

**Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church  
of Scotlandville**

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1414 Sora Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70807**

**The Carmelite**

**Spring 2018**

## A Message From the Pastor

*Greetings and grace be to you, and peace,  
from God our Father, and from the  
Lord Jesus Christ.*



Again, we are very pleased to present another edition of the Carmelite to aspire, educate, and inform our many readers of the various activities and events that occurred during the first half of this year. Through the preaching and teaching of God's Holy Scriptures, opportunities to serve in numerous ministries, and extending the love of Jesus Christ, the Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Scotlandville family is committed to be the church that God has called us to be. Because of God's mandate to His church, Greater Mount Carmel is dedicated to developing in every believer, an intimate love relationship with God, strengthening the body of Christ, and growing the kingdom of God.

Our mission at Greater Mount Carmel is to: "Progressively Expand the Kingdom of God – by Winning, Building, and Sending Souls for Christ." It's against this backdrop that every believer who's a professed Christian equip him/her self with the whole armor of God that each may produce fruit in the kingdom.

One of the most important goals I've endeavored to foster within the human infrastructure of this church is to make each member, guest, and the community at large feel welcome and to share the love of God with each person who comes to us. I encourage the entire membership to strive to create, build, and foster an environment where you can feel safe no matter where you are in life because Greater Mount Carmel is a place where we love like Him, strive to live like Him in order to ultimately lead like Him.

As you peruse the Carmelite, it's our great hope that you will reignite your passion to serve Christ with a new dedication and commitment to His cause. Please share with others to connect with us via the Internet, Facebook, or visit us here at 1414 Sora Street, Baton Rouge, LA.

Wherever you are, know that there is room for you here at Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Scotlandville.

*To God Be the Glory*

# The Cover

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding.  
Acknowledge him in all your ways, and he will make your paths straight.

**Proverbs 3:5-6**

Life is but a stopping place,  
a pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,  
different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
but never meant to stay...

Our destination is a place  
far greater than we know.  
For others, the journey's quicker,  
for some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,  
we'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
together with the Lord.

Submitted by Frederick A. G. Christian,

# *The Carmelite*

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## **WEEKLY SERVICES**

**Sunday School 9:30 a.m.**

**Morning Service 10:45 a.m.**

### **Wednesday**

**Mid-Morning Bible Study 10:30 a.m.**

**Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.**

**Bible Study 6:30 p.m.**

### **Saturday School**

**8:30 a.m. Children's Hour**

**10:00 a.m. Adult Fellowship Hour**

**Communion Services 4th Sunday**

**This is the Church where everybody is  
somebody and GOD is in charge.**

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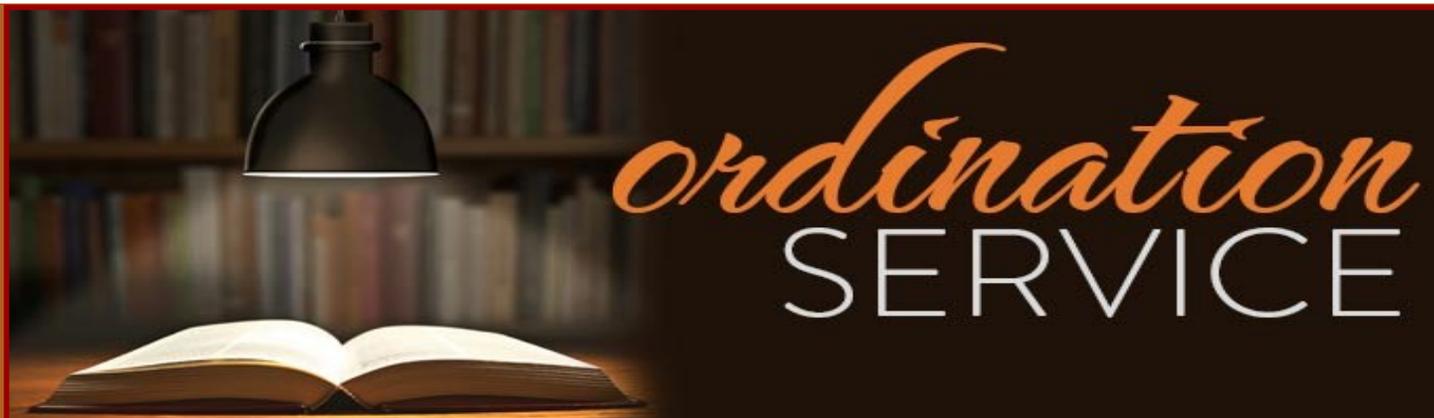
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*"It takes a village to  
raise a child"*

is a proverb which means that it takes an entire community of different people interacting with children in order for children to experience and grow in a safe environment .



## **Minister Stephen C. Enwefa**

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00 p. m.

**Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Scotlandville**

Reverend Clee Lowe, Pastor

1414 Sora Street

***Conducted by:***



***EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH MINISTERS' CONFERENCE***

***Reverend Donald R. Sterling, President***



***FOURTH DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION***

***Dr. Rene' F. Brown, President***







**Women's History Month** is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with International Women's Day on March 8, and during October in Canada, corresponding with the celebration of Persons Day on October 18.

In the United States, Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911. In 1978, the School District of Sonoma, California participated in Women's History Week, an event designed around the week of March 8 (International Women's Day). In 1979, a fifteen-day conference about women's history was held at Sarah Lawrence College from July 13 until July 29, chaired by historian Gerda Lerner.

In February 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980, as National Women's History Week. The proclamation stated, "From the first settlers who came to our shores, from the first American Indian families who befriended them, men and women have worked together to build this nation. Too often the women were unsung and sometimes their contributions went unnoticed. But the achievements, leadership, courage, strength and love of the women who built America were as vital as that of the men whose names we know so well.

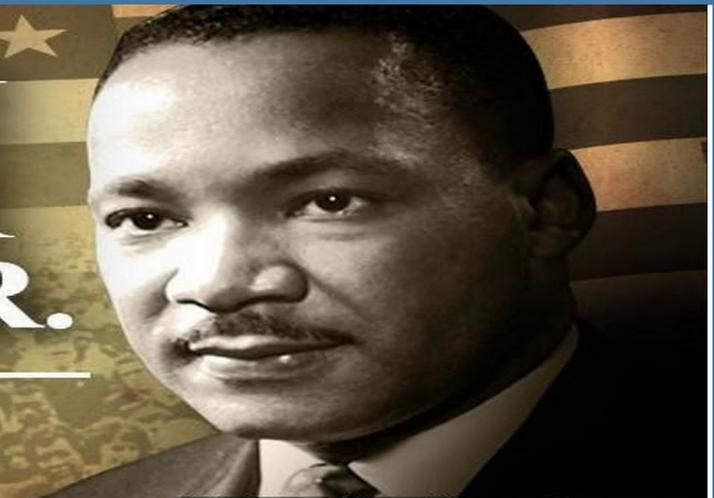


Women's History Month reception in the East Room of the White House on 18 March, 2013.

