

GREATER SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

GOOD NEWS LETTER

MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST- ONE HEART AT A TIME- ONE FAMILY AT A TIME



Note to GSBC from Pastor Jones

From the Office of the Pastor - Rev. Carl Jones

To all the beloved members of Greater Salem, I greet you with the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus.

Thanks to Him for blessing us with all that we need from day to day.

Thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me and my wife, Carmen. I am honored to have been asked to serve as your interim pastor. This is a great time to look to God and trust Him to give you the pastor He has for you. His word describes the kind of pastor He wants you to have:

The Office of Pastor

In Titus 1:5-9 (NKJV) Paul describes the kind of person a pastor must be.

In general elders (leaders) of the church:

<sup>5</sup>For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— <sup>6</sup>if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination.

- ◇ Good reputation
- ◇ Faithful in marriage
- ◇ Their children must be followers of the Lord and not accused of wild, unruly living

A bishop (pastor) of a church in particular:

<sup>7</sup>For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, <sup>8</sup>but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, <sup>9</sup>holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

- ◇ Have a good reputation as a steward of God (Superintendent, Overseer, Governor, Manager)
- ◇ Not self-willed (arrogant)
- ◇ Not quick-tempered (easily angered)
- ◇ Not a heavy drinker (drunkard)
- ◇ Not violent (Bully, contentious, quarrelsome)
- ◇ Not greedy for money (Will do anything/dishonest things for gain)
- ◇ Hospitable (Welcoming, friendly, and generous to guests)
- ◇ Love what is good
- ◇ Sober-minded (Sane, sound mind)
- ◇ Self-control (Curb his desires and impulses)
- ◇ Just (Equitable in the treatment of others)
- ◇ Holy (God-like character and conduct)
- ◇ Self-controlled
- ◇ Firm in the faith
- ◇ Sound in doctrine
- ◇ Able to exhort (encourage) and convict (convince)

Pastor Carl Jones



2022 THEME: HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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# FEBRUARY

*Happy Birthday to...*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Max Riley	2	3 Marlon Dunkley	4	5
6	7	8 Ronald Green	9	10	11 Marlon Wilkins	12 Angela Cooper
13 Trey Garrison	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Cornelius Howard	15	16	17	18	19 Wayne Smith
20 Yolanda Jackson Barbara Mack	21 <i>President's Day</i>	22 William Harper	23	24	25 Stefan Dennison	26 Tiffany Forbes
27 Jacquelyn Austin	28 Kennedy Ellis					

2022

# FEBRUARY

Sunday School Lessons  
At-a-Glance

## Unit 3—Justice and Adversity

- ⇒ Lesson 10 - February 6 - Nathan Condemns David - 2 Samuel 12:1-9, 13-15
- ⇒ Lesson 11 - February 13 - Ezra and the Law - Ezra 7:1-10, 23-26
- ⇒ Lesson 12 - February 20 - Bildad Misspeaks God's Justice - Job 8:1-10, 20-22
- ⇒ Lesson 13 - February 27 - Job and the Just God - Job 42:1-6, 10-17

## February Dates

- ⇒ African American History Month
- ⇒ Valentine's Day, February 14
- ⇒ Presidents Day, February 21
- ⇒ Transfiguration of Our Lord, February 27



## Introducing Interim Pastor Carl Jones

### WELCOME TO GREATER SALEM PASTOR CARL JONES AND FIRST LADY CARMEN JONES

Rev. Carl Jones was born in Millen, Georgia and raised by his widowed mother along with seven siblings in south Florida. He was the first in his family to attend college and earned an Associate Degree in Architecture from Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale.

He began preaching at the West Lauderdale Baptist Church in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and was licensed to the Gospel Ministry under the pastorate of Rev. Donald LeMaster. In 1975, he moved to Louisville to attend the Boyce Bible College of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Upon arriving in Louisville, he became a member of West End Baptist Church and was ordained under the pastorate of Rev. Lincoln N. Bingham, October 3, 1976, and served as an associate minister until 1979. He received a Diploma in Christian Ministry from Boyce Bible School in 1977, a Doctor of Divinity degree from Simmons Bible College in 1995, and a Diploma from the Theological Seminary of Zimbabwe, South Africa in 2008.

In October 1979, he was called to pastor Forest Baptist Church in Newburg and served there until June 1989 when he heeded to the call to serve as a missionary associate for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His missionary role included work as Superintendent of Missions for Central District Baptist Association and Director of the Baptist Fellowship Center, pulpit supply preacher, and interim pastor for several local congregations. In 1990, his was asked to serve as Interim Pastor of Green Street Baptist Church. The following year Green Street extended the call to him to be their 8th pastor. Pastor Jones was installed as pastor of Green Street on September 2, 1991, and retired on August 31, 2020

By the grace of God, Rev. Jones has also served as President of the Newburg Ministerial Association, Chairman of the Joint Committee of Baptist Fellowship Center, President of the Board of Directors of Baptist Fellowship Center, President of the Central District and Long Run Baptist Association Joint Committee, Dean and President of the J.L. Roberts School of Religion, President of the Christian Education Department of Central District Baptist Association, Instructor for the Progressive National Baptist Convention Congress of Christian Education, Pastor's Conference Coordinator for the General Association of Baptist in Kentucky, President of Kentucky One Church One Child, Board member for the Louisville Urban League, founding member of East Louisville Community Ministries, and twice President of Wednesday's Child Board of Directors. As a participant and Graduate of the Pastoral Excellence Program of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, he has engaged in missions ministry in Guyana, South America; Greater Portsmouth and Towerhill, Jamaica; and Johannesburg, South Africa.

