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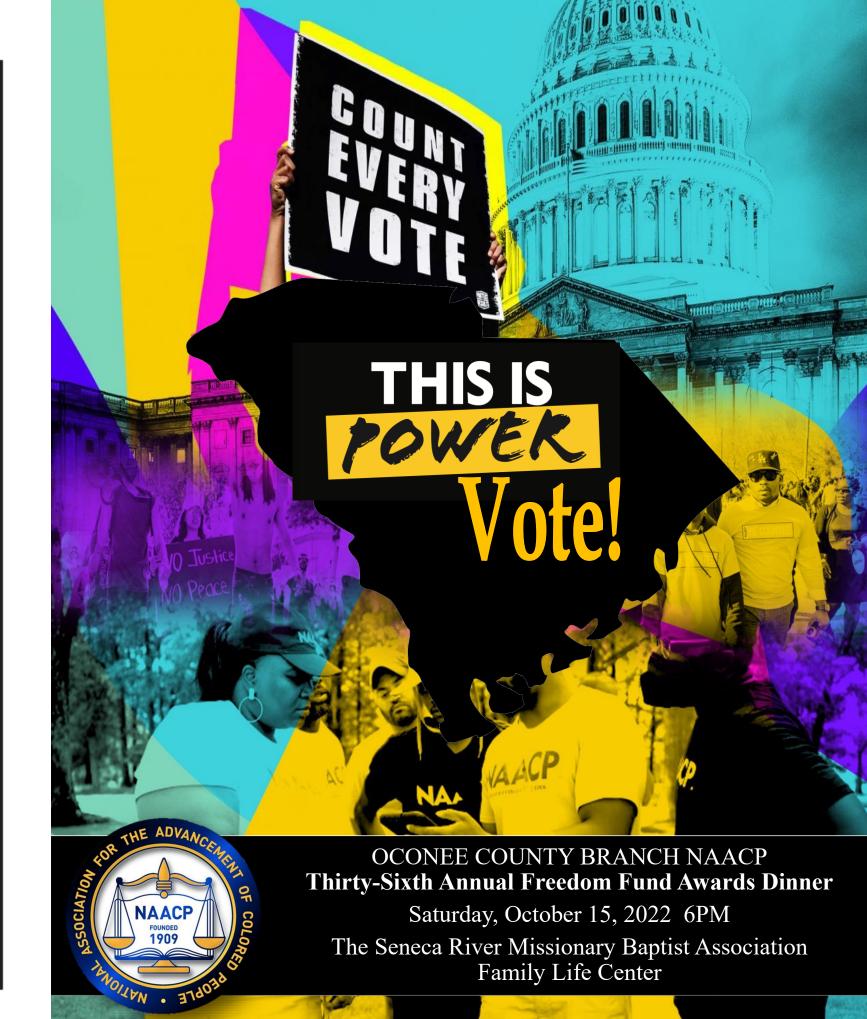
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