In March 2011, the President Barack Obama administration released a report, *Women in America: Indicators of Social and Economic Well-Being*,<sup>1</sup> showing women's status in the U.S. in 2011 and how it had changed over time.<sup>2</sup> This report was the first comprehensive federal report on women since the report produced by the Commission on the Status of Women in 1963.

Submitted by Sisters Gloria Hayes and Shirley D. Taylor

# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY



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# Thought Worth Mentioning Black Panther History



On Monday of this past week, I had the privilege of watching the new movie, **Black Panther**. From all accounts, it is making history. It's a blockbuster. It's a story about the nation of Wakanda in Africa. Don't look it up because it's not real. It is a nation smarter than any other, who keeps the secret of its success to itself; that is, until an inner-city kid from America (Oakland, California) challenges the motives for Wakanda's secrecy. It's a story that puts Africans at the top in intelligence and in achievement. It's a fairy tale, or is it?

As we come to a close of Black History Month, there are plenty of achievements to celebrate in the Black community. The most recent is a rookie racer named

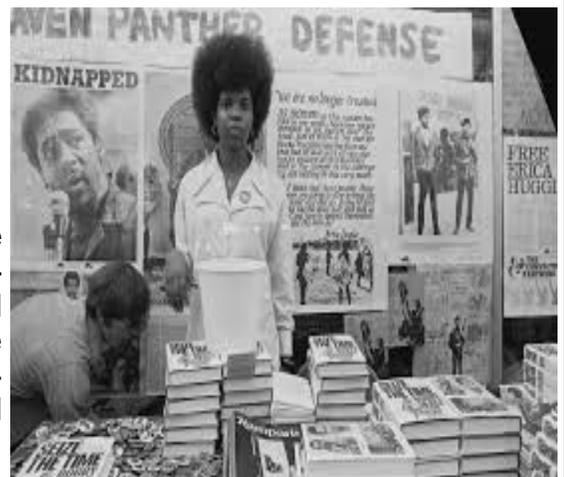
Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr., who placed second in the Daytona 500 last Sunday with the fastest rookie rank ever. But the list of Black achievements is long and unfinished. There is much left to do. Here's my question: **"Can a movie motivate our young people to be the best they can be?"** Probably not. **But God can!** He can raise a nation of strong Christian family men who are providers and protectors. The nation of Wakanda may not be real, but the potential for achievement is . . . with the Lord!

***"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."*** (1 John 5:4)

Written by Pastor Clee Lowe

## Black Panther History

The **Black Panther Party** or the **BPP** (originally the **Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**) was a revolutionary socialist organization founded by Bobby Seale and Huey Newton in October 1966. The party was active in the United States from 1966 until 1982, with international chapters operating in the United Kingdom in the early 1970s, and in Algeria from 1969 until 1972.



# Black Panther History



At its inception on October 15,<sup>1</sup> 1966, the Black Panther Party's core practice was its armed citizens' patrols to monitor the behavior of officers of the Oakland Police Department and challenge police brutality in Oakland, California. In 1969, community social programs became a core activity of party members. The Black Panther Party instituted a variety of community social programs, most extensively the Free Breakfast for Children Programs, and community health clinics to address issues like food injus-

tice. The party enrolled the largest number of members and made the greatest impact in the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Area, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Philadelphia

## People also ask

### What did Black Panthers do?

The **Black Panthers'** central guiding principle was an "undying love for the people." The **Black Panther Party for Self-Defense**, otherwise known as the **Black Panther Party (BPP)**, was established in 1966 by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale. ... **Black Panthers** monitored the behavior of the police in **black** communities. Feb 18, 2016.

### Why did they name it the Black Panther Party?

But Seale and others noticed African Americans were never mentioned in settlement of the American West. Seale and Huey Newton went on to found the **Black Panthers**. They **chose** the **name**, Newton said at the time, because the **black panther** doesn't strike first, "but if the aggressor strikes first, then he'll attack." Feb 1, 2016

Submitted by: Sis. Shirley D. Taylor

# Happy Easter

Easter is a time for us to reflect as Christians on the gift the Lord Jesus gave all of us who believe in Him. It is very easy for us to neglect the importance and meaning of this holiday, and become absorbed with the commercial aspects of candy, bunnies and eggs.

Don't misunderstand my intent. As a mother of one daughter and 2 growing grand children, there is nothing wrong with the Easter Bunny and celebration, but I believe that it is important to understand the importance of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as central to the Christian faith.

Without the resurrection, our Christian faith would be just wishful thinking, no better than human philosophies and speculative religions. In fact, the noted seventeenth-century philosopher John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Our Savior's resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His begin or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it."

More so than Christmas or any other holiday, Easter is what Christianity is all about. Without the resurrection there is no hope. With it, even death has no sting. Jesus spoke to his disciples about His suffering and death: "The son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (**Mark 8:31**).

Paul knew that without the resurrection, our salvation could not have been possible (**1 Corinthians 15**). He was also convinced a person couldn't be saved without believing in the resurrection of Jesus: "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved: (**Romans 10:9**).

It is important to remember that Paul, the other apostles, and every leader in the early church continually proclaimed Christ's resurrection as the culmination of His ministry. Those men were so captivated by the significance of the resurrection that they could not help but preach it. And that should be our attitude today. The good news of Christ's birth is only trumped by the great news of his death, burial and resurrection.