He and his wife Carmen have two adult children, Bryan and Stacey, and three grandchildren, S'Niah, Gionna, and Jay. They will celebrate 44 years of marriage in June!!! In 2021, they stated "43 years ago we said "I will" and "I do". It became a habit."

His great desire is for the prayer in Colossians 1:9-11 to be fulfilled in his life: that God would show him everything He wants him to do and that he may have all the wisdom and understanding that the Holy Spirit gives so that he will live a life that honors the Lord, and please Him by doing good deeds. That he will come to know God even better, and glorious power will make him strong enough to endure anything, and as a result of these things he will be truly happy.



Pastor Jones being greeted by Bro.

Wilbur Hackett, Jr.

# February 2022 Health Notes: Bits and Pieces

From the Nurses Ministry

## Bits and Pieces

Below are bits and pieces of information that may be helpful to you in 2022.

### When to call 911 or seek medical attention immediately:

*One of your most powerful tools is your own observation. If your instinct tells you it's serious, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Do not drive yourself.*

- Chest Pain or pressure that lasts more than a couple of minutes, or if it comes back, call 911.
- Shortness of breath that happens suddenly and is keeping you from your everyday activities.
- Burns that cover a large part of your hands, feet, face, or other body parts. If you have blisters, splotchy skin or if your skin is charred or white.
- For a child less than 6 years old – Vomiting that lasts more than a few hours.
- Head injury. If you pass out, have a seizure or headache that won't go away, persistent vomiting or nausea, feel confused, weak, less coordinated.
- Stomach pain that lasts more than 30 minutes – especially if it's sudden and intense.
- A baby younger than 3 months old with a temperature of more than 100.4 F should be seen right away. This is also true for a child between 3 months and 3 years old with a fever of 102.2 and an adult with a fever of 104 or higher.
- If you take blood thinning medication, even a minor injury can be serious. Call 911 if you have an injury and your heart rate or breathing becomes fast, you have trouble breathing, feel faint or dizzy.

### Spot a stroke F.A.S.T.

- **FACE DROOPING**  
Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.
- **ARM WEAKNESS**  
Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **SPEECH DIFFICULTY**  
Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "the sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- **TIME TO CALL 911**  
If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately.


## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

**COVID Vaccine – Vaccine is now available for children 5-11 years of age.**


### Who can get the COVID Booster?

## COVID-19 BOOSTER RECOMMENDATIONS

Initial Vaccine	When can you get a booster?	Boosters are recommended for:
Pfizer	5 months after 2nd dose	Everyone 12 years and older
Moderna	5 months after 2nd dose	Everyone 18 years and older
Johnson & Johnson	2 months after single dose <small>*mRNA booster is preferred</small>	



To find a location near you, visit  
[vaccine.ky.gov](https://vaccine.ky.gov)  
January 6, 2022



Go to [www.govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-vaccine](https://www.govstatus.egov.com/ky-covid-vaccine) for more information.

To get assistance with scheduling an appointment, call 855-598-2246.

Text your zip code to GETVAX – 438829 to receive three vaccine locations near you. Text VACUNA – 822862 for Spanish.

### Get Free COVID Home Tests

Every home in the U.S. is now eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID antigen tests. They are easy to order and usually ship in 7-12 days. Tests give results in less than 30 minutes. To order your COVID tests go to <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Sources: [www.WebMD.com](https://www.WebMD.com); [www.heart.org](https://www.heart.org);  
[www.kycovid19.ky.gov](https://www.kycovid19.ky.gov).

**Black History Month celebrates the rich cultural heritage, triumphs and adversities that are an indelible part of our country's history. This year's theme, Black Health and Wellness, pays homage to medical scholars and health care providers.**



Mona Fleming

## From the Youth and Family Ministry

*Mrs. Lynn Fleming and Mrs. Mona Fleming have worked diligently as Youth supervisors for more than four decades, yes 40 years!! They have both been dedicated and committed leaders. It is with much sadness and regret that we accept their resignations as youth supervisors. They have decided the time has come to pass the leadership and teaching baton to someone else. We want to extend our sincere appreciation to both of them.*



Lynn Fleming

### To Mrs. Lynn and Ms. Mona,

We want to thank you, Mrs. Lynn and Ms. Mona, for your dedication and commitment. We thank you for accepting God's call to invest in the lives of the youth of Greater Salem Baptist Church. We thank you for loving Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and for caring about the spiritual well-being and growth of our children and grandchildren.

We thank you for giving so freely of your time, your energy, and your finances to make sure our kids always have what they need. Thank you for sacrificing your time with your family to spend time with our children and youth. The weekends you gave up to attend the MidWest Baptist Youth Conferences, the Saturday and Sunday afternoons you gave up to supervise sleep-ins and take the youth on outings to skate, bowl and enjoy pizza, did not go unnoticed. We thank you!!

We thank you for believing in our young people and taking time to encourage them and support them when they faced challenges. We thank you for celebrating milestones and being there to share important life moments. You always attended multiple graduations in one weekend. During the Covid-19 Pandemic, you still showed up and participated in the Drive-By Graduation Celebrations, thank you!

Thanks for helping carry burdens and lifting parents and youth up in prayer. During times of sickness, you were there; during times of bereavement, you were there. We could always count on you to support parents and students by being there with students in dark times. When you showed up, your mere presence gave them peace and comfort, thank you!

Thanks to both of you for sharing God's Word with our children and youth. Thank you for helping them understand how to apply God's word in their lives. Thanks for being shining examples and role models who show our children and youth what God's love and grace look like.

