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The True Meaning of Christmas

Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward WoMen!

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October

- 6 Gail Johnson, IC
- 10 Julia Williams, BA
- 15 Else Larkins, IC, HC



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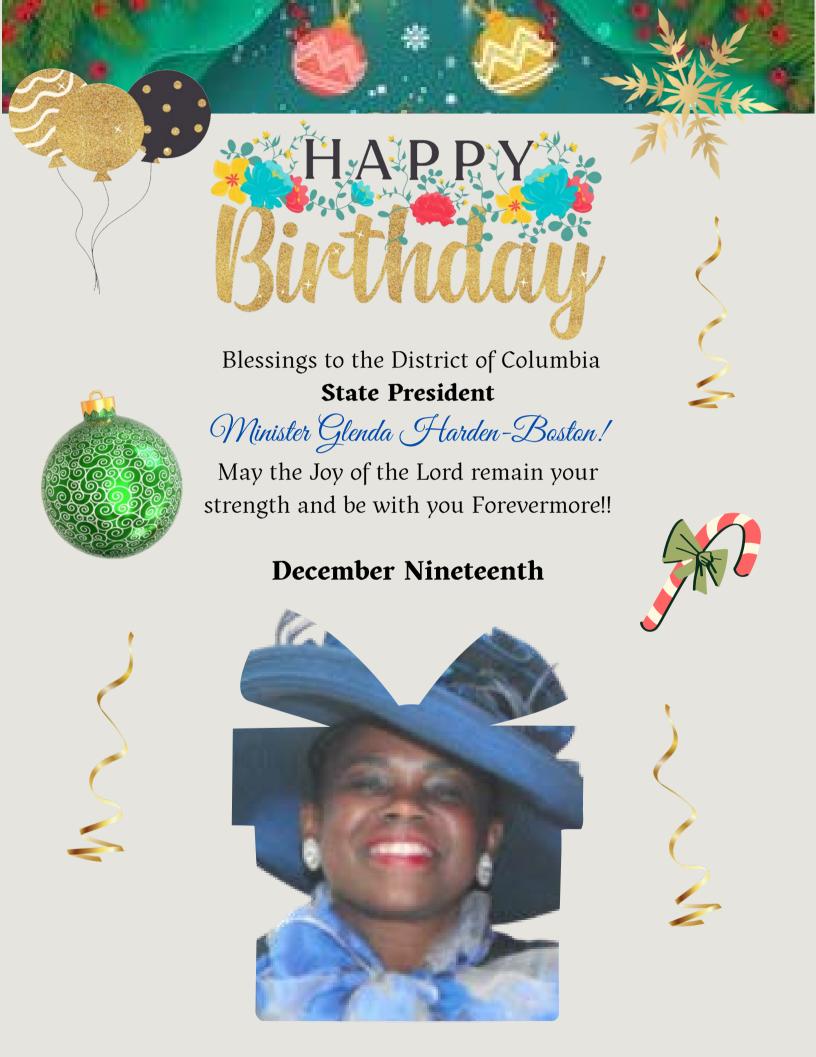
- 9 Hattie Cotton, IC
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Is there a Savior in the house?

December

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IAMWMW Queen's Coronation 2023 Trusted Patrons

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Deacon Henry Sellers
Deaconess Paulette Sellers

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Empowering Women's Conference





Pastor Gail Brown-Johnson, Executive Board Chair for the DCAMWMW, spoke a word

at a Women's Conference in November. Many were blessed!

"Kingdom Women Breaking the Chains "One Mind, One Accord"

Philippians 2: 1-5





Thankful Thursday "Giving Back"



True Deliverance Church of God Ministries was honored by the Bradbury Heights Elementary School for its focus on GIVING, and their tremendous impact on the community. Students made cards, posters, etc. The activity helped students to strengthen their writing skills while giving them the freedom to use their creativity.





Bishop Alvin and Co-Pastor Agnes Venson









EXTENDED LOCATIONS





True Deliverance Church of God - Manassas, VA Pastor Charles and Evangelist Beverly Ellerbe



Feed Fauquier 2023

True Deliverance BEALTON and MANASSAS locations working together to feed the hungry!