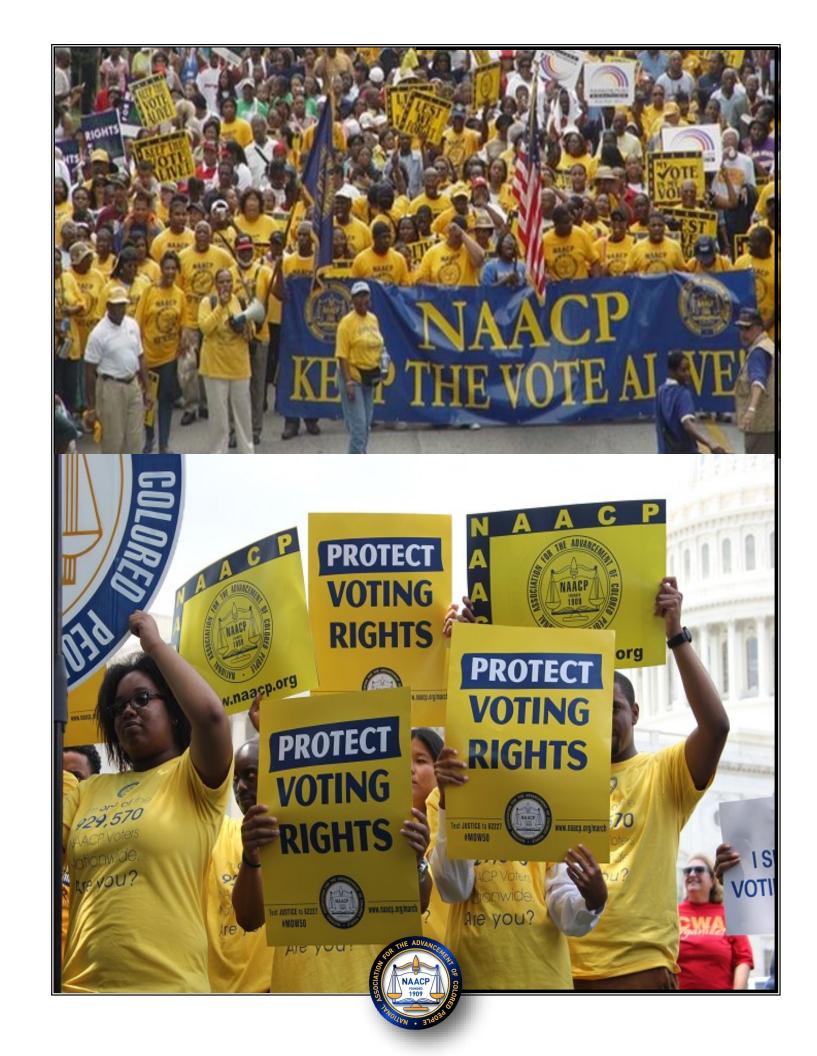
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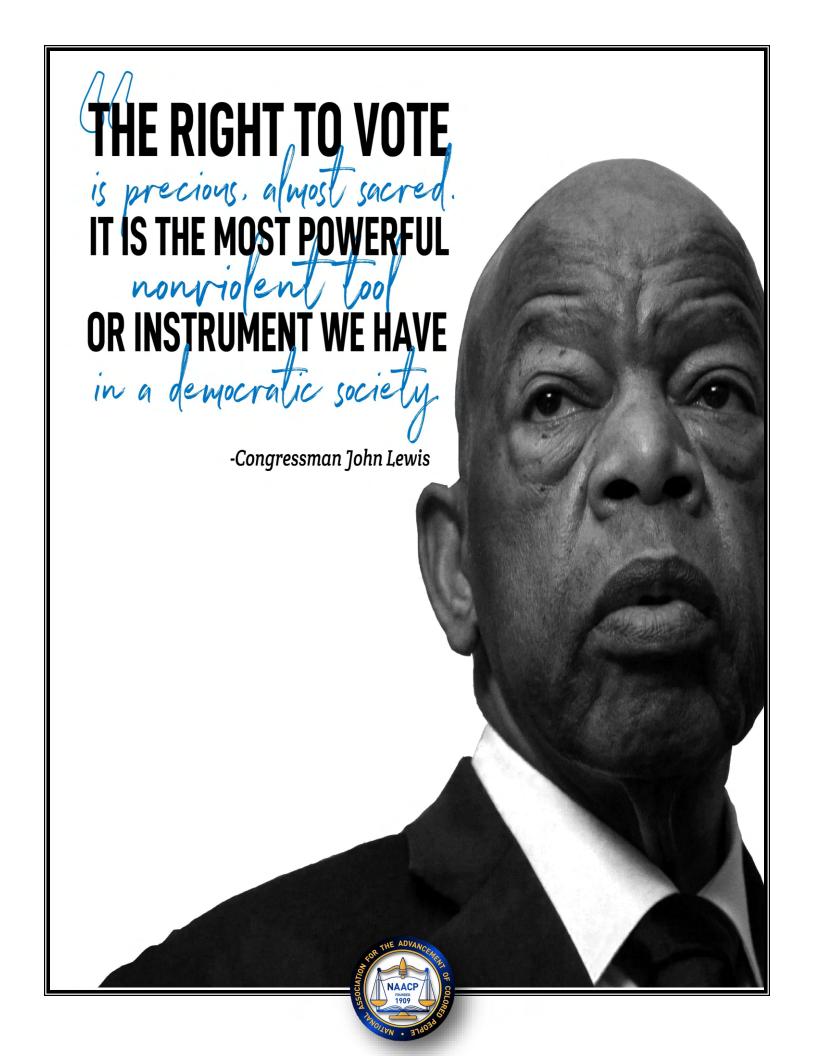