Above all, we thank both of you for helping our students grow in their spiritual knowledge and become followers of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless and keep you!

Sister Jacqueline Austin  
Youth and Family Ministry

### About Youth Bible Study

- \* Wednesday Night Bible Study Classes have suffered a devastating impact from the COVID -19 Pandemic and lack of in-person classes. Attendance and participation have dwindled to nearly zero. While the concerns surrounding the virus are understandable, we are totally and completely committed to continuing to help our children and youth increase their knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- \* Over the next few weeks and months, until our children and youth return to the Wednesday Night and Saturday Bible Study Classes, we will provide information and support in the GoodNewsLetter, to help parents implement an At-Home Bible Study. The Bible Study topics and supporting scriptures will be provided. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to help their children and grandchildren learn to love God's word. Set aside time to study the Bible as a family. Help your children meet Jesus and commit to following Him!

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### THERE ARE FOUR PRIMARY REASONS TO STUDY THE BIBLE AS A FAMILY:

- ◆ **DISCIPLESHIP** – We are directed by God to train up our children in the way they should go.
- ◆ **IT BONDS US TOGETHER** – Studying the Bible as a family helps us understand the hearts of our kids as we learn more about God's heart.
- ◆ **WE ARE COMMANDED TO STUDY THE BIBLE AS A FAMILY** - Consider Deuteronomy 6:5-9 (ESV):  
*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*
- ◆ **THE LORD REWARDS US** - There is nothing more exciting than seeing our kids grow and develop as they learn the Word of God!  
*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling to word of truth.” Timothy 2:15*

Reference: Thinking Kids Press, Danika Cooley

**February is known as the month of Love. This is the perfect time to teach our children about God's love.** The love of Jesus is radical. He pushes past personality types, personal opinions, and even prejudice. Jesus loves people that culture turns their backs on. This includes the marginalized, disenfranchised, and ostracized. Jesus loves them; Jesus died for them; and Jesus pursues them. You have never laid eyes on a person that Jesus didn't love. Let's study God's word and learn how to apply the same lens of love to our own lives. First lesson for sharing with your child/ren is included below.

### BIBLE STUDY TOPIC: LOVE

**SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 13 & ROMANS 12**

**MEMORY VERSE: MARK 12:31**

***THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.***

This Bible study concentrates on 1 Corinthians 13 and Romans chapter 12. These chapters are sometimes called “the love chapters” and they show that the main thing we should focus on, next to Christ, is in how we treat one another. Our actions betray our hearts, for good or for bad, and if we treat others and even esteem others better than ourselves, then we are fulfilling the royal law to love our neighbor as ourselves (James 2:8). Of course we don't have trouble loving ourselves.

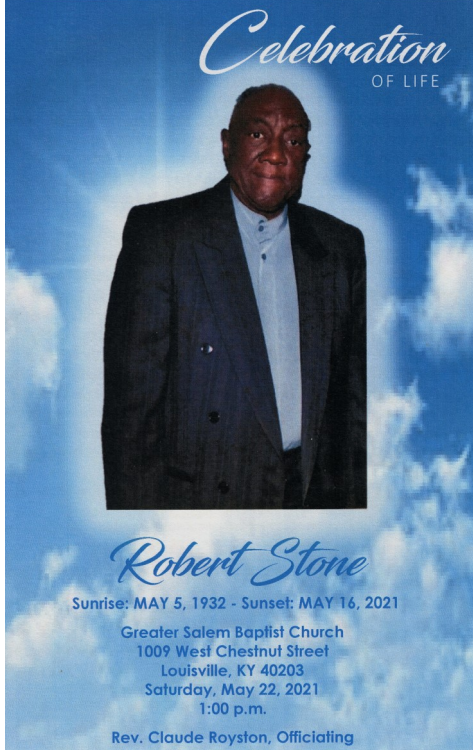
We nurture, care for, provide for, and yes, even pamper ourselves but do we treat others in this same way? The first and greatest commandment is to love God (Matt 22:37), *“And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself’”* (Matt 22:39). First John chapter 2 tells us that we can't say we love God but not our brothers and sisters (1 John 2:9-11). Luke chapter 6 is also a superb example of not only how we [treat one another](#) but how we treat even those who are our enemies.

Reference: Youth Ministry Curriculum, Jack Wellman


# Let's take the time to remember and celebrate the GSBC Members who we lost in 2021 and to pray for those they left behind!!!

*Brother Robert Stone*

May 5, 1932 - May 16, 2021



*Celebration OF LIFE*



*Robert Stone*

Sunrise: MAY 5, 1932 - Sunset: MAY 16, 2021

Greater Salem Baptist Church  
1009 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, KY 40203  
Saturday, May 22, 2021  
1:00 p.m.

Rev. Claude Royston, Officiating

*Deaconess Johnnie Mae Killebrew*

June 14, 1924 - May 18, 2021



*HOMEGOING CELEBRATION*



*Johnnie Mae Killebrew*

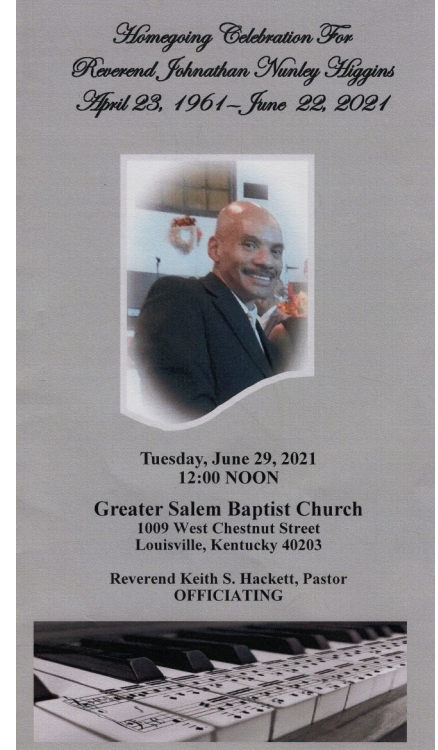
June 14, 1924—May 18, 2021

Service:  
Sunday, May 23, 2021, 3:00 P.M.