This Holy week, take some extra time to reflect on the greatest gift God ever gave us, His son, and through Him eternal life

Submitted by: Sis. Shirley D. Taylor

# The Cross at Calvary

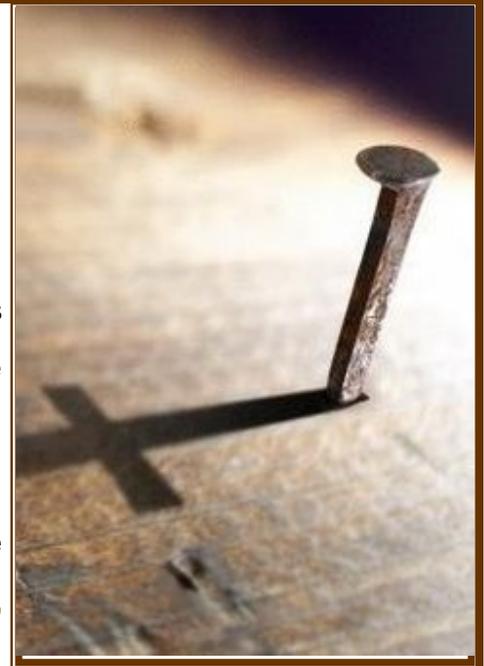
The nail shadow is a Calvary cross; there are no words on how this picture happened!

**Good Friday** is here, that day so long ago when Jesus Christ suffered and died for us ALL that we may have eternal life with Him and His Heavenly Father. This, my friends, is true love. Thank YOU Lord for everything.

“We get the odd notion that God is showing mercy because Jesus died. Jesus died because God is showing mercy.” **Tozer, The Attributes of God: A Journey Into the Father’s Heart.**

Good Friday is a day of hope. It is a day where we look forward to a brighter tomorrow. Many things have happened to change the course of our lives, but it has not shaken my faith ... Happy Easter.

No words on how this picture speaks to me. Jesus is my Savior and He will never hate me for every sin I have committed.



Submitted by : Sis. Shirley D. Taylor

## THREE BEAUTIFUL SAINTS

Sisters: Ola Woods, Delores Plummer  
and Sally Jackson



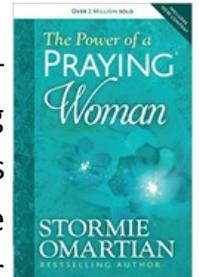
**If you want**  
— what you've —  
**never had**  
— then —  
**do something**  
— you've —  
**never done**

# It's On The Shelf

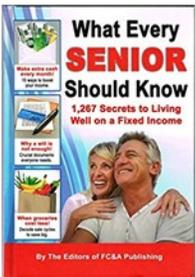


We welcome you to the reader's corner for good books. I believe that Christian should continuously develop his/her mental intellect by reading good books. It was the great American Humorist, Mark Twain, who said, ***"A man who does not read good books has no advantage over a man who cannot read."*** So, with that thought in mind, I offer again a few good books for your reading enlightenment as well as enjoyment.

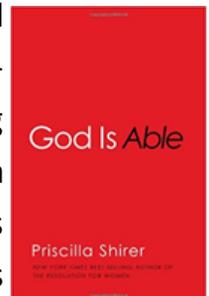
Our first book is by Stormie Omartian, ***The Power of a Praying Wife***. Every woman should have this book as they start out in marriage. It does not matter how long you've been married, it's an excellent reading for all wives as you navigate today's challenges and pressures that can make a fulfilling marriage seem like an impossible dream. Yet God delights in doing the impossible if only we would ask! The author shares how God has strengthened her own marriage since she began to pray for her husband concerning key areas of his life. Every woman who desires a closer relationship with her husband will appreciate this refreshing look at the power of prayer in marriage.



For our seniors who are 55 years plus, we offer something new and different to empower their lives as they move toward their golden years... ***"What Every Senior Should Know, 1,267 Secrets to Living Well on a Fixed Income"*** by the FC&A Publishing Co. This book is intended for general information only. It does not contain medical, legal, or financial advice or practice. The editors of FC&A have taken careful measures to ensure the accuracy and usefulness of the information in this book. The content of this book is best summed up from 1 Chronicles 29:12, ***"Wealth and honor come from you, you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all."***



Finally, a reread I've discovered that should be mentioned again is titled, ***God is Able***. The author, Priscilla Shirer, informs us that anxiety can crush all your hopes—until God gets involved. No matter the details of your circumstance, his raw power, potential and immeasurable ability refuse to cower in the face of any challenge. Nothing is impossible with God. Nothing. This is the uplifting, well-reasoned answer—not a denial of life's adversities and troubles, but a biblical reminder that God is always up to great things, even when His great things are greater than instant remedies and visible change.



Submitted by Pastor Cleo E. Lowe

**Baker High School Concert  
Band  
and parents visit  
Greater Mount Carmel Baptist  
Church of Scotlandville  
On our way to Carnegie Hall**





## Respect around the Conference brings All-Southland honors to Ishmael Lane

We are so very proud of our children here at Greater Mount Carmel. Ishmael is the son of Veda Ferdinand, the grandson of Barbara Ferdinand and the late Wilbert Ferdinand, Sr. and nephew of Wilbert (Timolin) Ferdinand, Jr. Here is what our own **Ishmael Lane** is doing at Northwestern State while keeping a **3.18 GPA** in the classroom, and scoring high in the game he so dearly loves.

There was no doubt about the focus of the scouting reports Southland Conference basketball opponents prepared for their games against Northwestern State this season.

Then, and now, coaches around the league recognized impactful junior center **Ishmael Lane**, who was named to the 15-man All-Southland Conference basketball team.

Ishmael, the leading scorer, rebounder, shot blocker and most accurate 3-point shooter, was a third-team selection in voting by the conference head coaches and sports information directors at the 13 Southland institutions.

"It's nice to see the efforts Ishmael put forth were being appreciated by everybody around the league," said 19<sup>th</sup> year Demons coach, Mike McConathy. "He was one of the better players in the Southland this season, surrounded almost exclusively by new players, and for a long while, defenses were able to really pack it in around him.

## All-Southland honors to Ishmael Lane cont'd

The 6' 8" inches Port Allen product averaged 14.9 points and 7.9 rebounds in 18 conference games, hitting 54 percent of his overall shots and blocking 2.0 shots per game. Overall, his averages were 13.7 points, 7.2 rebounds, 53 percent shooting, 1.8 blocked shots, and 38 percent aim on 3 pointers.

Lane entered the Demons record books this season in career scoring and blocked shots. He became the 31<sup>st</sup> NSU player in more than a century to post 1,000 points, finishing with 1,038 heading into his senior season. He broke into the Demons top 10 in blocks which ranks with all-time.

He ranks 60<sup>th</sup> nationally and second in the Southland in blocked shots per game, 69<sup>th</sup> in the NCAA, third in the conference in shooting aim, 74<sup>th</sup> nationally and third in the league with eight double-doubles.