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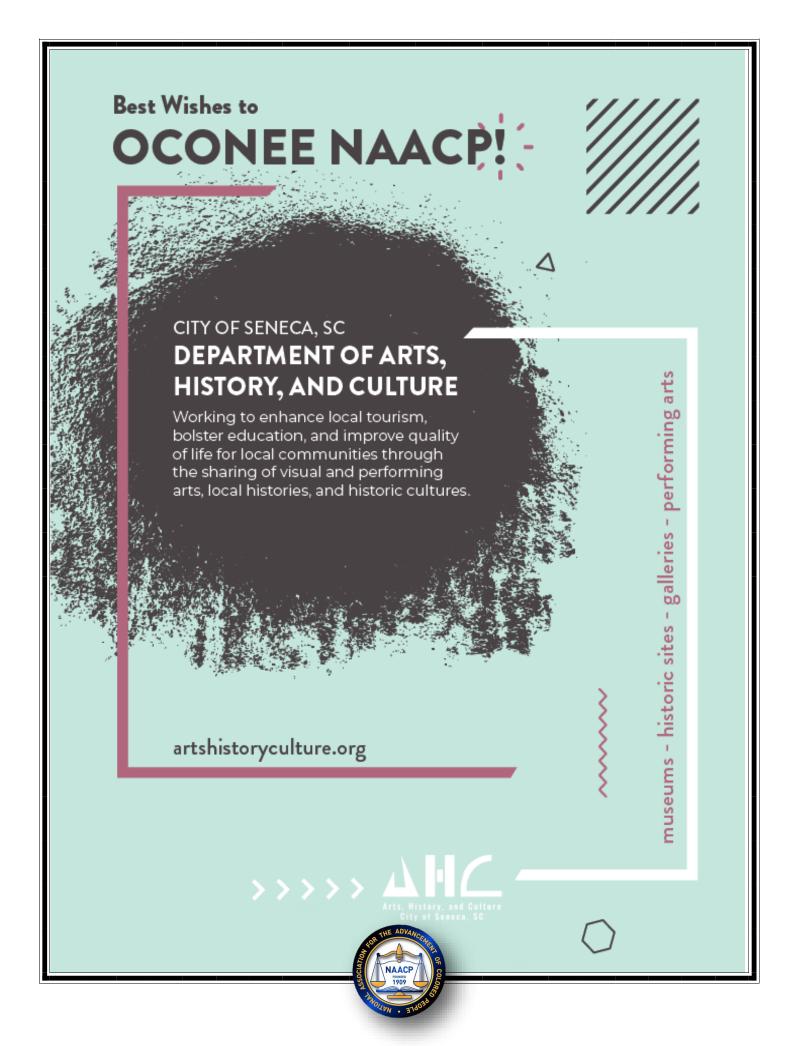
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Presidential Greetings