G. C. Williams Funeral Home  
1935 West Broadway Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203  
Rev. John A. Lewis  
Officiating

*Rev. Johnathan Higgins*

April 23, 1961 - June 22, 2021




*Homegoing Celebration For  
Reverend Johnathan Nunley Higgins  
April 23, 1961—June 22, 2021*



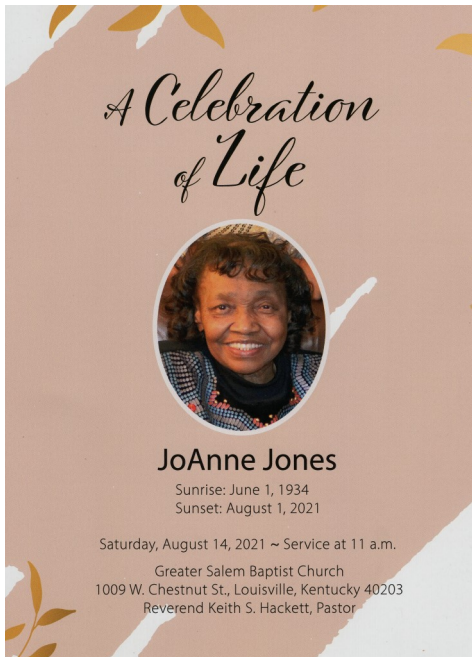
Tuesday, June 29, 2021  
12:00 NOON

Greater Salem Baptist Church  
1009 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203


Reverend Keith S. Hackett, Pastor  
OFFICIATING



“Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.”



*A Celebration of Life*



*JoAnne Jones*

Sunrise: June 1, 1934  
Sunset: August 1, 2021

Saturday, August 14, 2021 ~ Service at 11 a.m.

Greater Salem Baptist Church  
1009 W. Chestnut St., Louisville, Kentucky 40203  
Reverend Keith S. Hackett, Pastor

*Sister JoAnne Jones*  
June 1, 1934 - August 1, 2021



*A Loving Tribute*

*Willie B. Brown, Jr.*

June 9, 1933 - September 3, 2021



Service  
Friday September 10, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.

Greater Salem Baptist Church  
1009 West Chestnut Street  
Louisville, Kentucky 40203  
Rev. Keith Hackett, Pastor  
Rev. William G. Nelson, Officiating

*Brother Willie Brown Jr.*  
June 9, 1933 - September 3, 2021



HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF  
*Katie Adrienne Harris*



APRIL 13, 1936 - OCTOBER 20, 2021

Saturday, October 30, 2021 ~ Time: 1:00 PM

Greater Salem Baptist Church  
1009 West Chestnut Street - Louisville, KY 40203  
Eulogy: Pastor Keith Hackett

Officiating: Pastor Anthony Middleton  
Senior Pastor of Cable Baptist Church

*Sister Katie Harris*  
April 13, 1936 - October 20, 2021



## A Personal Note from the Assistant Editor

Greetings Church family, Denise Zellars here! Just wanting to take some time to write a personal note from me to you.

It is only fitting that I would use my actual photo in this particular article of the GNL. I have intentionally used various animations to accompany my articles and poetry each month. It is my way of "getting out of the way" when God is at work (see James 4:6) I will admit, I enjoyed the anonymity for the first several years of writing as some folks would search to place a face to the articles, hence, missing the importance.

It is always my desire and goal to show Christ Jesus through my living and therefore, of course, through my writing, too. I began writing for the GNL back in the early Spring of 2011. This is around the time I began asking our Heavenly Father to reveal my Spiritual Gifts. While I had written short stories and poetry for years, I had never written as a means of intentional service to/for the Body of Christ. The revelations our Heavenly Father has given me has changed my entire walk with Him (see Galatians 5:25).

It is true devotion each time I study and write in His presence, and I am forever honored and grateful to Him. He is an Awesome God!

If you have been saved by Christ Jesus and do not know what your Spiritual Gifts are, I urge you to go to Him with a sincere and humble heart and ask Him to reveal these Gifts, and when He reveals, be obedient to His prompting in exercising these Gifts. Every Christian has the indwelling Holy Spirit that distributes Spiritual Gifts as He sees fit (see 1 Corinthians Chpt. 12:1 -1 1). I love how our brother, the Apostle Paul, explains the various parts to the Body of Christ, to; continue reading (1 Corinthians chpt. 12, starting at verse 12-31).

While these Spiritual Gifts are to be used as acts of service in the edification of the Saints; I have personally learned that there are multi-purposed never-ending blessings that accompany these gifts. When I am writing to you, what I receive back from our Heavenly Father is overwhelming and it brings me closer to Him on a much deeper level that I cannot fathom, nor adequately explain. Our Ministry should bring us closer in fellowship/relationship with our Creator. When we have received that saving faith from Him, the Holy Spirit begins to mold us and change us into being more Christ-like--He draws us nearer, so then our walk can match our talk.