Last summer Ishmael had the opportunity to travel to China which was his first trip abroad. This summer he will be traveling to Czech Republic & Spain. Please pray for Ishmael as he takes this opportunity to have another cross-cultural experience and grow in his faith.

"I'm continuing to thank God for giving you this talent and I pray you keep pushing to reach your goals, I'm proud of you," said mother, Veda.



Submitted by Dianne Pullen  
Article appeared in Northwestern State News

Greater Mount Carmel  
Baptist Church of Scotlandville

St. Mary Baptist Church

Joins

To Celebrate a Son of the House



Pastor Lowe, Choirs, Ushers and Membership were invited to fellowship with “A Son of the House”, our own Bishop Conway L. Knighton, as he celebrates his 18<sup>th</sup> year Pastor’s Anniversary on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Pastor Lowe delivered the message.



# To Celebrate a Son of the House



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord

Submitted by: Sis. Shirley D. Taylor

# *Certificate of Baby Dedication*

*Suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.*

*Mark 10:14*

This Certifies That

# *Patrick Harris III*

Dedicated on

April 29, 2018

in

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

was duly and with prayerful concern presented to the Lord in dedication by:

Rev. Clee Earnest Lowe, Pastor

*Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church  
of Scottdenville*

Parents

Jasmine Stewart

Patrick Harris, Jr.

Godparents

Caitlyn Jarrels

Markeith Jarrels

Tenekia Kemp

Gerald Alexander

Grandparents

Andrea Stewart

Joseph Stewart

Grandparents

Wilhelmina Collins

Patrick Harris Sr.



*Clee E. Lowe, Pastor*



# K. Edward Popleon Foundation

The **K. Edward Popleon Foundation** was organized under the leadership of Reverend Fred Jeff Smith and by members of Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Scotlandville in honor of former pastor, K. Edward Popleon. It is subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, which legally established the Foundation. The first officers serving on the Foundation's board were Dr. Jonathan Roberts, President; Bro. Nathaniel Davis, Jr., Vice President; Sis. Velma J. Smith, Secretary and Bro. Thomas Woods, Treasurer.

It is a 501C(3) organization and was organized and operated for charitable purposes, including making contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under a 501C(3) program.

The Foundation was funded through grants and donations from the membership. During the last two years, the Popleon's Homecoming Fundraiser has been added as a source of obtaining funds for the organization.

The Foundation has done many things in adhering to the purpose of its existence. Some of those are: Tutorial Program, Senior Saints Program, donated to the MLK Project of 2018, donated to the youth's Washington D. C. trip, donated to the Teen Etiquette Program, contributed to the Bethune Cookman Concert Choir, is scheduled to donate to the Interfaith Health Ministry, is scheduled to donate bibles to the project "Bibles for Dominica" and purchased requested equipment needed for the start-up of the Grief and Bereavement Ministry. The Foundation is continuing to work on a Community Garden project.

We have solicited ideas from the membership to assist the Foundation in its future growth and many responded. In order for this Foundation to be successful and continue to grow, we need the assistance of the congregation.

Bro. Jesse Perkins, Jr. Treasurer  
Sis. Brenda J. Spruel  
Sis. Lottie C. Sanford, President  
Sis. Luverne Travis

Bro. Leroy Davis, Vice President

(not Shown: Sis. Ollie Christian, Secretary  
Sis. Jeannette Harrison  
Bro. Alonzo Johnson  
Bro. Johnathan Roberts, Sr.

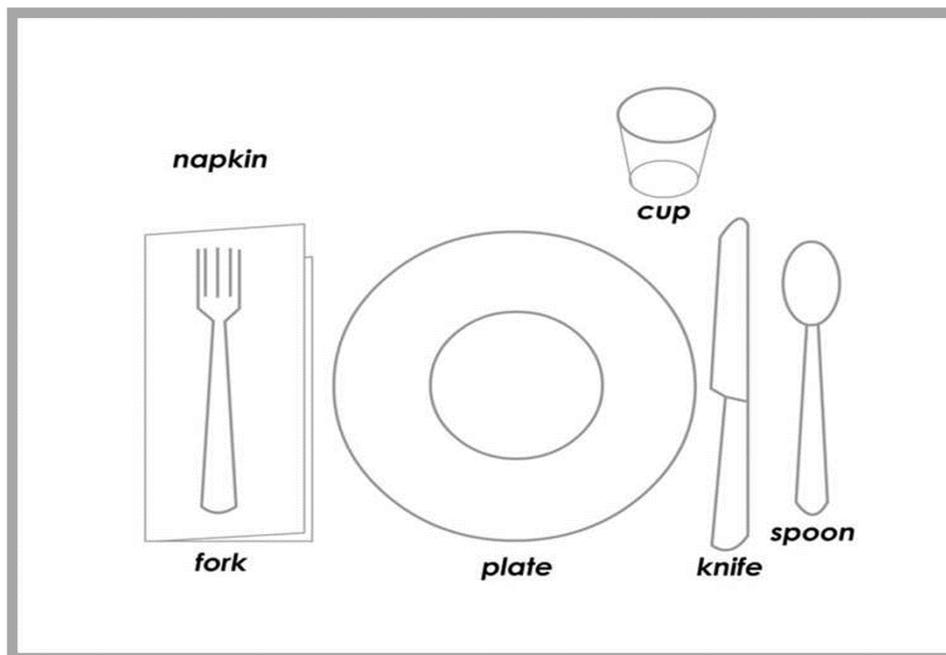


**Submitted by: Sis. Lottie C. Sanford**

# YOUTH SPOTLIGHT

## *Life Issues/Life Lessons*

The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, in conjunction with our Youth Ministry, teamed up to host a much needed “Etiquette 101 Class” for the children and youth of our Church and our Outreach children and youth. The first class was instructional and the second class was the real practice at the dinner table. Special “Thank You” to Bro. Alonzo Johnson and the fraternity and sorority, as well as the K. E. Popleon Foundation for all their help, guidance and support.



We were so proud of our girls and boys who participated and cooperated with the instructors. We thank our parents for sharing their children with us, as we seek to make a positive difference in their lives. The following students participated: Sisters Da’Nion Fisher, Jordan Gum, Kyra George, Brittiana Jackson, Albryal Matthews, Ka’Naiya Powell, Azyria Spruel, Briyanna Talton, Delani Talton, Albernique Winchester. Brothers Jason Jackson, Raymon Myles, Frederick Polk, Lance Scott, Aaron Spruel, Ahmad Talton, Marco White, Darrion Whitfield and Zhyshome Wyatt.