Greetings and welcome to the Oconee County Branch NAACP 36th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner and Awards Banquet. We are excited once again to be meeting in person, and the Banquet would not be successful without your being here with us this evening.



Our theme this year is: This is Power – VOTE! The NAACP Continues to be the first line of defense for many across the country who have experienced injustice. The NAACP Oconee County Branch is committed and "all in" the fight for justice, equality, and fairness.

We must ensure that all communities can live safely from violence, domestic threats from hate groups, violent right-wing extremist are growing and threatening the happiness and well-being of those in our communities. We must act now. We must continue to grow our organization through memberships, through supporting our leaders in addressing the economic challenges facing thousands of families, issues of racial profiling, and to ensure our voice is heard through voter registration and getting out the vote. Recently, we partnered with the United Way Association of South Carolina to assist members of the community with housing stability. I would like to thank those members from the Oconee Branch who have stepped up as consultants and case managers to run the weekly Housing Stability Pop-up Clinics. Our work must continue.

Lastly, I want to thank our sponsors, NAACP members, volunteers, friends, members of the community and the Freedom Fund Planning Committee for helping to make this program a great success.

Again, thank you for your support!

Mr. George Anderson, Jr. President NAACP Oconee County Branch





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Civil Rights Movement Song



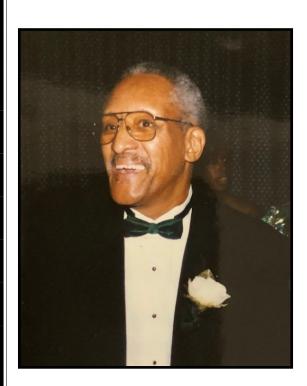


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989	Mt. Nebo	Ms. Diane Anderson	2005	Snow Hill	Mrs. Roxanne Henderson
990	Mt. Olive	Mrs. Drucilla L. Mayes	2006	Ebenezer	**Mrs. Jan Honeycutt
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994	Snow Hill	**Mrs. Ella Grant	2010	Pleasant Hill	*Mrs. Joan Jenkins
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997	Mt. Olive	Mrs. Rosena Spencer	2013	Ebenezer	Mrs. Mia Lee
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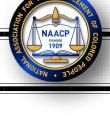


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Chairman Greetings

Greetings,

Welcome to the 2022 NAACP Oconee County Branch Freedom Fund Banquet. We are excited to hold our Banquet once again in person. Our theme this year is: This is Power – VOTE.



The Annual Freedom Fund Banquet galvanizes support from our Partners and provides the opportunity for the Oconee County Branch to continue programs and initiatives in pursuit of the NAACP's longstanding mission" to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and discrimination. For over 113 years, the NAACP has been in the forefront of the struggle for civil rights, and the struggle continues.

Since 2021 we have witnessed devastating attacks on Black and brown Americans' right to vote, including a surge in voter suppression efforts and voter intimidation tactics, but in the face of all these assaults, the NAACP has fought back, from challenging mail-in voting delays to combatting biased voter ID restrictions. Additionally, with the devasting increase in mass shootings and gun violence, the NAACP has been working to pass common sense gun restrictions to end this era of terror-by-mass-shootings to keep the communities we serve safe and healthy. Disproportionately we are now witnessing injustices that are even more apparent that are affecting People of Color and others living in poverty that must be addressed. There is still much to be done to disrupt inequality and accelerate change.

I am honored to serve as chair of the Freedom Fund Banquet this year. Tonight, we will provide scholarship awards to three deserving students, recognize five new Silver Life members, and recognize a very special person. Congratulations to all our honorees!

The NAACP Oconee Youth Charter was recently reactivated. We encourage the youth and young adults of Oconee County to become actively engaged and continue to support your communities and human rights thru civil and community service organizations.

We want to extend a very special thank you to the Freedom Fund Planning Committee for your tireless efforts in working hard to ensure the success of this event. We extend sincere thanks to Reverend Dr. James Blassingame for accepting our invitation to give the keynote address. And we thank all of you for attending the 2022 NAACP Oconee County Branch Freedom Fund Dinner!

Please enjoy yourselves this evening and may God continue to richly bless you!