But, this requires submission to the One Who is in control. The Ministry we serve in should lead us right back to Him/His Word. If the Ministry we serve in has not brought us closer to Christ Jesus in fellowship, you know, to the point where our desire for Him has moved us to want more of Him; Then perhaps our ministry is nothing more than a hobby, or simply a kind gesture?? Read about kind gestures, or "works" in Ephesians Chp. 2:8-10).

At least four of the gifts I have been given, I have been able to utilize in writing, and in my everyday life: Encourage, Teach, Discern and Give. While this will be my farewell article to you, my Spiritual Gifts will continue as our God is Infinite, and therefore, there is absolutely no end to Him. My prayer is that others will utilize their Spiritual Gifts, too. Not for selfish gain, or self-glory, but to Glorify our One and Only, True, and Living God (see Jeremiah 9:24).

Many of the articles I have submitted this past year have focused on Spiritual Gifts and the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is no coincidence, as our Good Lord is in control, and He prepares us for all things when we trust in Him.

In closing, I leave you with this scripture as we continue serving (see Colossians 3:23-24 " <sup>23</sup>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart; as working for the Lord, not for men, <sup>24</sup>since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving"). I will look forward to reading future GNL articles and submissions that glorify our Awesome God. I sincerely hope that I have Encouraged, Taught, Discerned, and have Given to you in a way that is pleasing to Christ Jesus, our Savior and LORD.

Blessings,

-Denise



## Black History Month Section (pages 9-12)

### Note from the GNL Editor:

On the next 4 Pages of this Month's GoodNewsLetter, we've Included articles on African-American History which illustrate how the Lord has blessed the African-American Community despite the efforts of many to deny such blessings. Thank You Lord for seeing us through and indeed bringing us from a Mighty Long Way!!!

The first article was written by Sanda Jones for *Shelby County Life* magazine. It represents some of the best parts of African-American History. It provides a historical glimpse of the Fleming Family of Shelbyville, Kentucky. It was published in December (and written before the loss of 2 of the featured family members)

The second and third articles report on the History of two of the oldest churches founded by African-Americans here in Louisville. In previous editions of the GoodNewsLetter, we featured articles on the First African-American church in America, and First Baptist Church of Lexington, KY as well as other highlighted events during Black History Month. So we decided to go local this time around by sharing the printed histories of Fifth Street Baptist and Green Street Baptist Churches.

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## The Fleming parents taught their children honesty, respect, value of education and being churched

The holiday season is an exciting time to bring family and friends together. Before you know it, you're heading down memory lane, reminiscing, sharing childhood memories and reflecting on the past. The Fleming family is no exception. Growing up in Shelbyville's black community with a house full, eight siblings and two loving parents, there are a lot of stories to share. Of the eight siblings, only James and Margaret have passed away. Through a collection of conversations, e-mails, and phone calls the six remaining Fleming siblings, ranging in age from late 80s to late 90s remembers what it was like growing up on Henry Clay, Bradshaw streets and Martinsville.

Frances, Anna, Lina, Willie "Billy," Bessie and Ollie shared some of their childhood memories: the importance their parents placed on education; the responsibilities their parents gave them when they were growing up; what career paths they took, and how proud they are with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. They also offered some words of wisdom. There is a shared belief that, "it takes a village to raise a child."

"Neighbors would watch over us back in those days, it was a real sense of a village," explains Lina Fleming Wiggington, the fifth sibling. "William Newton and Bessie Payne Fleming were role model parents who raised us to be respectful of every adult person, for we knew we would be corrected at any time by anyone," explains sixth child Ollie Fleming Hackett. She remembers the constant love and direction that guided the children throughout the day, as Mother Bessie worked from home.

When our elders share their childhood memories it's like getting an oral history lesson. What's the old saying, "The family that plays together stays together." That holds true as Anna Lee recalls

### Sanda Jones



how they loved it when their father would take the family fishing at the creek near the Depot Dam. The memories of playing baseball on Bradshaw, behind the Saffell Funeral home, to sleigh rides down Fourth Street offers an insight into what the eight siblings did and the fun they had growing up playing outside, as children once did. Anna Lee remembers that they could play outside late because it was hot in the house in the summer, and they didn't have the modern convenience of air conditioning. They were also highly active in church at Bethel AME and St. John United Methodist.



Back row, from left, Bessie J. Tinsley, Lina Wiggington, Ollie Hackett; front row, Willie "Billy" Fleming and Frances Marshall.



## History of Fifth Street Baptist Church\*

First Baptist Church in the city of Louisville was a White congregation; now known as Walnut Street Baptist Church.

This organization had its beginning in the year 1815; just five years after Louisville became a city. As was the custom in most southern communities, Negro slaves were admitted as members, with very limited privileges and assigned to seats in the balcony.

In the year 1829, on the first Sunday in November, 18 slave members were given letters of demission and were granted privilege of worshipping to themselves, "under their vine and fig tree", which was described as swampy and difficult to reach (U of L archives).

The location of the new church was in the neighborhood of 8th and Market. But in the year 1829, a call was extended to Rev. Henry Adams, a highly educated Negro, living in Georgia. Under this leadership, the congregation continued to grow, and soon new quarters were sought. In 1833, a White friend, by the name of Benjamin Stansburg, deeded to the congregation a lot at Fifth and York Streets, where upon the first building owned by Negroes, in the city of Louisville, was erected. The congregation continued to grow in favor with God and man.

In fullness of time there arose a need for more commodious quarters, which was fulfilled by the availability of a building on Fifth Street, between Walnut and Chestnut. The First Christian Church, having moved to another location, sold the property to the First Colored Baptist Church for the sum of \$5,000. By 1845, the name of the church had changed to Fifth Street Baptist Church but the congregation remained the same.