Submitted by Sisters Lynn Haynes and Dianne Pullen

**~Etiquette Class 101~ Youth Ministry  
Hosted by Phi Beta Sigma — Zeta Phi Beta**



*Part 1 Participants*



# Dinner Is Served



**Our Chef**  
**Bro. Alonzo Johnson**

## **Our Helpers**

Bro. Polite Stewart

Sis. Peggy Riley

Sis. Marlene Wilson

Bro. James Verrett

Thank You





# **Our Graduation Celebration**



**Thank you parents and instructors  
for a job well done.**



**“Congratulations  
you are using  
your skills.**



**Good  
Job”**





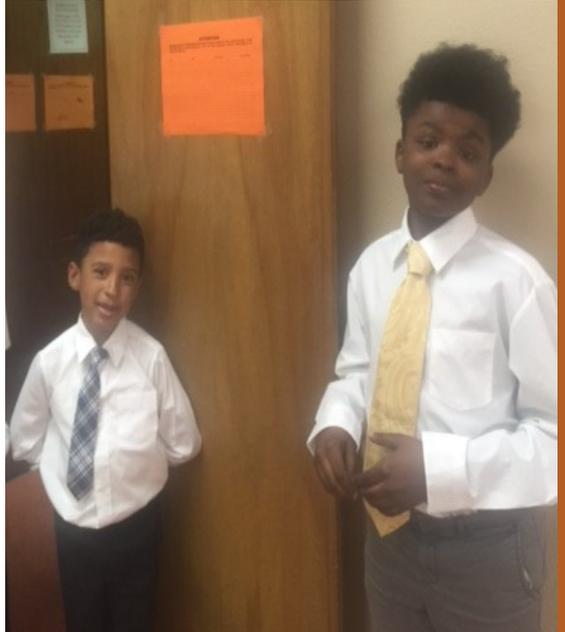
**To our  
participants  
we**

**are so Proud  
Of you**





**Thank you  
young man  
Job well  
done**



# American Baptist Women Sisterhood News

## Church and Community Ministry

***A little something extra. A little something beautiful.*** Most women know that an accessory is often used to enhance an outfit. It is usually a piece of jewelry, a scarf, a purse or a pair of stylish shoes. The Sisterhood provided jewelry as part of something extra for the women at the St.



Vincent DePaul Women's Shelter. During their stay at the shelter, the women and children are provided clothing, food, and life skills training. Mother's Day was coming and the Sisterhood knew that the women would receive these basic services, but what about ***something extra, something beautiful?***

On Saturday morning, April 28, 2018 a pre-Mother's Day Fellowship was held at the SVDP Women's Shelter that included a jewelry show. A

devotion was held. There was fellowship through song and games between the residents and Sisterhood members. The tables were decorated and adorned with fresh flowers from the garden. The jewelry was presented as a jewelry show with a variety of choices. More than enough jewelry was on hand for everyone present. The women expressed sincere appreciation



Sister Linda Reed, Women's Shelter Coordinator



Sister Marilyn Combs with gift bags

that someone thought about them on Mother's Day and provided ***"a little something extra"***.

Sister Linda Reed, Women's Shelter Coordinator commented that the fellowship and jewelry give-away was a first and a unique project. Refreshments were provided by the Sisterhood and we were also included in their delicious lunch.

the church and elsewhere responded generously. Donations of necklaces, bracelets, rings, and even watches were received in good condition.

The Sisterhood extends heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generous responses. The call for jewelry was

announced at Greater Mount Carmel. The women of the

Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux

# American Baptist Women Sisterhood News Cont'd



**This resident was fortunate to find jewelry that matched her dress attire at the giveaway.**

This outreach project was a follow-up to the Sisterhood Retreat. A special Thank You to Sisters Alma Thornton and Pat Locks Smith who assisted in sorting the jewelry and with table decorations; and to all sisters who attended and made a contribution toward the refreshments. Sister Carolyn Breaux was coordinator of the fellowship and jewelry give-away.

As follow-up to the fellowship, Sister Linda Reed gave a presentation at the May Sisterhood meeting on the services provided at the St. Vincent DePaul Men and Women's shelters for the homeless.



## Jewelry Show Attendees



**Sisters  
Alma Thornton  
and  
Pat Locks Smith -  
Sorting jewelry**

**"Give when you give o the best  
of your service."**

BETHUNE-COOKMAN UNIVERSITY  
CONCERT CHORALE



2018 SPRING TOUR

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

AT

6:00 PM

GREATER MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH

1414 SORA STREET

BATON ROUGE, LA 70807

REV. CLEE LOWE, PASTOR



2018 Southeastern Recruitment Tour

Bethune – Cookman University

CONCERT CHORALE

Terrance L. Lane, Choral Director

We were so happy to host the Bethune–Cookman University Concert Choir featuring our own **Bro. Marcus Anderson**. **Marcus** is the son of Bro. Michael and Sis. Valencia Anderson, brother of Michele, nephew of Willie Collins and the grandson of Sis. Wilhelmina and the late Dale DeCuir. He is a senior with a 3:00 GPA and is majoring in Music Recording and Technology.

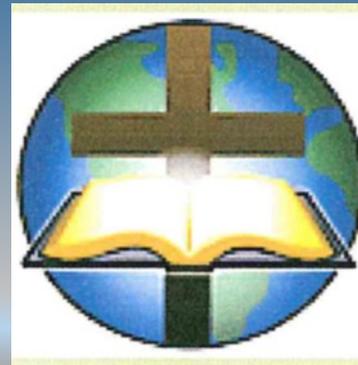
The Choir truly blessed our souls as they rendered beautiful music to a full house. His rendition of **I Want Jesus To Walk With Me** was so heartwarming that there was not a dry eye in the building.



Special “Thank You” to Pastor Lowe, Greater Mount Carmel B. C. Membership, K. E. Popleon Foundation, Peggy Riley, Brendalyn Reese, Veda Ferdinand, Adrienne Hollins, Councilwoman Chauna Banks, Frederick Christian, Everette Parker, Alonzo Johnson, Greeters, Ushers, and all who helped to make it possible to host this great choir. Let’s keep **Marcus** and the Choir in our prayers. “I’m so proud of Marcus and I thank God for all his blessings on my family,” says Mom and Dad!