Some might argue that Christmas means "candles burning low, lots of mistletoe, lots of snow and ice, and choirs singing outside their door." But for most Christians, we like Stevie Wonder fancy, all those things of the season and more; however, *the true meaning of Christmas* as we know, can never be lost in secular traditions of Hallmark movies, shopping, cookie bakes, candy canes, and gift exchanges. Oh, what fun it all is though!

We are reminded in Titus 3 of the power of God's love. Paul reminds us of who and what we were before God appeared. Verse 3 states, "For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another." The power of God's love is so great that it was demonstrated in God coming to earth through his Son to change us, to save us, to make us over.

Christmas is about the kindness and love of God that appeared through Christ Jesus. It is about the power of God's love for us. A love so great that a sinless Savior would be born only to die. A love so great that it can change the stony hearts of mankind back towards its creator. A love so great that it draws us as it did thousands of years ago, when Jesus told Nicodemus that whoever believes in him will have eternal life.

The true meaning of Christmas is the demonstration of the power of God's love in that God sent his Son for a dying world. The true meaning of Christmas is also about the beauty of God's grace. "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us; not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." Titus 3:4-5 ESV

I hope you, like I enjoyed cookies, candy canes, candles, mistletoe and perhaps even a choir at your door; but greater still, I hope you rejoice in the God of our salvation who has appeared as the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Kim Trice Abyssinia Baptist Church, Capital Heights, MD

Meet the New Budget Chair for the District of Columbia Association



Lady Monica A. Teal brings to the Office of Budget Chair a heart of integrity for managing and reporting finances. Lady Monica graduated from the West Virginia Institute of Technology with a B.S. in Accounting in December 1985. Since then, she has held several positions in corporate America. Presently, she is employed as the Director of Finance with the *Baptist World Alliance* - a global fellowship consisting of 253 Baptist conventions and unions, in 130 countries and territories. In this position, she is responsible for managing day-to-day finance decisions and developing a yearly budget. "I have lived out God given moments in my vocational calling over the past 12 years. My prayer is that I can tithe back to the position of Budget Chair some of the wisdom and knowledge concerning budgeting and finances that God has allowed me to obtain through working in the non-profit sector."

The Role of the Parliamentarian

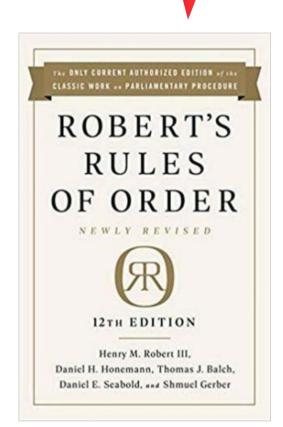
A parliamentarian is an expert in interpreting and applying the "Rules of Order" for meetings of deliverative assemblies. These rules, such as *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, enable groups to efficiently and fairly discuss and determine actions to be taken.

Parliamentary law gives to the chair alone the power to rule on questions of order and on the proper application of the rules. parliamentarian is needed by an organization, the president should be free to appoint one in whom they have confidence. The role of the parliamentarian during a meeting is purely an advisory and consultative one, helping the presiding officer to respond to points of order and parliamentary inquiries. Only on the most involved matters should the presiding officer ask the parliamentarian to give an explanation directly to the assembly.

What makes a good parliamentarian?

The Parliamentarian does not rule! A member of an organization who acts as its parliamentarian has a duty to maintain a position of impartiality, and therefore does not make motions, participate in debate, or vote on any question except in the case of ballot vote.







CELEBRATIONS!

The BMWWA and UMA local chapters joined together in a Christmas fellowship at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant. During the party, they recognized Lady Sherl Streeter for receiving an honorary Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Leadership from Restoration International University; as well as being inducted into the IAMWMW Hall of Honor during the annual Founder's Day Weekend. Congratulations Dr. Sherl Streeter!







Mrs. Jennifer Washington BMWWA President

Dr. Edna Owens UMA President





Damion Wilson, grandson of **Lady Julia Williams (BMWWA)**, DCAMWMW's 2023 Scholarship Graduate from the University of Salisbury

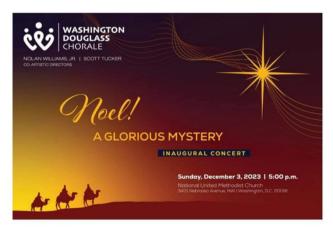








Reverend Nolan Williams Jr., son of **Lady Gloria J. Williams (IC, BMWWA)**, Co-Artistic Director of the *Washington Douglass Chorale (WDC)*, enjoyed an inaugural debut on **Sunday**, **December 3, 2023** at the National United Methodist Church, 3401 Nebraska Avenue, NW; Washington, DC. What a glorious concert!