The Rev. Henry Adams departed this life in the year of our Lord 1872, after having served as Pastor for 33 years. The General Association, first known as the State Convention, was organized August 15, 1865, at Fifth Street Baptist Church. Also, the first school for Negroes in the city of Louisville was organized and taught by the Rev. Adams at Fifth Street Baptist Church. Rev. Adams was also instrumental in organizing the Colored Baptists Church of Jeffersontown, KY.

The Rev. Andrew H. Heath, a son of the church, and protégé of Rev. Adams, was called to shoulder the burdens of pastoring (1872-1886). It is reliably reported that Rev. Heath's administration was phenomenally successful. The Baptist Women's Educational Convention was organized during his administration on September 18, 1883. Rev. Heath was a zealous worker, consecrated and dedicated to the Gospel ministry. His health soon became impaired, and after fourteen years of grueling toil, he was laid to rest.

Following a precedent already established, another son of the church, the Rev. John H. Frank, was elevated to the high position of leadership. The membership grew to an unprecedented high early in this administration. The Baptist Women's Convention

had its inception there, as well as the National Baptist Convention of America, the Laymen's League of Kentucky, and the City-Wide Deacons' Union.

Dr. Frank had the longest tenure of office, serving as Pastor fifty years, after which time the church made him Pastor-Emeritus. As such, he remained among us for another two years. After life's long fitful fever has ended, he too was laid to rest, just six days after the passing of his son John, Jr. March 23, 1941, which brought to a close one of the most outstanding pastorates among Negro Baptists.

The church extended a call to the Rev. W. Augustus Jones, who was pastoring the Pinn Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, PA. Rev. Jones was a son of the church, having been nurtured and trained by the late Dr. Frank. Rev. Jones accepted the call and began his ministry midyear of 1937. For 19 years, Rev. Jones toiled among the people, endeavoring to rehabilitate the work and bring about reforms vitally necessary in these modern times.

Dr. Jones, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, not only paid off the indebtedness incurred from remodeling the Fifth Street site, but also brought us to this present site in 1949. When Dr. Jones retired in 1956, the church made him Pastor-Emeritus, and voted to him a lifelong pension. Fifth Street has had some outstanding laymen— male and female representatives in all the high walk of life. The late William H. Steward was perhaps "the noblest Roman of them all". He was Secretary of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists for more than fifty years, and Secretary of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. On January 4, 1935, he departed the walks of men and passed on to his eternal reward.

After the retirement of Dr. Jones, the Rev. J. Walter Ramsey, by vote of the church was chosen as acting pastor and held forces together until the church extended a call to Rev. W. J. Hodge Pastor of the Diamond Hill Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia on April 12, 1957. Of his many accomplishments, the planning and construction of the J.O. Blanton House and the H. Temple Spears Apartments stand out. Under his guidance, the church added a new wing that included a Pastor and Secretary's office, dining facilities, a kitchen, and additional space for Sunday School. Other physical additions are central air conditioning and new buses. Rev. W.J. Hodge served as Pastor for 38 years. On December 26, 2000, Dr. W.J. Hodge also departed from us to a building not made by man.

Rev. Phillip L. Hodge, Sr., a son of the church, was called in 1995. Since Rev. Phillip L. Hodge came to historic Fifth Street, the former parsonage next door has been renovated and re-opened as the Marian T. Hodge Center for Excellence, where programs for the church as well as the community are flourishing. With acquiring the lot next to the church, the parking lot has also been expanded. His seventeenth anniversary was celebrated in July and the new "Fifth", as he fondly speaks of it, is growing both spiritually and physically.

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Other noteworthy accomplishments for Fifth Street are: In 1866 it began a movement for a hospital for freed slaves. In the 1870s the revolutionized the concept of social welfare by assigning a deacon to supervise the visitation in each of the city's wards. It provided boxes of clothing for the poor members and gave financial support to destitute members during the 1873 depression. By June 1876 the church was able to give \$3 a week to the poor, comparable to a laborer's weekly wage. The church gave annual financial support to and held fund-raising drives for the Colored Orphan's Home and St. James home for the elderly. The church also sponsored missionary work in Africa and established several branch missions, some of which became churches. Our current location is only the 4th in our church history.

## Green Street Baptist Church History\*



Green Street Baptist Church began in the early part of 1844. The church's initial efforts, was to organize the second African-American church in Louisville, Ky. In fact, "Second African Baptist Church" would have been the name of the church. On April

28, 1844, thoughts and discussions of creating more Baptist churches for coloured people, was held in a meeting by several leaders involved in the community and church. The first written records of the efforts are found at Green Street Baptist Church (Second African Baptist Church), Fifth Street Baptist Church (First African Baptist Church), and Walnut Street Baptist Church (First Baptist Church). It reads, "We this church, has been informed that a certain minister intends to establish a second coloured Baptist church in this city. Forthwith, now while we would be pleased to do anything in our power to promote the cause of Christ, yet we believe such a movement in the bounds and under the sanction of this church at the present time, and under existing circumstance would be hazardous and likely to produce much mischief to the Baptist cause among the coloured community in this place. Therefore, resolved, that in the opinion of this church for us to encourage or sanction such a measure at this time would be inexpedient and unwise. Resolved, that any minister or members of this church who shall hereafter engage in any measures of this

kind under existing circumstances will be regarded by the church as acting contrary to good order."