Submitted by: Sis. Dianne Pullen

# Christian Education Leadership School 2018



## Introduction to The Bible

**Christian Education Leadership School** was held on March 20-22, 2018. Introduction To The Bible was one of the courses taught by Facilitator, Irma Plummer, a dynamic presenter. *Quick Summary of the Bible.*

The Bible covers the period from the creation of man which took place approximately 4000 BC, to the coming of Jesus Christ, his death and his resurrection, and the good news (gospel) which spread rapidly in the first century AD with the preaching of Paul, the apostle, and establishment of churches throughout the Roman Empire. The New Testament ends around the same time that the temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD.

The Old Testament is the period from creation (4000 BC) to the period of the Persian Empire and Cyrus, who allowed the Jews to return from captivity and rebuild their temple. The Old ended around 400 BC.

### The Old Testament Main Historical Periods

The Old Testament can be summarized by nine main historical periods. They are: The Creation, Abraham and the Hebrew Patriarchs, Moses and the Exodus, Joshua and the Conquest of Canaan, Judges and Samuel, David and Solomon, The Divided King , The Destruction of Israel and Judah and Ezra and The Return from Captivity.

### Between the Testaments

Between the last writings of the Old Testament and the appearance of Jesus, several major developments set the stage for the Gospel story. The political, religious and social atmosphere of Palestine changed significantly during what some refer to as the “400 silent years.” Much of what happened was predicted by the prophet, Daniel (chapters 2, 7, 8, 11) and

compare to historical events.

The period began when the book of Malachi was completed (397 BC) up to the time the angel's announcement of the birth of John the Baptist. During this time, there were no prophets and no inspired writers of divine revelation. There were six historical divisions: The Persian, Greek, Egyptian, Syrian, Maccabean and Roman Eras..

During the 400 years between Testaments, God was silent in terms of speaking through a prophet, but He was clearly at work. He was preparing the way for His son. This period of history is of vital importance to the establishment of God's complete written revelation to man.

The God of Israel shattered this silence with the announcement of His only Son, Jesus Christ, the King of the Jews.

## **The New Testament Main Historical Periods**

After the long silence of 400 years, God's voice can be heard through John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness of Judea, preparing the way for the coming Christ. The promise first made in the garden and repeated with increasing clarity and emphasis was last to be fulfilled. The Messiah came, manifested himself, was rejected and crucified. This brief space of thirty years is the crown and glory of revelations. The record is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The New Testament contains four historical parts: The Coming of Jesus, The Church Era, The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth (Missions) Era and The Epistles.

We, as Christians, should and must learn the Holy Bible, because it is our "rule book." Therefore, we should exemplify our church theme, **"Progressively Expanding The Kingdom of God; Winning, Building and Sending Souls for Christ."**

**To God Be The Glory**

Submitted by: Sis. Brenda J. Spruel

# Go Red Sunday February 11, 2018



## "Ask the Cardiologist"

Presenter  
Dr. Cordell Y. Parris, Cardiologist

## Christian Education Seminar March

Christian Stewardship  
Teacher - Sister Sandra LaFleur



Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux

# WOMEN'S DAY RECEPTION

*"Feel . . . God's Love"*

Luke 8:43-48; Acts 17:27-28; 1 Samuel 2:1-11



**Mayor President Sharon Weston-Broome  
&  
Sister Janifer Peters**



**Sister Janifer Peters  
Mother of the Church - Jeannette B. Jack  
& Mayor President Sharon Weston-Broome**

**Reception for  
Mayor Sharon Weston Broome  
Minister of Music Bro. Edward Parker  
and Marilyn Combs**



Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux



# GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Scotlandville Girl Scouts have had another great year of fun and educational activities. We were re-energized this year with two new Daisy Girl Scouts and one new Brownie Girl Scout and the return of several Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.

During Girl Scout meetings, Girl Scouts earned several patches and badges: **Patches:** Mardi Gras patch where girls learned how a king cake is made. Karysn Sparks made a Mardi Gras poster and demonstrated to the troop. Nutrition Patch - To earn this patch, the girls experienced an outing at the Young Chefs Academy. **Badges** - Thank you to Nurse Bernadette Terrell who taught the girls Basic First Aid. The girls learned items to include in a first aid kit. They examined the large first aid kit in the church office and were taught to be aware of exits in the church in case of an emergency. **Mother's Day** - Girls made decorative hats for use as a centerpiece or wall hanging to give to their Mother for Mother's Day. **Metropolitan Council Meeting** – Once again, Councilwoman Chauna Banks invited Greater Mt. Carmel and other Girl Scouts from her district to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the February Metropolitan Council meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cadette Chandler Harris, along with Kimarah Collins and Tyler White from Mt. Pilgrim. The Girl Scouts met and took a picture with Mayor-President Sharon Weston-Broome. Girl Scout Cookies were presented to the Metropolitan Council. - On the Saturday before Mother's Day, the Girl Scouts and Sisterhood held their annual worship and fashion show at **Sterling Place Nursing Home** . Girl Scouts presented the Mothers a gift bag with a decorative candle, fan and handkerchief.

A Girl Scout year is not complete without the annual cookie sale. Top sellers this year are:

First Place – Cadette Chandler Harris – 415 boxes

Second Place – Brownie Kaitlyn Brock – 363 boxes

Third Place – Junior Jasmin Henderson – 278 boxes



Last ,but not least, on Girl Scout Sunday, Pastor Lowe and Sister Breaux presented Mrs. Linda Harris a plaque in recognition and to say **THANK YOU** for 30 years of dedicated service to the Girl Scouts at Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. The church has been able to continue to provide quality programs to our Girl Scouts under the Leadership of Sister Harris and her daughters. Leaders and Assistant Leaders of our troops are: Dr. Kinesha Harris, Jene Harris, Carolyn Breaux, Kimberly Collins and Alexandria Burks.



As we close out another year of meetings, we are pleased to report that our Girl Scout Program is still relevant to help our girls grow strong and to live up to the Girl Scout Motto: "Be Prepared".

Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux



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# GIRL SCOUT NEWS

## Girl Scouts at Metropolitan Council Meeting



Mayor Sharon Weston-Broome and Girl Scouts



Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux



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# GIRL SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scouts model hats for Mother's Day Fashion Show at Sterling Place Nursing Home.



