



*Class of*  
**2024**

*Eastern Star Missionary  
Baptist Church*

*Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Rev. Vester Thompson Jr.  
Senior Pastor*

*548 15<sup>th</sup> Street @ Austin Avenue ▪  
Port Arthur Texas*



*Congratulations!*  
YOU DID IT



*A Prayer for the*

# GRADUATE

*"We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers."*

*- 1 Thessalonians 1:2*

**G** is for Gratitude

Lord, please help our students feel thankful rather than entitled. Teach them to appreciate & use wisely the gifts with which You've blessed them. May they invest their time, strength, talents, aptitudes, abilities, and opportunities in ways that glorify You. (Psalm 100:4; 1 Corinthians 4:7, 10:31; Psalm 90:12; Mark 4:25)

**R** is for Reputation

God, keep our students mindful that a good name is more valuable than great riches, but that character is even more important than reputation. May they walk in integrity both publicly & privately, honoring You & setting an example in speech, love, faith, & purity. (Prov. 10:9, 22:1; 2 Peter 1:5-6; Rom. 14:8; 1 Tim. 4:12)

**A** is for Affections

Keep our students' hearts pure and their affections centered on You, O Lord. Enable them to love You well & love others as themselves. Protect them against any temptations that would draw them into sin. Give them godly friends who will sharpen rather than snare them. (Col. 3:1-3, Luke 10:27, 11:4; Prov. 27:17; Psalm 1)

**D** is for Direction

Guide our students, O God, and make the path straight before them. Help them acknowledge You in all their ways and follow hard in whatever direction You lead. Keep their feet on the straight and narrow way and stay by their side when all others desert them. (Prov. 3:5-6; Matt. 7:13-14; Deuteronomy 31:8; Psalm 23:3-4)

**U** is for Understanding

Grant our students wisdom and understanding, Lord. May they have ears to hear, eyes to see, and a heart to serve You. Teach them to love what is good and to shun what is evil, and give them discernment to easily distinguish between the two. (Prov. 2:2-6, 2:10-11, 20:12; Acts 28:27; Mark 4:22-23; Job 28:28)

**A** is for Aspirations

God, give our students a clear sense of purpose in life. Align their goals to match Yours; guard them against distraction. May they make it their ambition to please You in everything they do, serving as salt & light as they do their work diligently & cheerfully. (Phil. 2:13-15, 3:14; 2 Cor. 5:9; Col. 3:23; Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Thess. 4:11)

**T** is for Teachers

Lord, raise up godly teachers who proclaim the truth. Maintain in our students a humble & teachable spirit, but one that examines everything they are taught in light of Scripture. Keep them grounded in Your Word & teach them to reason with insight and clarity. (Eph. 4:11-12; Prov. 11:2; James 3:13; Psalm 119:98-100)

**E** is for Endurance

God, give our students grit & perseverance. Renew their strength. Help them budget their time wisely. Grant them the rest they need to keep a sound mind & healthy body. Guard them against fatigue, discouragement, and depression. (2 Tim. 1:7; Rom. 12:12; Isaiah 40:30-31; Eph. 5:15-16; Psalm 127:2; Joshua 1:9)



# *Order of Worship*

*Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Graduates Processional*

*\*Congregational Praise*

*Announcements*

*Acknowledgments of Visitors*

*Offering  
(Benevolent, Public and Tithes)*

*Songs of Praise*

*Proclamation of the Gospel  
Pastor Vester Thompson Jr.*

*\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship*

*Benediction  
Graduates Recessional*

**THANK YOU!**

**Prepare for worship in stillness and prayer...  
When worship is over, service begins.  
Go in peace, serve the Lord!**

**\*Denotes congregation please stand**



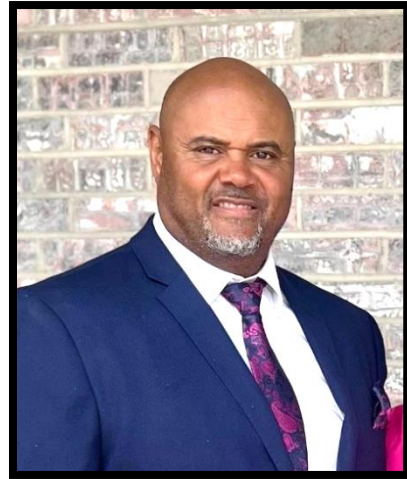
# College of Theology Graduates

## Joseph H. Chretien Jr.

*Parents: The Late Howard Lewis & Verdia Eglin*

*School: RUACH School of Theology with a  
Diploma of Biblical Studies*

*Prayer Request - Continue to pray for me as I go  
higher in my study of God's Word*



## Montrae Y. Chretien

*Parents: Betty Traveler, Jimmy Washington &  
Steven Traveler*

*School: RUACH School of Theology with a  
Diploma of Biblical Studies*

*Prayer Request - Continue to pray for me as I go  
higher in my study of God's Word*