The written records also state that First Baptist Church (Walnut Street Baptist Church) conducted a regular meeting on July 20, 1844, which they discussed "Second African Baptist Church". The record reads: "A communication was received from Brother George Wells, a man of colour, who has been preaching for some time past to people of colour in the city. A committee was appointed to consider the request." Brother George Wells' request was not approved during this meeting. The final decision of Brother George Wells' request, was made on September 25, 1844 during a call meeting, which was held by First Baptist Church. The record reads, "On motion was voted that Brother George Wells, a man of colour, be received into the church and be encouraged to go on with his ministerial labours to our coloured friends in the city and that Brethren Heth, Bagley, Clark, Hampton, and Wilson be appointed a committee to advise and superintend Brother Wells in his labour."

The Protection Committee was given their first assignment. On September 29, 1844, twenty-eight African Americans met for the constitution of the Second African Baptist Church (Green Street Baptist Church). On the first Sunday, in January of 1848, Second African Baptist Church moved into its new home, which is located on the north side of Green Street (It is called Liberty Street today) between Preston Street and Floyd Street. The church bought the building from Brother William C. Buck and the East Baptist Church for \$2,815. The building was the worship site for East Baptist Church for six years. Second African Baptist Church struggled financially. The upkeep of the building was a sacrifice for a small group of black believers during slavery. However, with the blessing of the Lord, the church grew, and the property was paid for in four years.

Although the church grew and had a membership of 280 people, it lost a member. Brother George E. Wells died in 1850. The new leader of the church was Reverend Caddie. Second African Baptist Church had plenty of success as they grew. In fact, three churches were organized as independent churches by Second African Baptist Church— Forest Baptist Church (Newburg Baptist Church) in 1873, First Baptist Church (Anchorage Baptist Church) in 1874, and Hill Street Baptist Church in 1896. The church also voted to allow George Thomas to organize the first choir.

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As the church grew and changed, so did the leaders, location and name of the church. The church would be called Green Street Baptist Church soon and the new church would be at 519 East Gray Street. The church's Building Fund Committee hired a local black firm of Plato & Evans to construct the new building. The cost of the construction was \$100,000. A ground-breaking ceremony was held in conjunction with the 1928 National Baptist Convention, to allow the president of the convention and others to participate. On Sunday, September 28, 1930, the last service was conducted in the "old church", which had been home for 86 years. The members proudly marched from Green Street to Gray Street. With a lingering depression and a mortgage, the church faced financial hardships. However, with prayer, sacrifice, dedication, and vigilance, the pastor, officers, and members worked to pay the mortgage. On September 24, 1944, with cause to commemorate and celebrate, Green Street observed its Centennial and burned the mortgage.

Green Street was also actively involved in the struggle for civil rights for blacks as early as 1886. The church circulated a petition urging the state legislature to pass a Civil Rights Bill. In 1893 and 1919, Green Street hosted meetings and participated in the successful movement to defeat the efforts to segregate the public transportation system in Louisville. The church joined the Interracial Commission headed by Dr. James Bond in 1920. Green Street was one of the first institutions to give support to the 1961 student led sit-in movement to desegregate public accommodations in Louisville when three of its members, Raoul Cunningham, John Arnold, and Lawrence Williams were among the first five arrested. On August 3, 1967, Green Street hosted a city-wide rally to encourage blacks to register and vote. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke and made his last appearance in Louisville at this rally.

Today, the church is a member of the East Louisville Community Ministry, the West Louisville Community Ministry, and holds Lifetime Membership in the NAACP..... Green Street has been blessed. It is one of the few African American churches possessing a complete history of existence. During one hundred and fifty years, the church has been led by eight pastors (Ed. Note -inc. Pasor Carl Jones) . Three pastors served until death, and two voluntarily retired after more than thirty-five years of service. Green Street has never had a split in membership and has always settled differences of opinion according to the New Testament doctrines and Baptist principles

(\*From Church website)



Sis. Bonnie was presented with Flowers



Sis Grant singing "May the work I've Done Speak for me!"

**Music Ministry salutes Sis. Bonnie Grant on her final Sunday Service as musician for GSBC**



Following worship service, Sis. Grant is surrounded by Mass Choir Members along with Bass Player, Will Perkins, and her grandson and Drummer, Dwight Thompson.

**Opportunities to Be in the Presence of God through the Study of His Word, Prayer, and with Regular Worship while maintaining Social Distance!!!**

⇒ Sunday Worship services are held in the sanctuary and streamed online on Facebook live at 11:15 A.M. and then made available for viewing later on the Greater Salem Website: [greatersalembaptist.org](http://greatersalembaptist.org) or the Greater Salem Facebook page.

⇒ The weekly Bible study will be held live in the Sanctuary and continue on Facebook Live every Wednesday except the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 PM and can be viewed later on the Greater Salem website or Facebook Page. The number and access code are: (978) 990-5000 - 703263#.



⇒ On Wednesday nights after bible study, we now have an in-person Prayer Service at 7:00 PM. Although it is not shown on FB LIVE, those who are watching bible study on FB LIVE and anyone else can call in to join us for prayer service during that time. The Dial-in number is 605-472-5736. Access code: 2239663. .

⇒ You can join in the weekly Sunday School Class in-person in the Sanctuary or via conference call at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Just call (978)990-5000 and when prompted enter the access code: 721799#.

⇒ Wednesday's Noon Day Prayer Service meets in person each week in the Church Sanctuary .

⇒ The Women's Ministry's Bible Study classes will resume once the schedule is determined. All women, ages 18 and over are welcome.

⇒ Men's Bible Study is being held In-Person in the sanctuary and by Conference call on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Saturday of each month at 10:15 AM. The dial-in number is (605-468-8738. The access code is 5398693.