**Girl Scouts Albrayal Matthews and  
Albernique Winchester**

**Briana Culpepper and Karyson Sparks**



**Girl Scouts and Sisterhood model hats from  
Deaconess Mary Wilkinson's collection.**

Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux



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# GIRL SCOUT NEWS

## Mother's Day Hats

**Daisy Girl Scouts:**  
Briana Culpepper, Karsyn Sparks  
**Brownie Girl Scout:**  
Kaitlyn Brock

**Cadette Girl Scout**  
Chandler Harris



**Decorative hat for Mothers on Mother's Day  
made from a can, materials and flowers.**

Submitted by: Sis. Carolyn Breaux

# A Big Group Hug - Have a Great Summer



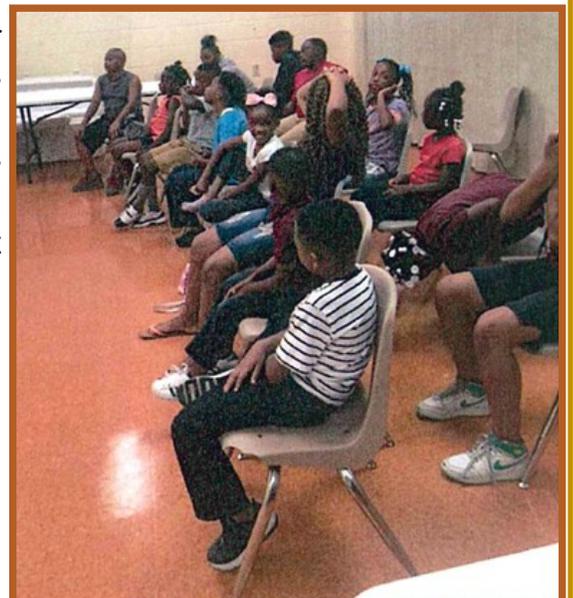
**T**he Children and Youth Wednesday Night Bible Study is on hiatus for the summer. We ended on a good note with our guest, Mr. Leslie Palms, who delivered an eye-opening discussion and provoked second thoughts to our young people about friends and life opportunities. The students were engaged and participated with much enthusiasm.



They ended with a big cheer and a big group hug! We are praying for our young people who we pick up every Wednesday and we ask your prayers as well. While we minister to the children in our immediate area, we are also grateful for our young church members who participated in the Bible Study. We ask our parents to consider getting your children involved in learning the word of God!



Thanks to all our Teachers, Snack Coordinator and Helpers, Food Givers, Brotherhood Volunteers, Deacons and all who have helped to lift



the name of Jesus to our Children and Youth.

**Have a Great Summer and we'll see you in August!**

Submitted by Sis . Dianne Pullen

# Fourth District Youth Rally

A wonderful time was had by all. This year was an observation exercise for Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church of Scotlandville. **District, here we come!**

**“We’ll be  
ready next  
year”**



# Faith Matters: Meals, Ministry in the Neighborhood

Taken from *The Advocate*  
Saturday, May 19, 2018

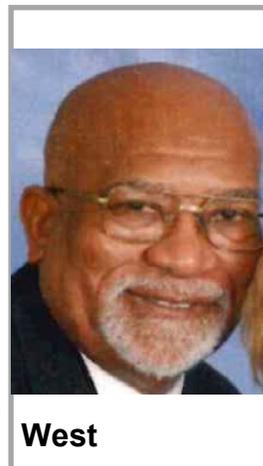
## "This meal is a blessing from God, Our Father."

So reads the flier that comes with each of the meals from the Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church's Deacon Feeding Ministry.

The fliers and the meals have been going out to about 270 people every Saturday for nine years. But the love, commitment, dedication and the way they have blessed the people in the Scotlandville/North Baton Rouge area cannot be measured in numbers. It can hardly be put into words.

"I think we're doing what God wants us to do," said Charles West, a deacon at Greater Mount Carmel who helped start the program. "God gives us guidance. It's a tremendous program."

West, a church member for 66 of his 71 years, said he arrives at the church between 5 a.m. and 5:30 a.m. every Saturday and is later joined by a host of volunteers from different ministries of the church and sometimes other groups, such as students from Southern University or LSU, the Eastern Star sisters, and the women's auxiliary from the Fourth District Baptist Association. They're there every Saturday except the one after Thanksgiving.



"We get the message out as best we can using food, and God has blessed us for nine years," said Nathaniel Davis, 77, another dedicated volunteer and deacon at the church. "This is just something our church decided to do in the neighborhood."

The idea for the program was presented at a deacon meeting a little over nine years ago, and the retired West was glad to take the leadership role.

"They said there were people in the community that were hungry," he said. "God touched my spirit to do it."

Davis said word got out: "We just tell them if you're hungry in the middle of the day on Saturday, come on over to Greater Mount Carmel."

The program's goal from the beginning was to provide a quality and wholesome meal. "We decided that we weren't just going to do a meal but a hearty meal," West said. "We're not skimping on plates at all."



Davis

## **Faith Matters: Meals, Ministry in the neighborhood - cont'd**

Six ministries of the church at 1414 Sora St. are responsible for six different meals: one deacon group (red beans, sausage), another deacon group (Salisbury steak), choir (spaghetti and meat

balls), ushers (turkey, rice dressing), Sunday school and Christian education group (pork chops, potatoes), and brotherhood/sisterhood group (chicken, rice, gravy). A majority of the meals are delivered by seven or eight dedicated volunteer drivers. "They're committed to doing it," West said. "Each man has an area he serves, and he knows the people on their route."

The Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church's Deacon Feeding Ministry strives to not only just feed people physically. A Bible study also is offered as part of a plan to reach the community for Christ. The spirit led us, and we said, 'If we can give them physical food, why can't we give them spiritual food?'" Davis said. "We're fulfilling the Scriptures. We're using this program to make disciples."

Davis, a Florida native who has been a member of Greater Mount Carmel since he first started attending as a student at Southern in the early 1960s, said Jesus used food as part of his ministry.

"So when they came to hear him, he would give them a little something to eat," Davis said. "We find that food will attract as well. It does a lot for our people. We began to meet people in the community. We learned more about each other. ... It's a joy to meet our people, to talk with them, share the Bible and sit down and eat with them."

West, also a driver, goes to neighborhoods to transport youngsters, provide them with breakfast and lunch and teach Bible study. "Sometimes, you might just have five (kids). You might just have one," West said. "No matter who it is, if they want to come, we go get them."

The expenses for the feeding program are covered by the church's mission fund, said West, who was raised a few blocks from the church and retired in 2002 after 40 years with the United States Postal Service. He served as a part-time volunteer chaplain at the former Jetson Center for Youth from 1996 to 2008.