"SHE BELIEVED SHE COULD, SO SHE DID."

The IAMWMW Founder's Weekend took on the Nation's Capital! Hundreds gathered to remember our founder, Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey and celebrate the women of today for their contributions made, as well as meet the candidates running for President and Vice President at Large. Living a Legacy of Faith, Love, and Prayer is what sustains us as we find ways to gather and extend the sisterhood. The District of Columbia is where Dr. Elizabeth Coles Bouey attended her last National Convention; and also, where our ninth and current President, Dr. Margaret Brown Payton, attended her last Founder's Day, as International President, before her administration closes out at the annual convention in Houston, Texas, June 2024.

Who would have predicted the turnout would be so great? There were close to 300 people to participate in the National African American Musuem tour on that Friday, December 1; while close to 600 people attended the Awards Luncheon on that Saturday.

OUR HISTORY MATTERS... A DAY AT THE MUSEUM!

Group pictures were taken according to Regions







Western





Central











FOUNDER'S DAY
MEMORIAL SERVICE













"LIVING A LEGACY OF FAITH, LOVE, AND PRAYER"











Annual Founder's Day Luncheon The Blessing of the Food Minister Glenda Harden-Boston, State Fresident

Oh, what a fellowship, oh what a joy divine leaning and depending on the everlasting arms of Jesus! Let us pray,

Our father and our God, we come before your presence this afternoon with hearts of Thanksgiving! Thanking you Lord God for another opportunity to be a part of this Founder's Day Weekend Celebration! Thank you for your safe travel, by your grace and mercy.

Now Father God, we thank you for this food that we are about to receive. May it nourish and give strength to every nerve and vessel and restore our energy as your Word gives strength to our souls. May what we drink replenish our dry bones as your promises refresh our minds. May this food make us healthy and strong.

As your word encourages us to persevere, to run on to see what the end shall be. Bless it and sanctify it in the matchless name of Jesus the Christ we pray. AMEN.





INDUCTIONS INTO THE HALL OF HONOR Sr. Jannie Saniels, Vice Fresident at Large

LADY HATTIE C. BLACKMON, VA

ELDER DR. LYNETTE GALLOWAY BRANCH, VA

DR. LORETTA H. DENNIS, VA

EVANGELIST SOPHRONIA MAXWELL MCCLENDON, GA

LADY PAULINE M. MOORE, PA

LADY SHERL L. STREETER, DC

LADY BETTY TUCKER, SC

LADY BARBARA WATKINS, CA

DR. GWENDOLYN O. YOUNG, MD

2023 HONOREES

















CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE

Lady Barbara Boulware



(From left to right)

Vice President at Large

LADY ANITA BARNES
LADY SHERL STREETER
LADY LISA JOHNSON
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President

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DR. JANNIE DANIELS





"The Mood of Christmas"

a poem composed by Howard Thurman, an African-American Christian theologian, educator, and civil rights leader to describe the ongoing work of Christmas after the day passes.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.





ChristmasWord Scramble

ESGILH	RADALGN
ASOCLR	OETRDAEC
NITESL	
Gingerbread Firewood Blizzard Carols Elf Ornament Sleigh Rulolph Snowball Lights Tinsel Garlan	Greetings Decorate Nutcracker

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Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together. Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King. There is only one body, that is why we sing. Oh, bind us together. Lord, bind us together. Lord, bind us together in love.

We are the family of God, we are the promise divine. We are God's chosen desire. We are the glorious new wine. Now oh, bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together. Lord, bind us together in love.

If you know of any ministers' wives or ministers' widows within your church or civil organizations who would like to join any one of the four local chapters, please have them contact the State President at info@dcamwmw.org for more information.

If you are interested in submitting content for the newsletter, please contact the editor at willettak.graham@gmail.com.

In Memoriam



ICMWMW Past President / Baptist Member