Yours in Justice and Peace,

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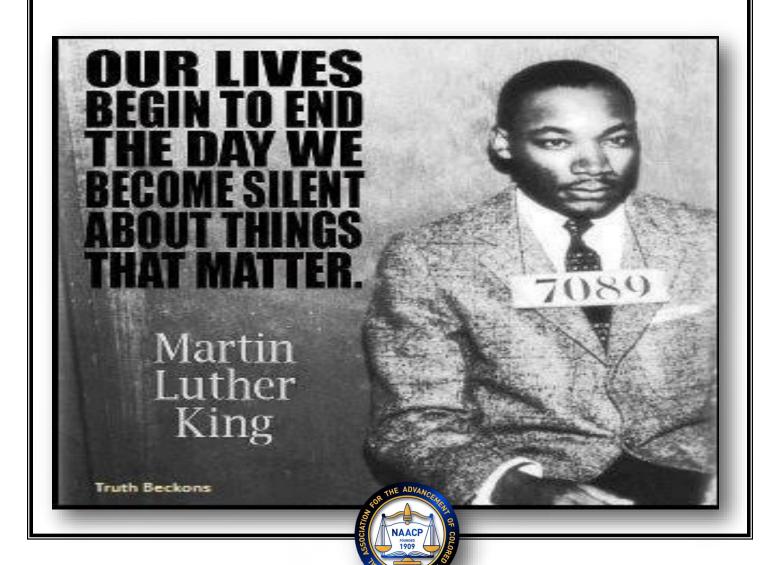




The Oconee County NAACP

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Our Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Dexter Robinson

Dexter Robinson is a native of Seneca, SC. Born in 1958 to his parents, William I. Robinson Sr and Annie E. Robinson.

He is currently married to Libby H. Robinson for 46 years. They have two children Julius and Marques Robinson.

He is a graduate of Seneca High School, class of 1976. He is a member of New Galilee Baptist Church in Walhalla SC where he serves on the Deacons Ministry.

He currently serves as the Moderator of Union #3 in the Seneca River Baptist Association. He also has served as the president of the Seneca River Baptist Brotherhood.

He was employed by Duke Energy Corporation at Oconee Nuclear for 45 years as the Manager of Station Sciences. He is currently retired. His personal goal is to walk in God's will and let Christ be the central focus in his life.





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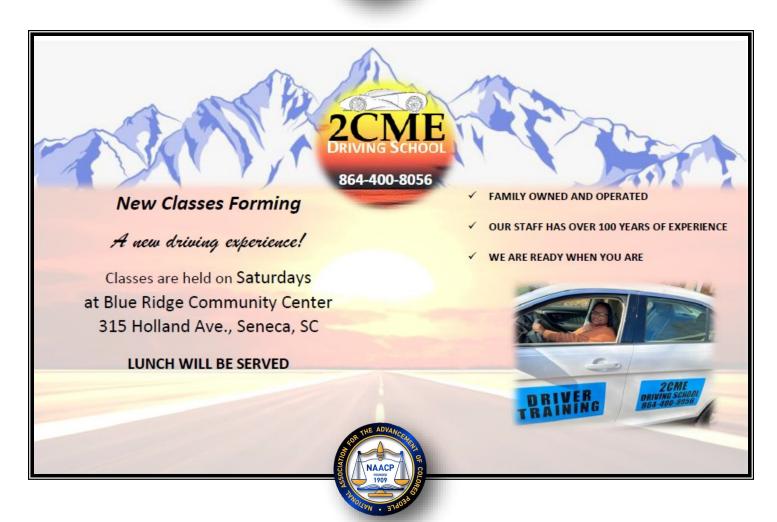
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Our Keynote Speaker

Reverend James B. Blassingame

Reverend Dr. James B. Blassingame is a native of Seneca, SC. He is the Son of Deacon Luther Jr. and the late Juanita Blassingame. He is married to the former Shirley L. McFadden and they have three children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Reverend Blassingame attended East End Elementary and Blue Ridge High School, until the graduating Class of 1970 became Seneca High School, first graduating class to be desegregated in Oconee County. He attended Tri-County Technical College, Pendleton, SC. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Morris College, Sumter, SC and Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Morris School

of Religion, Sumter, SC. Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ and a ninemonth internship in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with the Department of Corrections where he provided pastoral care to inmates in a maximum-security prison including those on Death Row. He also completed 30 hours of doctoral studies at Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, SC.