⇒ Rev. Dan Hall and Sister Mary Stoddard will be leading the weekly Friday Bible Study via conference call at 11:30 am. The conference call information is as follows: Dial (605) 313-4240) and when prompted enter Access Code: 3959992#

⇒ Tithes and Offering can be delivered to the church on weekdays between 10 AM and 2:00 PM. They can be given to the Deacons on duty (587-8869) or placed in the mail slot (after hours). You can also send them to Greater Salem Baptist Church at 1009 W Chestnut Street, Louisville 40203. Call 587-8869 if you need someone to pick-up your tithes and offerings. Online Giving can be accessed on the church Website through VANCO. Vanco Online Giving is on the GSBC website, [greatersalembaptist.org](http://greatersalembaptist.org) under the HOME/Give heading. Click on the link and follow the simple step-by-step Process.

⇒ *For info on at home Youth Study please see page 6.*

⇒ If you'd like to take the Lord's Supper, you can do so on every first Sunday of the month. It will be served by the Deacons on the parking lot as well as in the Sanctuary. Please drive through to be served. (As always, remember to maintain a proper Social Distance)

⇒ You can get a paper copy of the Good-NewsLetter on the first Sunday after worship service or via mail by contacting the church at 587-8869 and leaving your name and address.

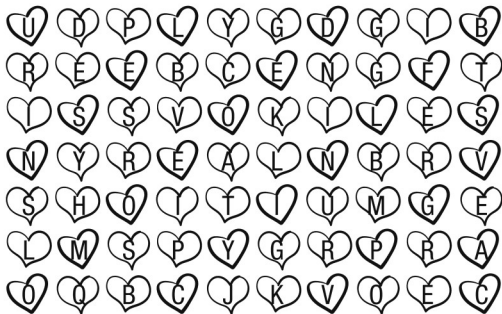
# PUZZLE



## The heart of a friend

Big-hearted friendliness comes from generously serving others.

Directions: Start with the first D and move according to the arrows beneath the blanks. Then fill in the letters to complete 1 Peter 4:8-10.



Above all, love each other   D  , because love  
   over a multitude of   . Offer  
   to one another without  
  . Each of you should use whatever  
   you have received to    others, as faithful  
 stewards of God's    in its various forms.  
 1 PETER 4:8-10, NIV



"The heart-shaped communion wafers were a nice touch for Valentine's Day."



## Bible Quiz

In the book of Revelation, who or what is "prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband"?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem



Answer: (See Revelation 21:2.)

## Friendship SOUP

Make jars of Italian barley soup to share love and warmth with friends.



### What you need:

- 1 cup pearly barley
- ½ cup sundried tomatoes
- 1 Tbsp dry minced garlic
- 1 Tbsp dry minced onion
- 1 veggie bouillon cube
- Glass pint jars with lids
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Pen

### What you do:

1. In order, layer the first five ingredients into the jar.
2. Trace the outline of the lid onto cardstock. Cut out.
3. On the card, write these directions: Remove wrapper from bouillon cube. Add contents of jar to saucepan. Add 4 cups water and a can of diced tomatoes. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce to low. Simmer about 20 minutes, until barley is tender. Serve with parmesan cheese.
4. Place the card atop the lid. Screw on the canning ring to keep it in place.

## Christian Symbol



## VALLEY

Valleys symbolize life's dark or low points; for example, Psalm 23:4 refers to "the valley of the shadow of death" (ESV). But valleys also symbolize people who find God's favor because they're lowly and meek. As a result, valleys can be places of blessing. God lifts his people out of despair and rewards their faithfulness. He also promises to "level" conditions by raising up valleys and bringing down mountains (see Isaiah 40:4).



FROM THE EVANGELISM MINISTRY FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

# YOU DECIDE!!!

## Choose Today

- ◆ *18And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ^19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matthew 28:18,19*
- ◆ *Matthew 28:20 <sup>20</sup>Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:20*
- ◆ *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” II Timothy 1:7*
- ◆ *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 1 Peter 4:17-18*
- ◆ *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30*
- ◆ *And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19*
- ◆ *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. John 15:16 KJV*
- ◆ *But sanctify the LORD God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 1 Peter 3:15 KJV*
- ◆ *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12 KJV*
- ◆ *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might. Ephesians 6:10*

## What is Your Choice???

### I CHOOSE TO TRUST JESUS AS MY SAVIOR

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10: 10, 13) He that believeth on Him is not condemned....” John 3:18a*

### I CHOOSE TO REJECT JESUS AND KEEP MY WAY

*“...but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” John 3:18b  
“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:15*

If you are interested in and want to talk to someone about this, you can contact the Church office at 502-587-8869 and speak with Deacon Merrill or any member of the Evangelism Team!!!

The GoodNewsLetter is available online at [greatersalembaptist.org](http://greatersalembaptist.org)



**Opportunities to be in the presence of God through the study of His word and In the Center of Prayer (See Page 9 for updated schedule of in person and online audio or video opportunities)**



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### *Minister of Music Search*

Greater Salem Baptist Church is currently accepting applications for the position of Minister of Music.

You may submit resumes to the Attention: Deacon Marshall Merrill, Greater Salem Baptist Church, 1009 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville, KY 40203.. You may also contact the Church by calling 502-587-8869. or by calling cell number 502-938-3792.

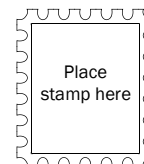
Resumes may also be submitted via email to : [aagsalem@bellsouth.net](mailto:aagsalem@bellsouth.net)



MAKING DISCIPLES FOR CHRIST  
ONE HEART AT A TIME - ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

From:

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