## College Graduate

## Amber Scott Johnson

*Parents: Gary & Angelic Scott*

*Grandparent: Diana Johnson*

*College: Lamar University*

*Degree: Bachelor of Science*

*Public Health in Healthcare Administration*

*Prayer: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and  
lean not on your own understanding; in all your  
ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths  
straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*





# *High School Graduates*

## *Dekarra Anderson*

*Parents: Demar & Denise Anderson*

*High School: Memorial High School*

*College: Kilgore College*

*Prayer Request: As I embark on the next chapter of my life, I would appreciate your prayers for guidance, wisdom, and success in my journey ahead as I let the Lord guide my path.*



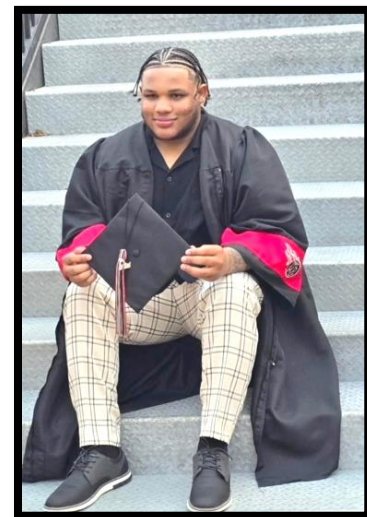
## *Kyran Eaglin*

*Parents: Roderick & Shanae Blanchette*

*High School: Memorial high School*

*College: Lamar Inst. Of Technology*

*Future Plans: Obtain my Associate of Applied Science in Welding*



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Graduate



### *Delia K. Washington*

*Parents: Delvin Washington & the late Tracee Moore*

*Grandparent: Betty Traveler*

*Middle School: Lincoln Middle School*

*High School: Memorial 9<sup>th</sup> Grade*

*Prayer: Please continue to pray for me as I start my  
High School Journey!!!*

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Graduate

### *Aubrey Gilbert*

*Parents: Jessica Nwatulegwu*

*Grandparent: Chandra Walters*

*Middle School: Thomas Jefferson Middle School*

*Prayer: Please continue to pray for me as I start  
my Middle School Journey!!!*



ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL *Graduates*



*Dillyn I. Washington*

*Parents: Delvin Washington & the late Tracee Moore*

*Grandparent: Betty Traveler*

*Elementary School: Tyrrell School*

*Middle School: Thomas Jefferson Middle School*

*Prayer: Please continue to pray for me as I start my Middle School Journey!!!*

*Ian Anthony Hayes-Foreman*

*Parents: Daniel Foreman & Lauren Hayes Lewis*

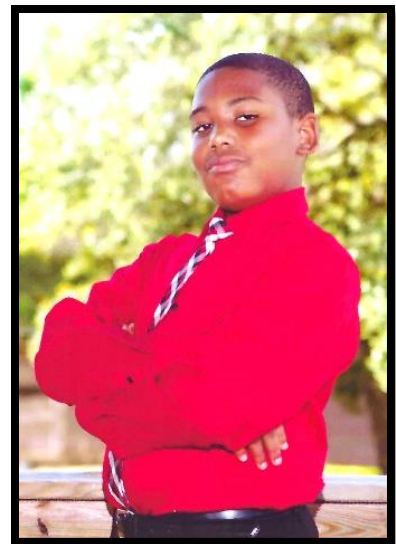
*Grandparents: Darrell & Stella Foreman - Lisa Wilson*

*Great grandmother: Pearl Hayes*

*Elementary School: Pomona*

*Middle School: Rodes Palms Jr. High*

*Prayer: Please continue to pray for me as I start my Middle School Journey!!!*



*Kaylee Richard*

*Parents: Constance Scott*

*Grandparents: Gary & Angelic Scott*

*Great grandmother: Diana Johnson*

*Elementary School: Sam Houston Elementary*

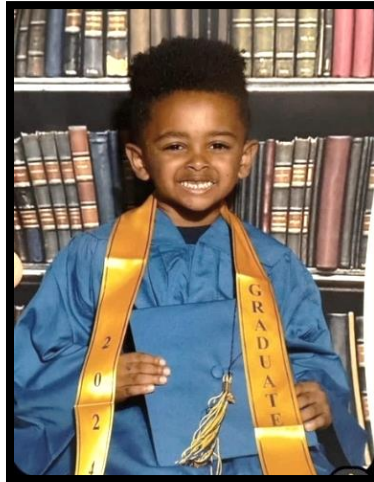
*Prayer: Please continue to pray for me as I start my Middle School Journey!!!*