Reverend Blassingame is licensed by Richland Baptist Church, Seneca, SC and ordained by Seneca River Missionary Baptist Association. He is the former Pastor of Thomas Heights Baptist Church, Seneca, SC, and New Olive Grove Baptist Church, Central, SC. Reverend Blassingame has pastored Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church Sumter, SC since 1984. Through the grace of God and the ardent cooperation of the congregation, a new sanctuary costing almost one half million dollars was dedicated in 1991. A twenty-year mortgage was liquidated in nine years. A new 17,000 square foot enrichment center costing over one million dollars was dedicated on September 24, 2011.

Reverend Blassingame is a member of the following boards: Morris College Board of Trustees, Sumter, SC, (Co-Chair Sumter Census Complete Count Committee; Wisteria Way Board of Directors (President), Bank of Clarendon Sumter Advisory Board; Sumter Police Chief's Community Liaison Council; Youthlink (STEM Academy), and Mt. Zion Enrichment Center Board of Directors. He also serves on the Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications. (appointed by the SC State Senate).

In grateful acknowledgement and appreciation of Reverend Blasingame's many contributions made to the church, community and to his alma mater, Morris College conferred upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor Divinity on May 13, 2000. He received the Mamie L. Duckett Founder's Day Award at Benedict College, March 11, 2006. Reverend Blassingame received several other honors and awards for service to humanity including induction into Morris College National Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2018. On November 17, 2020, he was elected to serve a 4-year term on Sumter City Council, South Carolina 9th largest city.

Reverend Blasingame's other noteworthy affiliations include:

Immediate Past President, Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of SC (2013-2018)

Chaplain, Morris College National Alumni Association

US Army Veteran

Life Member, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc (serves as Southern Region Associate Chaplain)

Life member, NAACP

Revered Dr. James B. Blasingame's Motto: "I see every challenge as an opportunity to prove what God can do"





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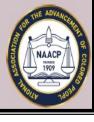