"God made me unretired. He told me to go to prison," West said. "When that door shut down, this opened up." Serving God takes effort, West said. "You can't be lazy and serve God," he said.

**For I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;**

Matthew 25:36

*To God Be The Glory*

Submitted by: Sis. Shirley D. Taylor

# Children's Day Celebration





“It takes a village to raise a child” Thank You  
Greater Mount Carmel Family

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*After 102 years we are  
standing firm,  
but moving forward*



*To God Be the Glory!*

# Praying for Guidance

## A Final Thought

Scripture tells of God guiding His people through all kinds of circumstances. He went ahead of Israel through the wilderness, leading them with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (EXODUS 13:21). He sent angels to lead Lot and his family out of Sodom (GENESIS 19:16) and Peter out of prison (ACTS 12:7). Both David and Isaiah describe God affectionately as a Shepherd (PSALM 23; ISAIAH 4:11), and Micah prophesied about Jesus, “He will stand to lead his flock with the LORD’S strength” (MICAH 5:4 NLT). The Bible’s message is comforting and clear: our heavenly Father cares deeply about the intimate details of our lives.

Yet with all of the instances of God leading in Scripture, the prayers for guidance and direction are relatively few, Haddon Robinson writes, It’s surprising to note that nowhere in the Old Testament, the teaching of Jesus, or the New Testament epistles do we see any description of a step-by-step process by which we can determine God’s will.” There’s a reason for this.

God’s guidance stems from our relationship with Him. Our shepherd wants to feed us, carry us in His arms, hold us close to His heart, and gently lead us (ISAIAH 40:11). We are to “pray continually” (1 THESSALONIANS 5:17) because it’s impossible to discern God’s leading in our lives without prayer. As with prayers about everyday needs, the Bible prayers for guidance and direction are relational prayers, Rational prayer doesn’t just seek God’s will—it seeks His face as well. Rational prayer puts us in place where the Lord can help us discover His Leading and respond with deeper obedience and love. God reminded His people through Isaiah, “Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength” (ISAIAH 30:15 NLT). Fresh strength flows into us as we pray and wait before Him in His Word.

**Relational prayer doesn’t just seek God’s will — it seeks His face as well.**

## Don’t let me miss the way

*Because of your unfailing love, I can enter your house; I will worship at your Temple with deepest awe. Lead me in the right path, O LORD, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow. PSALM 5:7-8 NLT*

## Show me the right path

*O LORD, I give my life to you ... No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others. Show me the right path, O LORD; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the god who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. - PSALM 25:1, 3-5 NL*

## **Let me see you work again**

*O LORD, come back to me! How long will you delay? Take pity on your servant! Satisfy me each morning with your unending love, so I may sing for joy to the end of my life. Give me gladness in proportion. Let me, your servant see you work again; let my children see your glory. And may the Lord my God show me his approval and make my efforts successful. Yes, make my efforts successful. —PSALM 90:13-17*

## **Guide my steps by your Word**

*Your laws are wonderful. No wonder I obey them! The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand. I pant with expectation, longing for your commands. Come and show me your mercy as you do for all who love your name. Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome by evil. Ransom me from the oppression of evil people; then I can obey your commandments. Look upon me with love; teach me your decrees. Rivers of tears rush from my eyes because people disobey your instructions. —PSALM 119:129-136 NLT*

## **When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way**

*I cry out to the LORD; I plead for the LORD'S mercy. I pour out my complaints before you and tell you all my troubles. When I am overwhelmed, you alone know the way I should turn —PSALM 142:1-3 ADAPTED FROM NLT*

*Excerpted from Let's Pray:: Talking to God with the Words of the Bible  
By James Banks.*

# OUR DAILY BREAD



*The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness.*

*Psalms 24:1*

**Submitted by: Sis. Shirley D. Taylor**

# Congratulations



**Brianna Talton**  
Central High School



**Mahogany G. Thomas**  
Zachary High School



**Erica Porter**  
Grand Canyon University  
Phoenix, AZ



**Marco White**  
Arlington Preparatory  
Academy



**Zhyshone Wyatt**  
Scotlandville Magnet

**College:** Ishmael Lane, Erica Porter

**High School:** Jada Morris, Layla Morris  
Ashton Williams



**Middle:** Mi-Pashun Louis, Celeste Savoy

**Elementary:** Brian Bell, Briana Bell  
Tristan Stewart

# Sisterhood Bids Farewell to Sis. Rita Jack-Lewis



Pictured are (l-r): Sisters Angela Lewis (daughter), Kai (granddaughter), Rita Jack-Lewis, and Janet Lewis. Photo by Eileen A. Taylor.

Sister Rita Jack-Lewis, a faithful member of the Greater Mount Carmel Baptist Church family since about 2004, has permanently relocated to Champaign, IL, to be closer to her family because of health issues she was facing. During her tenure as an active member of the ABW Sister-

hood, she served as the Hospitality Chair (whose responsibility was to send greeting cards to sick and shut-in members). She was one of the regular attendees helping to conduct the monthly worship services at Sterling Place nursing home each second Sunday. She is the mother of two daughters, Angela and Janet; and grandmother to Kai.

On Sunday, May 27, 2018, her last Sunday to worship with us before her relocation, her daughters and granddaughter worshipped with us. During the worship service, Pastor Lowe took time to recognize her service to the church and let her know that her loving service during her tenure would be deeply missed by all who have come to know and love her. We pray God's blessings on her and her family as she relocates.



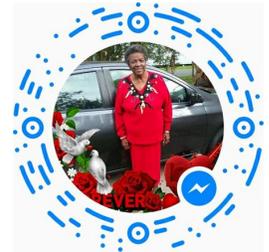
Submitted by: Sis. Eileen A. Taylor

# *In Loving Memory*

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;  
A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace,  
and a time to refrain from embracing;  
A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;  
A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**



**Sis. Cora Mae Williams Rose**  
June 10, 1951      Dec. 13, 2017



**Sis. Evelyn G. Johnson**  
February 6, 1937      February 8, 2018



**Bro. Joseph Gale Dorsey**  
December 16, 1951      March 9, 2018



**Sis. Quincena Marie Williams**  
February 13, 1949      March 24, 2018



**Velma J. Smith**  
October 30, 1930      April 5, 2018



**Sis. Vanessa Pruitt Ghoram**  
February 28, 1956      March 30, 2018