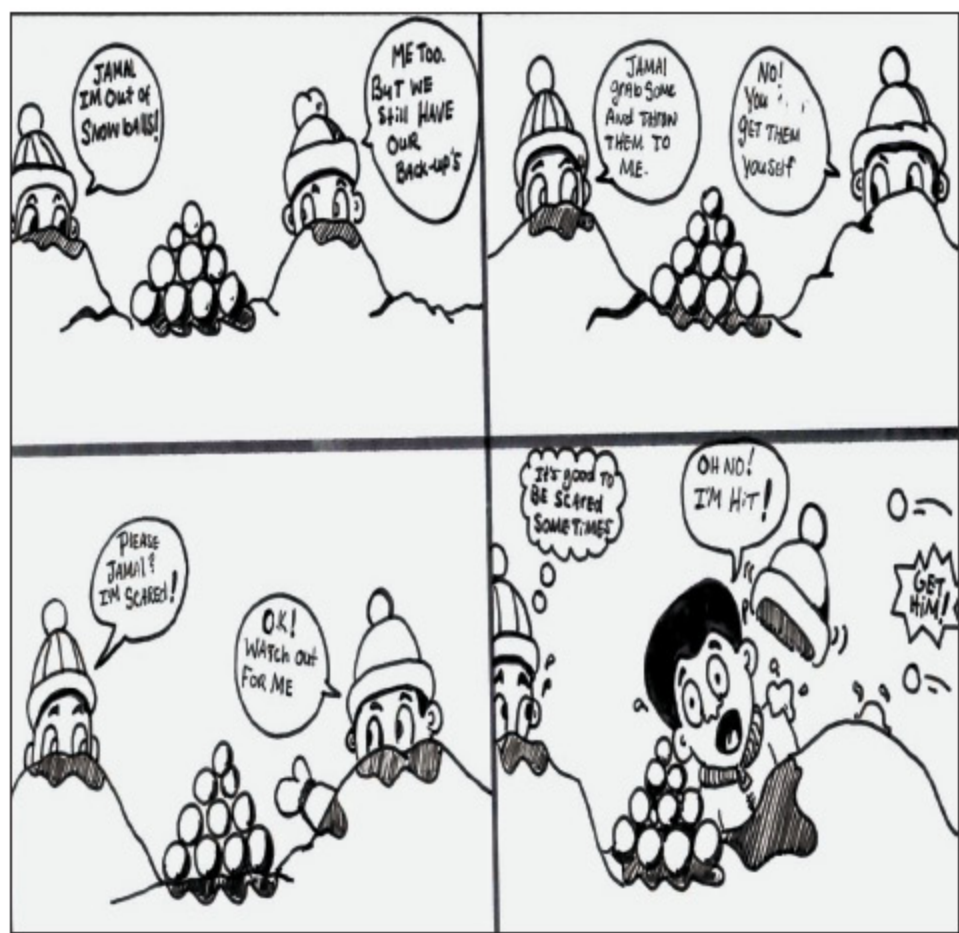


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Religion

Jesus' Birth Announced



Luke 1, Matthew 1

Mary was a young Jewish woman from Nazareth in Galilee. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. One day the angel Gabriel visited her. "You are highly favoured. The Lord is with you," he greeted her. Mary was anxious. Why was the angel speaking like this? "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel said. "God is pleased with you. You are going to have a baby boy and you will call Him Jesus. He shall be a great king, the son of the Highest."

"How can this happen to me? Mary asked. "I am not yet married."

"The Holy Spirit's power shall come upon you. The holy child to whom you shall give birth will be the Son of God."

The angel also told her, "your cousin, Elizabeth, is going to have a baby boy soon. Everyone thought she was too old." Mary believed that God would do these amazing things.

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth in the Hill Country of Judea. As soon as Mary entered the house, the baby (John The Baptist) Elizabeth was carrying leaped for joy. Elizabeth called out loudly. "Blessed are you among women and blessed is your child!" God the Holy Spirit had told Elizabeth that Mary's baby was special and she believed Him.

Mary Praised God in a beautiful song of love to God her Savior. "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

Mary returned to Nazareth after three months. Joseph was naturally upset when he heard that Mary was expecting a baby. An angel reassured him in a dream, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby has been formed by the power of God the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son and you will call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins."

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~Proverbs 24:1

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And the fact that public opinion appears to be on the president's side isn't helping matters. According to a Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation poll, 82 percent of Americans oppose reducing social security benefits, 67 percent oppose raising Medicare eligibility age and 60 percent support raising taxes on the wealthy. Al Sharpton, Morial and others.

This hints at the fact that the majority

of Americans do not agree with what Boehner is proposing.

So, it's not just African Americans who the GOP have it out for. And this is my concern about the future of the black agenda. We have all identified the bad guy and it's not President Obama. The question I have for the over 60 civil rights leaders who convened this week is: how do we defeat the opposition when it appears as though they would rather see President Obama fail than see America succeed?

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Mary Mcleod Bethune's Sweet Potato Pie

- 1 cup (2 sticks margarine or butter, softened) 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 9 medium sweet potatoes (4 pounds) cooked, peeled, mashed
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 3 unbaked pastry shells (9 inch)

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Beat margarine, sugar, salt and nutmeg in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until creamy. Add sweet potatoes, beat until well blended. Beat eggs. Gradually beat in milk and vanilla. Pour filling into pastry shells, using about 4 cups in each shell.

Bake 50 to 60 minutes or until set. Cool completely on wire racks. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Store leftover pie in refrigerator.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

~Proverbs 22:6

Barbeque Meatballs & Vegetables

- 1/2 cup Kraft original barbeque sauce
- 1/2 cup Miracle Whip salad dressing
- 1/4 cup honey 3 teaspoons chili powder, divided
- 1 teaspoon each ground red pepper, black pepper and salt
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 green pepper, cut into small chunks
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup sliced yellow squash
- 1 cup sliced Zucchini
- 1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (optional)
- Hot cooked pasta (enough for 6 servings)

Mix barbeque sauce, salad dressing, honey, 2 teaspoons of the chili powder and 1/2 teaspoon each of the ground red pepper, pepper and salt. Set aside. Mix meat, remaining 1 teaspoon chili powder and remaining 1/2 teaspoon each ground red pepper, pepper and salt. Shape into 12 meatballs.

Brown meatballs in large skillet on medium heat; drain on paper towels. Add green pepper, onion, mushrooms, squash zucchini and pineapple to skillet; cook and stir on medium heat 5 minutes or until tender. Stir reserved barbeque sauce mixture and meatballs. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 15 minutes or until heated through. Stir in parsley. Serve over hot cooked pasta.

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