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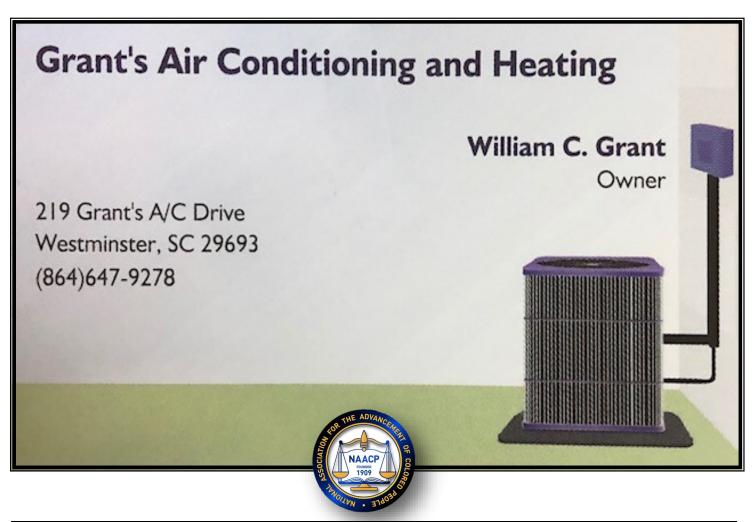
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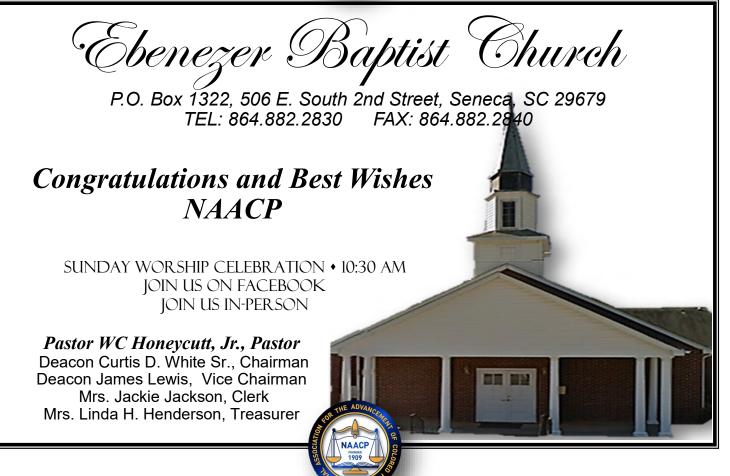
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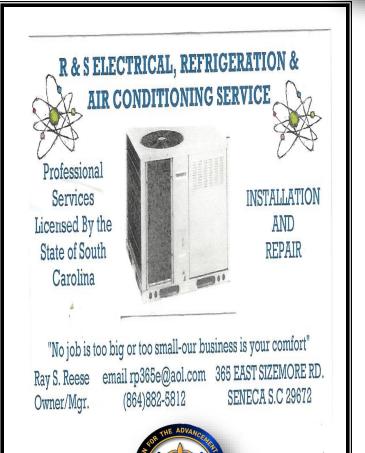


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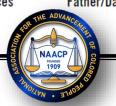
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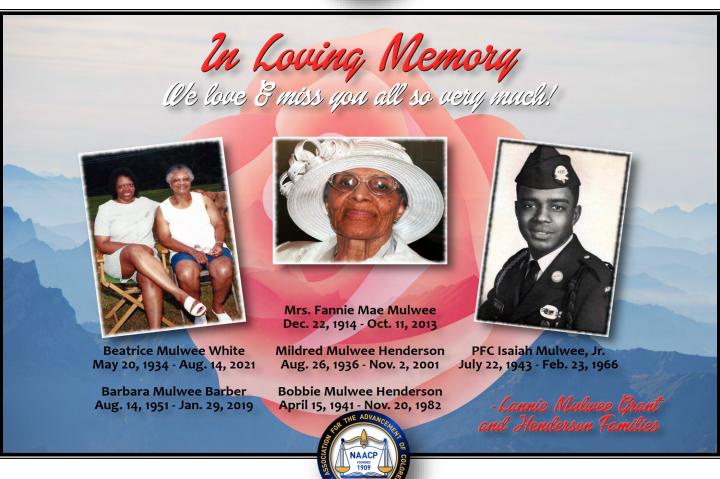
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Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou Who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou Who hast by Thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.



Oconee County Branch NAACP Thirty-Sixth Annual Freedom Fund Awards Dinner

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	Rev. WC Honeycutt, Jr.					
	Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church and Moderator, Seneca River Association					
Greetings						
/=	Mr. Casey Bowling Chief of Police, City of Seneca					
Occasion	Chief of Police, City of SenecaMr. Willie Jenkins, Sr.					
	Legal Redress, Oconee County Branch NAACP					
Selection	Mrs. Cindy Speed					
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Membership Appeal	Mrs. Renea Mayes Rice					
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Blessing						
DINNER Soft music provided by Mr. David Walker						
Selection	Miss Ann Marie Butler					
	Oconee Youth Council					
Awards and Presentations	Oconee Youth CouncilMr. George Anderson					
	President, Oconee County Branch NAACP					
Selection	Mrs. Cindy Speed					
Guest Speaker	Shiloh Baptist Church Rev. Dr. James B. Blassingame Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Sumter, SC					
Closing Remarks	Mr. George Anderson					
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