

THE YORK SDA NEWSLETTER



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UNCOMMON HISTORY

Seventh-day Adventists, were not always Seventh-day Adventists. We came from a 'movement' of various religions including Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, and also, various peoples and cultures who in the mid-1800's found common ground, in the biblical understanding of their time, that Christ's Second Coming would be in their lifetime, more specifically, on October 22, 1844.

They also shared in the profound sadness of the Great Disappointment when it did not happen as they had understood it would from Scripture.

In another serious subject of their time, they had a common united mission to aid in the abolition of the sin of slavery. They fought together in various causes against it and to protect the rights and lives of escaped and freed slaves from being captured and re-enslaved, or worse.

This month we join in unity to recognize the sacrifice and contributions of our African-American brothers and sisters both past and present, who include the many peoples, nations, tongues, and tribes of our global church family, which has common ground in its foundation on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in the teachings of the Bible.

Although there are many more, here below is at least a short summary of accomplishments and missions of those whose talents used for Christ, make full our uncommonly rich heritage and history. Taken from a listing of Benjamin Baker, PHD, from the Adventist Review 2/19/20.

- 1. WILLIAM J. HARDY IS THE FIRST BLACK ELECTED TO OFFICE IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN (1872).**
- 2. LOTTIE BLAKE IS THE ONLY BLACK WOMAN PHYSICIAN IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA (1901).**
- 3. ANNA KNIGHT IS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN OF ANY DENOMINATION TO SERVE AS A MISSIONARY IN INDIA (1901).**
- 4. ROTHACKER CHILDS SMITH SERVES AS A MEDIC IN WORLD WAR II, A SO-CALLED "BUFFALO SOLDIER." DURING ONE BATTLE HE IS WOUNDED AND CAPTURED BY GERMANS, ESCAPING JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE WAR (1944).**
- 5. MARY INEZ BOOTH FORMS A PRISON MINISTRY GROUP THAT VISITS JAILS EVERY SABBATH TO ENCOURAGE PRISONERS. SHE CONTINUES GOING TO JAIL EVERY WEEK FOR 55 YEARS**
- 6. (1953).**
- 7. CD. BROOKS IS THE SPEAKER-DIRECTOR OF BREATH OF LIFE MINISTRIES, THE FIRST CONTINUOUSLY-RUNNING BLACK RELIGIOUS TELEVISION PROGRAMMING (1974).**
- 8. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF STARVATION (NAPS) IS FORMED AT OAKWOOD COLLEGE AND COMPRISED OF ITS STUDENTS WITH THE GOAL "TO ELIMINATE HUNGER, POVERTY, AND DISEASE, AND TO IMPROVE EDUCATION AND FOOD SECURITY AMONG SUFFERING PEOPLE, BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION OR NATIONALITY." IT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY SEVERAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR HUMANITARIAN WORK (1978).**
- 9. RICHARD AND CAROLYN BLAND BEGIN UNITED PRISON MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, A MINISTRY THAT VISITS MORE THAN 3,000 PRISONS IN 50 STATES, AFRICA, EUROPE, AND ASIA, WITH SOME 75 MILLION PIECES OF SPIRITUAL LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED (1980).**
- 10. BEN CARSON PERFORMS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL SEPARATION OF CONJOINED TWINS (1987).**
- 11. BARRY BLACK IS THE FIRST BLACK PERSON TO BE ELECTED CHAPLAIN OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE (2003).**
- 12. ELLA SIMMONS IS THE ONLY WOMAN TO BE A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS; SHE IS THE HIGHEST RANKING FEMALE OFFICIAL IN THE HISTORY OF THE DENOMINATION, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THREE WOMAN TREASURERS IN THE PIONEER ERA (2005).**

We have some noteworthy African-American brothers and sisters in our own local church in York. Please join me in thanking them for using their talents for Jesus.

Brother Tom Fulp. For the Spirit-filled messages, many programs and meetings you host, encouraging and keeping us on fire for the Lord.

Sister Annie Slms. For your inspiring testimony that you gave us last month and how you stood up for Jesus and Bible truth.

Brother Rodney Gill. Your wonderful gift of singing and your courageous battle with health challenges encourages and also inspire us to stay faithful.

Sister Betty McWhirter. For your using your talents and caring heart to serve hurting families and children who need love and action.

And our many extended family members of York SDA Church who we love, miss and hope to see more of you.

Thank you from your family!

The way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O Lord, we have waited for You; the desire of our soul is for Your name. and for the remembrance of You. Isaiah 26: 7&8.

January Review

Jan. 9 We heard a wonderful message from Guest Speaker, Pastor Carlos Salomae. Job 1:8 tells us that no matter what our circumstances or age, God wants to use us to be a testimony to others of the most beautiful story of Jesus and how He can transform a life.

Jan 16. Pastor Tom delivered a powerful message on Judges 2:7-9. Do we only give God part of our lives? Are we not willing to give God all of us to use us for His Will no ours?

Jan. 30. Pastor Tom brought us a Holy Spirit convicting message was on Are you Useful to God?

February Upcoming events

Feb. 6 This Sabbath, Baptism class

Feb. 13 Very special Sabbath and baptism of Sister Shirley Goss, Nellie Smith, and Jean Faris. Please attend and join in this joyous event.

You can find all other events, meetings, and happenings on Pastor Tom's February calendar. Please let us know if you need a copy.

Don't forget to call or email Brother Dale Cook, York Prayer Warrior if you have any updates or answered prayers.

February Birthdays **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!**

Dale Cook Feb 27, Shirley Goss Feb. 26, Sherri Shaner Feb. 28,
Margaret Wycoff Feb. 28

Please let me know if I have missed anyone.

Happy Valentines Day!! And since it' is "heart" month, remember to practice Sister Liz Fulp's good health tips to keep your heart healthy and strong!



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