# *Pre-K School Graduates*

## *Karter Williams*

*Parent/Guardian: Ravon Carter & Nehemiah Williams*

*School Attended: Wheatley*



## *Lynnox Farrar*

*Parents: Breanna Paul*

*Grandparents: Phillip & Linda Paul*

*School Attended: Wheatley*



## *Rudy Robertson III & Reid Robertson*

*Parents: Rudy Robertson Jr & Sheena Robertson*

*Grandparents: Rudy Robertson Sr. & Cynthia Robertson*

*School Attended: Lone Star Academy*

*Rudy III wants to be a Shark expert when he grows up.*

*Reid wants to be a fire fighter when he grows up.*



## *Skylar Lynn Keal*

*Parents: Layah Brown and Michael Keal*

*Grandparents: Donald & Shelia Edwards*

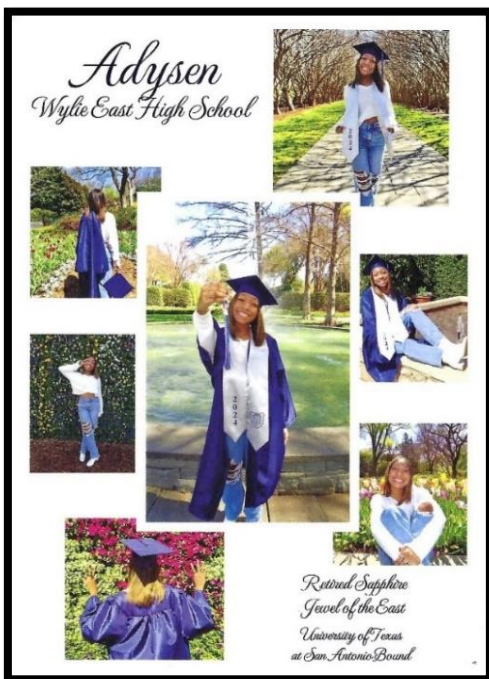
*Pernella Sinegal / Michael Keal Sr.*

*School Attended: Wheatley*



*Acknowledged 2024 Graduates  
Of ESBC Family Members*

*High School  
Graduates*



*Adysen D. Robertson Stewart*

*Parents: Mr. Calvin N. & Mrs Natalee R. Yowman*

*Grandparent: Mrs. Verdia Robertson*

*High School: Wylie East High School*

*College: University of Texas at San Antonio*

*Prayer: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6*

*Ryal Lanae Butler*

*Parents: Roderick & Anasha Butler*

*Grandparent: Linda Naville & the late Irville Naville Sr.*

*High School: Nederland High School*

*College: Lamar University*

*Prayer: To stay healthy and achieve all of my goals with the help of God!!*



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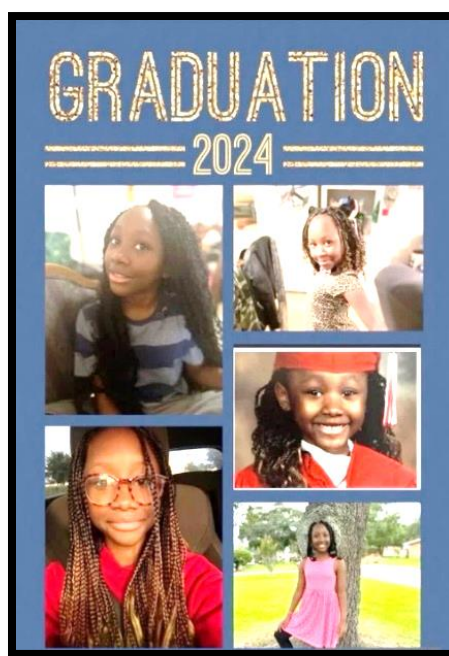
**ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL Graduate**

*Mikhaela Scott*

*Parents: Michael & Tonia Scott*

*Grandparents: Lloyd W. & Hope Scott Sr.*

*Middle School: Garrett Elementary School*



*Pre-K School*

*Graduate*



*Denver Traveler*

*Parents: Patrick and Jessica Traveler*

*Grandparents: Betty Traveler, Steven Traveler*

*School Attended: The Branch School*

*Graduating kindergarten going to 1st Grade*



# *The Five W's Of Life*

**Who** you are is what makes you special. Do not change for anyone.

**What** lies ahead will always be a mystery. Do not be afraid to explore.

**When** life pushes you over, you push back harder.

**Where** there are choices to make, make the one you want regret.

**Why** things happen will never be certain. Take it in stride and

*The Eastern Star  
Family  
Would like to  
Congratulate  
All the  
2024 Graduates*

*For I Know the plans I have for you, "declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future Jeremiah 29:11*

***Be Blessed!!!***



# *Graduation March*

## *Sermon Notes*

*Sermon Title* \_\_\_\_\_

*Scripture* \_\_\_\_\_

*Main Idea (s) Sermon* \_\_\_\_\_

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